

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of St Mary's Mudgee, St John the Baptist Gulgong, St Dominic's Kandos/ St Malachy's Rylstone.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and pray.
We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 19TH FEBRUARY 2023 CATECHISTS SUNDAY

First Reading: [Lv 19:1-2. 17-18](#)

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8](#)

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 3:16-23](#)

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 5:38-48](#)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Catechists Sunday

The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst provides a ministry to students in public schools through groups of volunteer SRE (Scripture) teachers in each parish. Volunteer SRE teachers and assistants carry the message to students in public schools that God is love and Jesus came to bring the Good News.



We welcome our SRE Diocesan coordinators Deacon Josh Clayton, Jacinta Thatcher, Vicki Mair this weekend.



Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

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Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

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Baptism

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:

Olivia Mary-Beth King
daughter of Corey and Zara

Congratulations to:

*Michael Tomkins
and
Lara Edmonds
and
Corey King
and
Zara Hill*



who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Patricia Scott, Cherylanne Adamson, Tammy Bull, Mary "Molly" Jenkins, Patricia Jehner.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Tom & Joan Kearins & Families, Michael Gibbons, Isabella Waterton, Bruce Eastburn, Clifford Miller, Christina Page, Kim Stevens, James Barry, John Robinson, Eric Robinson, Barrymore Lennox, Norma Blackburn, Elaine Hibbert, Douglas Murray, Joseph Polanetz, Raymond Power, Nancy Caughey

For the deceased, especially:

Astrid Murcia-Adams (Perth), Fay Biddle (Muswellbrook).

Prayers requested for:

Rebecca Fletcher, Ian Johnson, Anne Mead, Roland Barros, Maria Knezevic, Joe Saliba, Ava Marakovic (Syd), Vikki Treves, John Carney, Debra O'Loughlin, Tony Spina, Eleni Roberts, Dennis Petersen, Tony Harris, Geoffrey Munn, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta,, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Masses for Special Intentions, Thanksgivings and for all the Holy Souls.

Pope's Intentions for February...

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

SACRAMENTS 2023 ST MARY'S MUDGEE IMPORTANT DATES

If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for your child in 2023, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

SAVE THESE DATES



From Year 6 onwards
School Term 1

Tuesday 21st March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
Thursday 23rd March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm



First Holy Communion

From Year 3 onwards
School Term 2

Tuesday 20th June 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
Thursday 22nd June 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

** Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 **

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) from Tuesday 20th December including registration to attend a Parent/Carer Information session. All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Please pass this message on to anyone you feel would be interested.

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An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/marriage-kit



**Minister of the Word
Diocesan Pilot Program mid-February
2023**

There is still time to register...

The Ministers of the Word program is designed to support the ministry of Lector, a ministry that requires skill and practice so that the word of God is brought to life in the liturgy. This course is an interactive workshop that provides current and aspiring lectors with techniques for effective proclamation.

This interactive online training program is conducted over 4 weeks. Modules 1, 2 and 4 each include a Zoom class with your instructor. The program features a practical training session with your local community leader. A helpful introductory Zoom session assists participants before the program begins.

To register:

http://www.acuedu.au/MOW_Registration

More information:

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 20th February

12.00 Noon Angelus
1.00pm SMCS Liturgy and Celebration for O'Connor Sporting House in Church and Parish Grounds.

TUESDAY - 21st February

9.30am Mass Mudgee - Pancakes after Mass in the Presbytery for Shrove Tuesday.
11.40am Kindergarten Retreat Day in the Church Grounds.
12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 22nd February
ASH WEDNESDAY

9.15am Mass Gulgong Parish with All Hallows attending.
9.30am Liturgy St Matthew's (Primary) Lewis Street. St Matthew's Secondary Campus Liturgies throughout the day.
10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group - Parish Centre
11.30am Mass Rylstone
12.00 Noon Angelus
5.15pm Reconciliation
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 23rd February

9.30am Mass Mudgee- SMCS Kindergarten
11.00am Requiem Mass - Patricia Scott
12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 24th February

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Reconciliation available on request.
12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 25th February

11.00am Baptism
5.15pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass - RCIA - Rite of Election

SUNDAY - 26th February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

9.00am Mass - Mudgee
10.30am Gulgong - Mass
11.00am Rylstone - Communion Service

Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Mudgee Roster Saturday 25th/ Sunday 26th February 2023			
	Saturday	Sunday	
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Mclean	
First Reader	I. Byrne	L. Croake	
Second Reader	C. Furney	E. de Vries	
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	G. Hennessy	M. Dunnachie	
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir	
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	Mr S. Walker	
Offertory	K. Isbester	HELP NEEDED	
Counter	Mon 20th Feb	M. Walker	
Mudgee Roster Saturday 4th/ Sunday 5th March 2023			
	Saturday	Sunday	
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles	
First Reader	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie	
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	M. Matthews	
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	G. Brymora	R. Gawthorne	
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir	
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie	
Offertory	Williams Family	HELP NEEDED	
Counter	Mon 27th Feb	L. Nicholson	
Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
20th Feb	D. Kelly	S. Parnell	M & E Carney
27th Feb	E. Donelly	M. McGregor	E. Donelly/ G. Ausburn

GULGONG NEWS

The Gulgong Catholic Women's Group wish to advise their Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March, at 2pm, in the Convent. All positions have been declared vacant.

MUDGE NEWS

St Matthews House Patrons
 This year, St Matthews have changed their House Patrons to represent the Catholic values of the School. The new House Patrons are:

MacKillop House - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Never see a need without doing something about it" - St Mary MacKillop

O'Connor House - Eileen O'Connor

"The cause of a person's poverty is not yours to question. The fact the person is poor is the reason you help" - Eileen O'Connor

Ozanam House - Blessed Frederic Ozanam

"In my life I want to become better and do a little good" - Blessed Frederic Ozanam

Romero House - St Oscar Romero

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" - St Oscar Romero.

During the year, the Primary and Secondary Campuses will come together to celebrate their patrons.

Shrove Tuesday
 After the 9.30am Mass next Tuesday, there will be Pancakes for morning tea in the Presbytery for Shrove Tuesday. All welcome.

Official Opening of the Secondary Campus

The official opening of the Secondary Campus will take place on Tuesday 28th February at 10am. This is a Invitation only event. PLEASE NOTE: The 9.30am Mass will be moved to 9am on this day.

CLAIM THE DATE

Secondary Campus Open Day
 Sunday, 12th March 2023 between 10.30am and 2.30pm. All welcome.

St Patrick's Day Dinner and Fun Night
 Come and celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day. Join us for Dinner in the Parish Centre.

Cost: \$10 per person
 BYO Drinks
 Wear something Green
 More details to follow

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request

Reading for Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent - YEAR A

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

Ash Wednesday Services

Gulgong

9.15am Mass Gulgong Parish with All Hallows attending.

Kandos / Rylstone

11.30am Mass Rylstone

Mudgee

9.30am Liturgy St Matthew's (Primary) Lewis Street.
St Matthew's Secondary Campus Liturgies throughout the day.

5.45pm Mass Mudgee



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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Lenten Program 2023

Triumph

Short daily reflection and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer - perfect for Lenten groups and individual devotional reading.

Cost: \$8 per book

Available at Mass or in the Parish Office.

Ministries in our Parish Community

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them." 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Thank you to all who have filled in and returned a Volunteer form or who have contacted the Parish Office or spoken with the Ministry Coordinations in your Parish. We still need more volunteers. If you volunteer last year and would like to continue this year, please fill in a form. We also encourage anyone who is volunteering for the first time or looking at a different ministry, there will be training provided for some of the ministries and plenty of support from the Parishes and the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

Ministries include but limited to:

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Reader (Lector)

Musicians

Altar Servers

Commentator

Liturgy Group

Hospitality

Sacramental Preparation Team

Catechists/Helpers

Pastoral Council

Offertory - Gift Bearers

Welcomers

Bell Ringers

Church Cleaning



CONNECT WITH CARITAS AUSTRALIA

This Lent, learn more about our impact in Africa

To celebrate the Feast Day of St Oscar Romero, Caritas Australia invites you to connect with our staff and partners and discover how our work is making a difference now and for all future generations.

'Connect with Caritas Australia' is a unique opportunity to ask questions about our programs in Africa and to dig deeper into the work of our partner in Zimbabwe.

Date: Thursday, 23 March, 2023

Time: 7.00-8.00pm AEDT

Register for this Zoom event:

www.caritas.org.au/connect

