



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.



FOURTH SUNDAY LENT - YEAR A 19TH MARCH 2023



First Reading: [1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13](#)

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 22 R. v.1](#)

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Eph 5:8-14](#)

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [Jn 9:1-41](#)

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.



Project Compassion

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).



For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

For All Future Generations.

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

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

Principal: Mrs Angela Myles

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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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Baptism

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:

Cooper Alan Mackie

&

Mason John Mackie

children of Benjamin and Gabrielle

Finn James Howley

son of Mitchell and Kylie-Rae

August Jack Bryant

son of Hamish and Harriet

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Lon Schreck, Max Rohr, Anna Menegatos.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Una Cunningham, Mary Rush, Marie Thirtle, Shirley Turner, Margaret Leonard, Bede O'Brien, Patricia Leonard, Rex Willing, Patricia Milton, David Lawson, Allen Foley, Robert Welsh, Stjepan Smontara, Gordon Hibberd, Brian Power, Robert Cook, Joyce Loneragan, Darryl Hogan, Peter Martens, James Loneragan, Michele Dolan, Michael Power, Marlene Ballard.

For the deceased, especially:

Esma Wade, Barry Wade, Ally Wade.

Prayers requested for:

Lynne Daly, Francis Saliba, Ruth Hyde, Jackie Cummins, Anne Mead, Joe Saliba, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, Tony Spina, Roland Barros, Vikki Treves, John Carney, Debra O'Loughlin, 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.

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&
FAITH

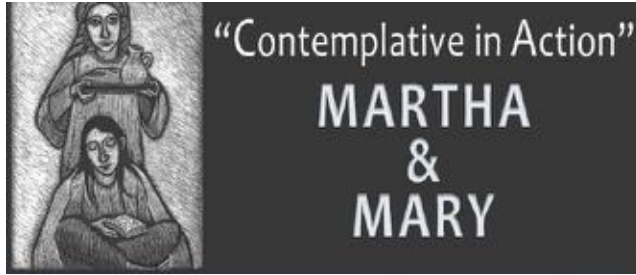
The group meets on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Parish Centre in Mudgee. All welcome.



RISEN – 24-26 March 2023

For those in Years 10-12, RISEN is a great chance to go a little deeper in reflecting on life and how faith is part of this. RISEN is held early each year and participants also receive formation so that they can be part of the Youth Team for the RISE Youth Festival. Register <https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/rise-youth-ministry/>

We commence at 5pm on Friday 24th March and Conclude at 1pm at the Cathedral



"Contemplative in Action"

Martha & Mary

31 March – 2 April

Why not refresh, renew, and revive the richness of your Christian spirituality on a weekend retreat at Shalom.

Sometimes we are Martha - burdened and overwhelmed when our desire is to be Mary - sitting at the feet of the Lord.

In this retreat, we explore what hinders us in our journey to sit at the feet of the Lord. This retreat is for Men and women who need some time out.

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

Cost: Suggested Donation of \$300 (includes all meals and accommodation)

To Register: Ph:02 63673058 or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com



Hurry, early bird registration closes March 14!

You don't want to miss this year's **Mission: one heart many voices conference.**

Held face-to-face over three days in Sydney from May 3-5, the conference will empower you to lead, act, now.

For more information, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/mission-one-heart-many-voices-conference>

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?



Pope's Intentions for March...

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

MUDGE NEWS

**Children's Liturgy
Volunteers Needed**

We are seeking willing volunteers to assist with the Children's Liturgy ministry at Sunday 9.00am mass. It will run during school terms only. Script and resources will be provided and there will be two people running each session.

This is an important ministry that helps grow the faith of children within our parish. It would be a shame if we are unable to run this ministry.

Please contact the parish office on 6372 2122 if you would like to participate or have any questions.

**Parish Ministries
'Let us share our gifts'**

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 Coordinators in your Parish. We still need more volunteers. If you volunteered last year and would like to continue this year, please fill in a form or call the Parish Office. 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 not 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*

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 20th March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Solemnity

9.00am Communion Service

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 21st March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

10.20am - 11.40am SMCS Year 1 Retreat

12.30pm Mass - Gulgong - All Hallows Year 4

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.30pm Confirmation Parent Session Mudgee - In the Church

WEDNESDAY - 22nd March

10.30am Funeral Mudgee Lon Schreck

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.20pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

6.30pm Parish Council AGM

THURSDAY - 23rd March

9.30am Mass Mudgee SMCS Yr3

12.00 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Confirmation Parent Session Mudgee - In the Church

5.00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

FRIDAY - 24th March

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation available on request.

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 25th March

The ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

11.00am Baptisms

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY - 26th March

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Anointing 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.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.

Gulgong Roster			
	26th Mar	2nd April	9th Apr
Commentator	C. Gaudry	J. Thatcher	P. Leotta
Reader	C. Golino	B. Toole	C. Leotta
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba	M & E Carney
Leader		R. Saliba	

Mudgee Roster Saturday 25th/ Sunday 26th March 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	M. McLean
First Reader	G. Brymora	L. Croake
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	K. Cassidy
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	I. Byrne	R. Croake
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	M. Gilbert
Offertory	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 20th Mar	P. O'Brien

Mudgee Roster Saturday 1st/ Sunday 2nd April 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	S. Abbey
First Reader	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	C. Furney	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	K. Isbester	S. Walker
Offertory	Williams Family	M. Gilbert
Counter	Mon 27th Mar	E. Goodlet

IMPORTANT...

We need more people to take on ministries in our Parish. Please complete a Ministry Volunteer Form and return ASAP.

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

Ez 37:12-14

Ps 129. R. v.7

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

Confirmation

If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation 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.

From Year 6 onwards

Tuesday 21st March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

or

Thursday 23rd March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) 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.

IMPORTANT

If you would like your child to be Confirmed this year, you must attend one of the Parent Meetings. If you can not attend, please contact the Sacrament team on the email above or call the Parish Office on 6372-2122.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOP

The next Safe Church Awareness Workshop in Mudgee will be:

Host Church: Mudgee Uniting Church

Location: 87 Mortimer St, Mudgee, NSW 2850

Date: Saturday 25th March 2023

Time: 9:30am - 4pm

No cost for Parishioners. Please bring our own lunch.

This workshop is for anyone who is involved a ministry in one parishes. It is valid for 3 years. Contact Parish Office.



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: Have you arrived in St. Mary's :
: Parish in the past year? :
: OR :
: Do you know someone new to :
: our Parish? :
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If so, we invite you to provide your name and contact details to the Parish Office
Phone St. Mary's Parish office on 6372 2122
Or email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

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Welcome Function for New Parishioners

HSC PRAYER PARTNERS 2023

Thank you to all parishioners who have volunteered to support the students in prayer during this year. The students invite you to join them for Mass in the School Chapel, Secondary Campus on Wednesday 29th March at 10.40am. Morning tea will be provided after the Mass to give you an opportunity to meet and greet the students.



Please collect your invitation and personal note from your nominated student on the table at the back of the church.

There are still some Students that need a Prayer Partner, if you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office.

Conversations about Dying, Death and Bereavement



All of us experience in our lives moments of loss and grief; times when we are reminded of the reality of death and how we respond.

Our Parish has been selected to be part of a pilot group program run in conjunction with Centacare, where, over a cuppa, in a relaxed environment, guided and gentle conversations can flow to inform and share about experiences of the death of someone we love and the bereavement and grief that follows.

These conversations will last about an hour once a month for 4 months, either on a Thursday or Saturday. If you would like to discuss the program more or express your interest in being part of these conversations, please give Kristie a ring at the Parish office.

St Matthews Catholic School

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PLAYGROUP



Four consecutive Wednesday mornings:
24th May, 31st May, 7th June and 14th June
for 1 hour play sessions.

Session Times: 9.20am - 10.20am, 10.30am - 11.30am or 12.20pm - 1.20pm
Location: St Matthews Catholic School
Open to all children who will be beginning school in 2024
Cost: Free
All new and existing families are welcome
Registrations open: Monday, 27th March

