

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.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 2ND JULY 2023 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY PETER'S PENCE



First Reading: [2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Rom 6:3-4. 8-11](#)

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 10:37-42](#)

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.



A New Life in Christ

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

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.

ONE JOURNEY, TOGETHER: The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice Referendum. The website hosts voices from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and Catholic organisations. On July 2, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, NATSICC is launching its Kitchen Table Conversation resource and encouraging parishes, schools, families and other Catholic groups to host a morals-based discussion on the referendum on Sunday or in the coming weeks. NATSICC invites Catholics to consider the upcoming referendum reflectively and prayerfully. Visit www.indigenousvoice.church to access the Kitchen Table Conversation resource or find out more.

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Parish Office Hours

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:

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www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving envelopes will be available at all Parishes this weekend.
Please collect your envelopes from the back of the church.

GULGONG ROSTER

| | 9 Jul | 16 Jul |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Commentator | R. Saliba | E. Donnelly |
| Reader | M. Golino | M. McGregor |
| Sacristan | R. Saliba | M.&E. Carney |
| Leader | | J. Thatcher |

MUDGEES ROSTER

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 | Freeman Family | Portelli Family |
| Music | | |
| Welcomer | C. Carberry | M. Gilbert |
| Offertory | K. Isbester | M. Dunnachie |
| Counter | Mon 3rd Jul | L. Nicholson |

Saturday 15th/ Sunday 16th July 2023

| | Saturday | Sunday |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Commentator | C. Furney | M. Matthews |
| First Reader | L. Nicholson | A. Fergus |
| Second Reader | L. Nicholson | O. O'Brien |
| EMOC | | |
| Altar Server | Maeve K | Eleanor D |
| Music | | |
| Welcomer | | M. Gilbert |
| Offertory | K. Isbester | A. White |
| Counter | Mon 10th Jul | R. Croake |

DAY BY DAY

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| Mon, 03/07 | ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE, FEAST |
| | Office opens at 10am |
| 12 Noon | Angelus |
| Tues, 04/07 | Week 12 of Ordinary Time |
| 9.30am | Communion Service - Mudgee |
| 12 Noon | Angelus |
| Wed, 05/07 | Week 12 of Ordinary Time |
| 12 Noon | Angelus |
| 5.20pm | Reconciliation |
| 5.45pm | Mass - Mudgee |
| Thu, 06/07 | Week 12 of Ordinary Time RISE YOUTH FESTIVAL, BATHURST |
| 9.30am | Mass - Mudgee |
| 12 Noon | Angelus |
| Fri, 07/07 | Week 12 of Ordinary Time RISE YOUTH FESTIVAL, BATHURST |
| 10.30am | Mass - Opal Nursing Home |
| 11.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | Reconciliation available on request |
| 12 Noon | Angelus, Rosary, short reflection |
| 12.30pm | Mass - Mudgee |
| Sat, 08/07 | Week 12 of Ordinary Time |
| 11.00am | Baptism |
| 4.15pm | Reconciliation |
| 5.00pm | Vigil Mass - Mudgee |
| Sun, 09/07 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A INTERNATIONAL SEAFARER'S SUNDAY |
| 9.00am | Mass - Mudgee |
| 10.30am | Mass - Gulgong |
| 11.00am | Communion Service - Kandos |

Pope's Intentions for June...

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Kevin Hogan, Michael Quilty, Loretto Amos

We remember the anniversaries of

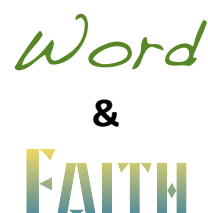
Paddy Noonan (Ireland), Helen Cox, Anne Minogue, Cyril Carey, Julia Bennett, Edward Hough, Thomas Whale, Joan O'Hare, Michael Bradshaw, Valma Vaughan, Michael Irvin, Michael El-Choueiri, Beverley Lawson, Colin Miles, Mary Mathew, Edith Williams, Francis McDermott, George Beck, Allan Kremer, Noel Large, Susan Mazur, Hazel Hughes, Marie Gaffney, Timothy Rayner, Edith Power, Paul Power

For the deceased, especially:

John Ryan, Billy Pearce, Rosemary Quinn, Jennifer Callow, 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, 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.



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





Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

Gospel Focus – Anyone who welcomes

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' – a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.



WHAT IS THE EUCHARIST?

The Eucharist, from the Greek word *Eucharistein* meaning "thanksgiving", is the Sacrament that gives us the Body and Blood of Christ and re-enacts his Sacrifice on the Cross.



"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).

Historical Context – A cup of cold water

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

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

Zec 9:9-10

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

Rom 8:9.11-13

Mt 11:25-30

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

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Parishes of Gulgong, Kandos & Mudgee

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- 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

This weekend, 1st and 2nd of July, we 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.

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