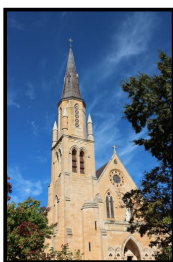


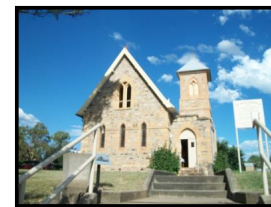
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 30TH JULY 2023

**First Reading:** [1 Kings 3:5.7-12](#)

*You have asked for wisdom.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97](#)

**(R.) Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Romans 8:28-30](#)

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

**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 13:44-52](#)

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*



## Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm  
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GULGONG ROSTER		
	6 August	13 August
Commentator	J. Thatcher	P. Leotta
Reader	B. Toole	C. Leotta
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M & E Carney
Leader	D. Kelly	

**MUDGEES ROSTER**

**Saturday 5th/ Sunday 6th August 2023**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
EMOC	St Mathhews	St Matthews
Altar Server	Layla W	Patrick C
Music	Rachel	Rachel
Welcomer	St Matthews	St Matthews
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 31st Jul	E. Goodlet

**Saturday 12th/ Sunday 13th August 2023**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. McLean
First Reader	I. Byrnes	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	G. Brymora	F. McConville
EMOC	L. Nicholson	P. O'Brien
Altar Server	Layla W	Patrick C
Music	Rachel	Rachel
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 7th Aug	M. Walker

**Pope's Intentions for July...**  
**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.

DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon, 31/07</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, priest, Memorial</b>
	Office opens at 10am
<b>12 Noon</b>	Angelus
<b>Tues, 01/08</b>	<b>St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor, Memorial</b>
9.30am	<b>Communion Service - Mudgee</b>
12 Noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 02/08</b>	<b>Week 17 of Ordinary Time</b>
10.40am	Assembly - St Mathews Secondary School
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	<b>Communion Service - Mudgee</b>
<b>Thu, 03/08</b>	<b>St Dominic, priest, Memorial</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yrs 1 &amp; 5</b>
12.30pm	<b>Mass - Gulgong - All Hallows Yrs 1 &amp; 3 All Welcome</b>
12 Noon	Angelus
<b>Fri, 04/08</b>	<b>St John Vianney, priest</b>
10.30am	<b>Mass - Opal Nursing Home</b>
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>Sat, 05/08</b>	<b>Week 17 of Ordinary Time</b>
11.00am	Baptism
4.15pm	Reconciliation
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>Sun, 06/08</b>	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK</b>
9.00am	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
10.30am	<b>Communion Service - Gulgong</b>
11.00am	<b>Mass - Kandos</b>

**Baptism**

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

*Christina Maria Galea*

daughter of Benjamin & Melissa

*Frankie May Walker*

daughter of Michael & Jennifer



**Masses and prayers requested for the following.**

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Fr Laurie Beath, Peter Lynch, Dorothy Osmond

**We remember the anniversaries of**

Brian Kelly, Michael Azar, Rita Cameilleri, William Tighe, Warren Roche, David Loneragan, Glenda Sheath, Mavis Smith, Patrick Fittler, Clement Morris, Sigfried Braun, Allan Heaslip, Ruby Gawthorne, Lynette Pilley, Helmut Muller, Penelope Hoyer, Alan Forwood, Deborah Dziendziel.

**For the deceased, especially:**

Pauline Tindall, Anne Mead, Syd Ottley, Barry Stuart, Daniel Berke, Loretta Amos, Kevin Hogan, Michael Quilty,

**Prayers requested for the sick:**

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.



## Save the Date

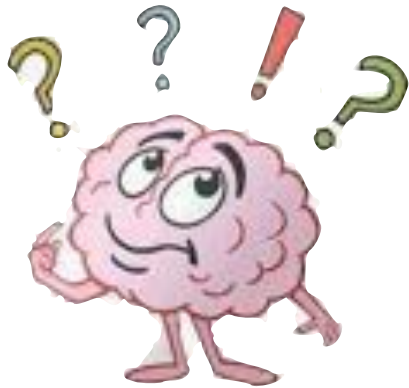


Friday 15th September.



St Mary's Parish  
Fun Trivia Night for All.

More information will follow early August.



### Diocese of Bathurst World Youth Pilgrims Update.

Our Pilgrims continue their pilgrimage to World Youth, visiting Lourdes and Loyola. You can follow the pilgrims via our parish website, <https://mudgee.catholic.org.au> or via the Rise Bathurst facebook page.



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.



Word  
&  
FAITH



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

## 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.



Sisters of Saint Joseph  
*of the Sacred Heart*

Reading for Next Sunday: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD- YEAR A

DAN 7:9-10,13-14

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9:R. W.1.9

2 PET 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9



It is with sadness that our Vicar General, Fr Paul Devitt, advises that Fr Lawrence (Laurie) Beath, Parish Priest of St Raphael's Parish, died in Cowra Hospital in the early hours of Wednesday 26th July 2023, following an on-going battle with cancer.



Fr Paul said, "The sadness of this news is tempered slightly by the knowledge that Fr Laurie is now free of the dreadful pain that the cancer was causing".

Fr Paul asks that we "please pray for Fr Laurie as he now enters the new life that death brings, and pray for his family and friends, especially the parishioners of Cowra/Eugowra/Canowindra, and our clergy, as they deal with the stark reality of this news, and grieve a much loved brother and pastor".

### FUNERAL DETAILS FOR FR LAURIE

The Requiem Mass for Fr Lawrence (Laurie) Patrick Beath will be celebrated at  
**St Raphael's Catholic Church**  
 15 Lachlan Street, Cowra  
 at **11.00am on**  
**Wednesday 2nd August 2023**

The Mass will be livestreamed and can be viewed via this link: <https://youtube.com/live/JOEPdc8iNBk>

A private cremation will follow the Mass.

## 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.

#### Liturgy of the Word

In this part of Mass, some parts of the Bible are read. They are a first reading (which can be from either the Old or New Testament), a psalm, a second reading from the New Testament, and a reading from the Gospel. Then the priest will have a short homily. After that, the Apostles' Creed is said. Finally, some intercessory prayers can be made on behalf for various needs.



#### Action:

- Can you remember what one of the readings was about?
- What are some of the treasures in your life?

#### 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

### REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The Reign (power and control) of God is also known as the Kingdom of Heaven. It takes place on earth and reaches its fullness in heaven.

Often in school, business, politics and social settings people try to assert their own power and take control of things. Where have you seen this happen?

When people surrender their life to God's power, life is different. Then people don't try to control things or one another; they try to work together so that God's way rules. This rarely occurs on earth, but it happens once in a while. There is peace, understanding and cooperation, and no fear, competition or dishonesty. Have you ever seen this happen? If so, where? What was the situation?

Do you think you can do anything to help bring forth the Reign of God – at home, at school, at your job, with your friends? Why or why not? What would have to happen to create a little heaven on earth?



### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST 2023

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Mary is taken up to heaven,  
 and the angels of God shout for joy.  
 Alleluia!*

#### Mass Times

**9.20am** St Matthews Primary Hall - Lewis St  
All Welcome

**10.40am** St Matthews Secondary School

**12.30pm** St John the Baptist Gulgong  
All Hallows Catholic School  
All Welcome

**5.45pm** St Mary's Mudgee  
Followed by Cheese platter and drinks in the Parish Centre

**Wednesday 16th August**  
**11.00am** St Dominic's Kandos  
 Join us for a Cuppa afterwards.