



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.



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 25TH JUNE 2023

First Reading: [Jer 20:10-13](#)

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14](#)

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Rom 5:12-15](#)

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 10:26-33](#)

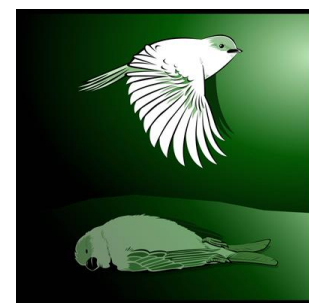
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Gospel Reflection

Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.



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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.

GULGONG ROSTER

	2 Jul	9 Jul
Commentator	R. Saliba	
Reader	C. Gaudry	
Sacristan	R. Saliba	
Leader	D. Kelly	

MUDGEE ROSTER

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 Jun	M. Walker

Saturday 8th/ Sunday 9th July 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. Myles
First Reader	L. Nicholson	L. Croake
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	F. McConville
EMOC	I. Byrne	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 3rd Jul	L. Nicholson

DAY BY DAY

Mon, 26/06	Week 12 of Ordinary Time
	Office opens at 10am
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 27/06	Week 12 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee in the St Mathews Lewis St Hall. All Welcome
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 28/06	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Memorial
10.40am	Mass - SMCS Secondary Campus
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 29/06 Solemnity	Sts Peter and Paul, apostle
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 5
11.00am	Funeral - Mudgee - Michael Quilty
12 Noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri, 30/06	Week 12 of Ordinary Time
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Reconciliation available on request
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 1/07	Week 12 of Ordinary Time
11.00am	Baptism
4.20pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 02/07	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Kandos

This weekend, we welcome **Kieu Le.**

Keiu is a seminarian, who will be spending a week in our parish.



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Michael Quilty, John Ryan (Greenacre), Billy Pearce (Sydney)

We remember the anniversaries of

Henry Crouch, Patrick Cleary, Owen Milton. Hilda Carroll, Freda Campbell, James Fittler, Frederick Kurtz, Albert Adams, Neville Box, Suzanne Sutton, Katrina Robinson, Alison Thompson, Philip Kearins, Leslee Cruickshank, John Archer, John Cuthbert, Ian Forrester, John Lennon, Scott Brand, Harold Day.

For the deceased, especially:

Mervyn Costello, Rita Ottley, Audrey Stocks, Anne Mead, Judy Tarlinton, Richard Brangwin, Geoffrey Munn, Margaret Dixon, Thomas Warner, Patricia Onslow,

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.

Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.

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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 (July, August)
- Father's Day Breakfast (Early September)
- Parish Christmas Picnic

If you would like to share your gifts and build up our parish community helping with one or more of these events, please contact Parish Office 63722122



"Contemplative in Action" MARTHA & MARY

A WEEKEND RETREAT AT SHALOM

7th - 9th JULY 2023

6:00 PM FRI TO SUN 3:00 PM

HOUSE OF PRAYER

7 COLLINS ST CARCOAR

The story of the encounter of Martha and Mary with Jesus is as relevant today as it ever was. 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. We will tap into some of the richness of Ignatian spirituality.

The weekend has been designed for men and women of any background, with as little or as much experience. So come to beautiful and historical Carcoar for a few days retreat from the busyness of life.

Bookings: Phone 02 6367 3058 or email shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Cost: \$300 (Includes accommodation, all meals, morning and afternoon teas).

Gospel Focus – Fear

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of 'do not be afraid' or 'fear not', it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

House-tops and Sparrows

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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

2 Ks 4:8-11. 14-16

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Mt 10:37-42

Financially Supporting our Parish Through Planned Giving

GULGONG, KANDOS & MUDGE PARISH

Giving Card

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Christian Name(s).....

Address.....

Parish: Gulgong Kandos Mudgee

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

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

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weekly monthly quarterly annually

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

Parishes of Gulgong, Kandos & 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.

Peter's Pence Collection

On the weekend of 1-2 July, we will join with Parishes around the world in the Peter's Pence Collection.

This Collection supports the many charitable works of His Holiness, Pope Francis. A leaving collection will take place at each Mass or communion service.

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.

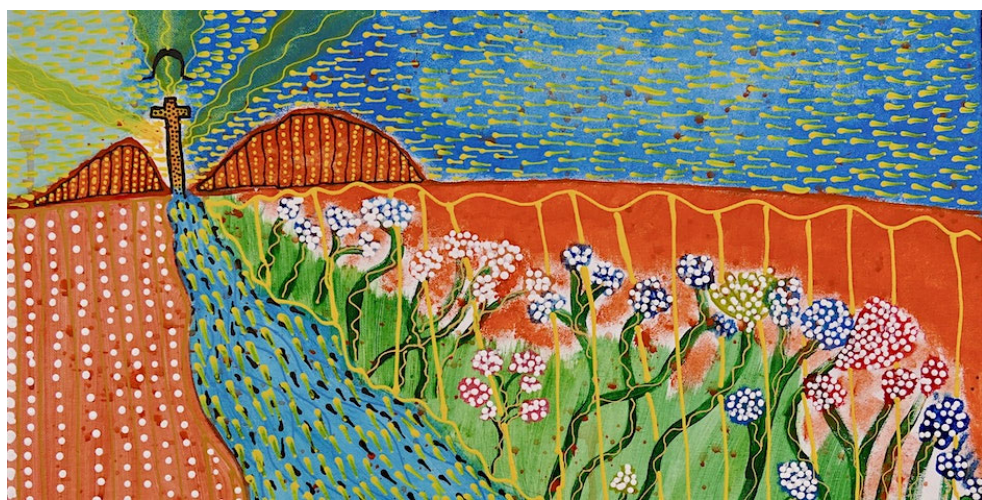
If you would like to give directly, please use this link:

<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.



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, and share their story.