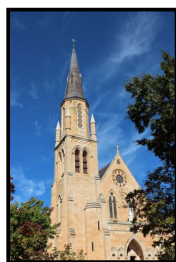


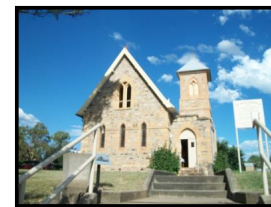
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 23RD JULY 2023 BIBLE SUNDAY WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

First Reading: [Wisdom 12:13.16-19](#)

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5](#)

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 8:26-27](#)

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never
be put into words.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you
have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 13:24-43](#)

Let them grow together until the harvest.



Reflection

by Dianne Bergant

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	30 July	6 August
Commentator	C. Gaudry	J. Thatcher
Reader	C. Golino	B. Toole
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader	S. Parnell	D. Kelly

MUDGEE ROSTER		
Saturday 29th/ Sunday 30th July 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	L. Croake
First Reader	D. Delahunty	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	C. Furney	A. McLean
EMOC	I. Byrne	N. Whitmore
Altar Server	Wetheriff's	Haddie L
Music	Rachel	Rachel
Welcomer	S. Walker	M. Gilbert
Offertory	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 24th Jul	P. O'Brien

Saturday 5th/ Sunday 6th August 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	St Matthews	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	St Matthews	A. McLean
EMOC	St Matthews	N. Whitmore
Altar Server	Layla W	Patrick C
Music	Rachel	Rachel
Welcomer	St Matthews	St Matthews
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 31st Jul	E. Goodlet

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.

Mudgee News
 There will not be Mass on Friday 28th July at 12.30pm.
 There will be a Communion Service.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 24/07	Week 16 of Ordinary Time
	Office opens at 10am
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 25/07	St James, apostle, Feast
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 26/07	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgyn Mary
10.40am	Mass - St Mathews Secondary School - Year 11
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 27/07	Week 16 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Kinder & Yr 6
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 28/07	Week 16 of Ordinary Time
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Communion Service - Mudgee
Sat, 29/07	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus Memorial
11.00am	Baptism
4.15pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 30/07	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Kandos

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:
 Peter Lynch, Dorothy Osmond

We remember the anniversaries of
 Hugh Lenard, Doris Carroll, Johann Krismer, Betty Curry, Ernest Nairne, William Bradley, Irena Karkocha, Rina d'Illio, Robyn Cafe, Michael Shumack, John McRae, Patrick Woods, John Little, Brain O'Farrell, Marie Adams, Mary Hough, Thomas Woods, Pauline Swords, Mildred Gawthorne, Eric Giles, Janet Egan, Terence Gaffney, John Conlon, Edward Longeragan, Mary Hooker, Susan Peterson, Rita Kurtz, Maxwell Pilley, Audrey James, Maxwell Harris, Christopher Hibberd, Fay Brand, Emmanuel Farrugia, Jeffrey Jones.

For the deceased, especially:
 Syd Ottley, Barry Stuart, Daniel Berke, Loretta Amos, Kevin Hogan, Michael Quilty, Valerie Love, deceased family and friends of the Death, Dying and Bereavement Group.

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

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

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!"
 Pope Francis

Kandos News

There will be a Cuppa after Mass on Sunday 30th July at Kandos. Please bring a small plate of goodies to share.

Word
&
FAITH



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



The Gospel Connection

Might and Mercy

(Matthew 13: 24 - 43)

Just as power is used for good or harm, not all seeds are created equal. Jesus tells a story of good seed and bad, and how they grow up together in the harvest of the world. We experience this reality in the contents of our own hearts. We have wonderful, generous impulses; and also cruel, petty thoughts. We may be heroic in our love one day, and selfish the next. We forgive and withhold forgiveness. Our fields are waist-high in grain and thistles.

No wonder that good and bad grow up together in families; parishes are a mixture of charity and snobbery; politics is full of high-minded ideals and crude scandal. If we were surprised when nice people do things that are not nice, we have to look no further than this parable for the reason. Reasons are not excuses, of course. Jesus says even a tiny seed of good can create immense goodness. A bit of yeast makes the whole dough rise. The existence of evil is no reason to view it as inevitable. If I find within myself both good and evil, I have a responsibility to grow the grain and invite the Spirit to uproot the thistle in me.

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Living the Gospel – Agents of change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations 2023

Mary MacKillop Place and the Sisters of Saint Joseph extend a warm invitation to all to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday, 8 August 2023.

“Mary MacKillop Place is a sacred site unlike any other because Mary lived, died and is buried here,” says Sr Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

“We look forward to welcoming everyone, including our pilgrims and supporters, to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney.”

Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, attend Mass, pray at St Mary's tomb, and visit the Mary MacKillop Museum. Mary MacKillop memorabilia, ethica Peruvian products, and light refreshments will be on sale.

Feast Day details are:

- When:** Tuesday, 8 August 2023
- Where:** Mary MacKillop Place
- Pedestrian and Wheelchair access:** 80 William Street, North Sydney
- Wheelchair access:** Via the Museum Gates, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney
- Mass times:** 8:00am, 10:00am and 1:00pm
- Chapel opening time:** 7:00am to 3:30pm (The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's tomb)
- Museum opening time:** 7:30am to 3:30pm (On Feast Day, Mary MacKillop Place offers free admission to the Museum so that pilgrims may explore the story of Mary MacKillop and the foundation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph)
- Gift Shop & Café opening time:** 7:30am to 3:30pm

After much planning and preparation on site, and hard work by Sisters, staff and volunteers, we look forward to welcoming you.



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

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v.97

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52



Diocese of Bathurst World Youth Pilgrims Update.

Our Pilgrims started their pilgrimage to World Youth last Tuesday, flying to Luxembourg, then travelling to Lourdes and Loyola this weekend.

Please continue to keep these young Women and Men from across our Diocese in your prayers. The Pilgrims from our Parish are Ellen Day, Henry McNamara and Jack Newman.

Journey to First Eucharist

The Parts of the Mass

There are two major parts in the rite of Mass, The Liturgy of the Word, which leads to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Before the Liturgy of the Word, there are the Introductory Rites. After the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there is the Concluding Rites.

Introductory Rites

Introductory Rites starts when the priest comes in and everyone does the sign of the cross. He greets everyone in the congregation. Then people confess their sins together and ask the Lord for mercy. After that, they sing the hymn Gloria and the priest says a prayer called the collect.

Action:

- Did you see Fr Owen enter the Church at the beginning of Mass?
- What colour was Fr Owen wearing?



Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are here with us now in our family gathering.

We give thanks to you and ask you to bless our time together and the meal we are about to share.

Amen

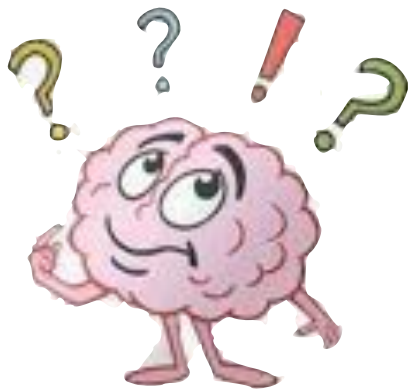
Save the Date



Friday 15th September.



St Mary's Parish
Fun Trivia Night for All.



More information will follow early August.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

It's lucky for us that God is the only one who distinguishes the weeds from the wheat.

Think of your teachers at school. Would all of them completely agree on whether you should be characterised as a weed or as wheat? If so, what would they say? If not, how might they disagree? What would the 'wheat voters' say about you? What would the 'weed voters' say about you? Do you think any of the wheat voters might convince the others of your good qualities? Or do you think it would be more likely that the weed voters would be the convincing ones? Why?

Think of a person you might consider to be a weed. Can you see any positive characteristics in that person? If you concentrated on those positives for a whole month, do you think your opinion of this person might change? Why or why not?

Do you know anyone who is perfectly good, perfectly wonderful all the time? Do you know anyone who isn't perfect but who could be called saintly? Describe why you see this person in this way. Would anyone disagree with your opinion? If so, why?

