



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.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 18TH JUNE 2023 REFUGEE WEEK

First Reading: [Ex 19:2-6](#)

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3](#)

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading: [Rom 5:6-11](#)

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 9:36 – 10:8](#)

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.



Gospel Reflection

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The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

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Gulgong Roster		
	25 Jun	2 July
Commentator	P. Leotta	R. Saliba
Reader	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader		D. Kelly

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 24th/ Sunday 25th June 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	S. Abbey
First Reader	G. Brymora	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	G. Brymora	A. McLean
EMOC	L. Nicholson	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	Nicko W Hannah W	Haddie L
Music	Rachel	Choir
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	D. Bennett	M. Gilbert
Counter	Mon 19th June	E. Goodlet

Saturday 1st/ Sunday 2nd July 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	I. Byrne	M. Matthews
Second Reader	I. Byrne	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	G. Brymora	R. Croake
Altar Server	Layla W	Arlo S Patrick C
Music		
Welcomer	Mrs S Walker	Mr S. Walker
Offertory	C. Carberry	Cassidy Family
Counter	Mon 26th June	M. Walker

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 19/06	Week 11 of Ordinary Time
	Office opens at 10am
11.00am	Funeral - Mudgee - Thomas Warner
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 20/06	Week 11 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Communion Service - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 21/06	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Memorial
10.40am	Mass - SMCS Year 12
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 22/06	Sts John Fisher and Thomas Moore, Memorial
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 6
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 23/06	Week 11 of Ordinary Time
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Reconciliation available on request.
12 Noon	Angelus and Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
6.00pm	New Parishioners Dinner
Sat, 24/06	The Nativity of John the Baptist
11.00am	Baptism
4.20pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 25/06	TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Georgia Florence Howley
daughter of Darren & Hannah

AND

In the Kandos Parish community, we welcome

Kanye Matthew Swords
Son of Ben & Amy



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Richard Brangwin, Geoffrey Munn, Margaret Dixon, Thomas Warner, Patricia Onslow.

We remember the anniversaries of

Ivan Varga, Paul Wetherley, Leo & Kathleen Robinson, Anthony Gillham, Adela Rogowski, Kevin Wilson, Ivan Brec, Isabell Miles, Dulcie Baskerville, William Scott, David Roth, Irma Hayes, Marilyn Hensley, Marie Goetz, Miriam Pilley, Neville Milton, Neville Murray, Daniel Doherty, Leslie Morton, Marilyn Consadine, Kevin Corporal, Joyce Riley, Donald Price, Phyllis Archer.

For the deceased, especially:

Maria Yepez, Maria Brec, Steve Treeves, John Orth, Miriam Byers, Adrian Ryan, Noeline Nicholson, David Power.

Prayers requested for:

Elizabeth Donnelly, Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Meryl Hennessy, Lynne Daly, John & Nola Clark, Frances Saliba, Joe Saliba, Ruth Hyde, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Jackie Cummins, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, Roland Barros, Vikki Treves, Eleni Roberts, Dennis Petersen, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Pope's Intentions for June...

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Word & FAITH



The group meets on Sunday evenings at 5pm in the Parish Centre, Mudgee. All welcome.

Helping Hands Needed for St Mary's Parish social/community activities

St Mary's Parish Council and Hospitality Ministry have a number of social/community activities planned for this year.

We have a small group engaged in the Hospitality Ministry, however perhaps you might prefer to commit to help with just one of the events.

Currently looking for parishioners interested in helping organise a Fun Trivia Night for September. A meeting will be held in June – Date to be set.

If you would like to help with this please contact Annette Fergus 0402 934 218

Other events are:

- Soup and Slice lunch (June, July, August)
- Father's Day Breakfast (Early September)
- Parish Christmas Picnic

If you would like to help with one or more of these events, please contact Parish Office 63722122



A New Life in Christ

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Sunday 2nd July 2023**

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples.

Have you thought? – The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?

Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

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Online Prayer Service for Refugee Week 2023

Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 7.00pm (AEST)

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office of Justice Ecology and Peace

invite you to an online prayer service to commemorate Refugee Week from 18 to 24 June.

The theme of Refugee Week 2023 is Finding Freedom.

The prayer service will be broadcast live at 7pm AEST on 20 June.

Please register now at <https://bit.ly/RWPS23> or scan the QR code.



Mudgee News

Prayer Partners

Next Wednesday, 21st June, Prayer partners are invited to attend mass with the Year 12 Students.

The Mass will be in the Secondary Campus Chapel at 10.40am. (No morning tea).

Next term, there will be another opportunity for the Prayer Partners and the Year 12 student to get together for Mass and a Morning Tea.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish office will close at 3pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Reading for Next Sunday: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to all the candidates who were Confirmed on **Wednesday 14th June** in the Mudgee Parish



Felicity Goodlet
Oliver Price
Lucas Kelly
Samuel Gjessing
Joshua Palmer
Edward Keen
Alice Bond

And for the candidates who will be Confirmed this weekend.

Saturday 17th June

Bridie Ramien
Marcus Stein
Taylor Diprose
Emily Bourke

Sunday 18th June

Madison Meuret

WYD pilgrims need your help



When we welcome and support young people, we can see results; the fruits of previous World Youth Days are all around us!

This year, WYD will be held in Portugal. Our Diocesan group totals 35 pilgrims who will spend time in Luxembourg, Lourdes, Loyola, Braga, Fatima, Lisbon and finally, Paris. With an emphasis on Our Lady in the life of the Church and each Christian, it will help each person grow in their personal encounter with Jesus. It will change lives! **Please keep them all in your prayers.**

Our group will be blessed by the presence of pilgrims joining us from Vanuatu; a country poor in material goods, yet rich in faith. But the cost of the pilgrimage is significant and will present challenges, as not all of the pilgrims are well resourced, including some from our own Diocese.

So, we are asking: **Are you able to offer support for this great youth evangelisation project; to enable an experience of faith that could change a generation and renew the Church?** This can be with a monetary donation or simple things such as warm clothing, backpacks and any additional resources required to participate in WYD.

If you would like to give directly, please use this link:

<https://shorturl.atfSUV8>



or **Simply scan the QR code** →

If you would like to help another way, please get in touch with Deacon Josh Clayton via email: mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au or phone: 0458 261 513. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 ST MARY'S MUDGEE

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to attend a Parent / Carer Information Session as part of our required preparation for the sacramental journey of your child.

**From Year 3 onwards
School Term 2
Tuesday 20th June 5.30pm - 6.30pm
or
Thursday 22nd June 12.30 - 1.30pm**

Further Information is available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) including booking to attend one of the above Parent / Carer Information sessions.

All enquires to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

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

Planned Giving

GULGONG, KANDOS & MUDGEE PARISH

Giving Card

Mr & Mrs Mr Mrs Ms Miss

Surname..... Phone.....

Christian Name(s).....

Address.....

Parish: Gulgong Kandos Mudgee

I wish to donate the following amount to my parish community:

\$10 \$15 \$20 \$.....

Given:

weekly monthly quarterly annually

Signature:..... Date:...../...../.....

St. Mary's Parish, Mudgee

Method of Payment

Please nominate your preferred method of payment.

Please provide me with a set of **Envelopes** for me to place in the collection at mass.

I would like to have my **Credit Card** debited. I will provide my Card details to the Parish Office.

I would like my bank account **Direct Debit**. I will require a Direct Debit form and this will be setup through the Catholic Development Fund.

I will **Direct Deposit** into the Parish account. I contact the Parish office for the bank details to set up the direct deposit through my bank account.