

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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 13TH AUGUST 2023



First Reading: [1 Kings 19:9.11-13](#)

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8](#)

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 9:1-5](#)

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Command me to come to you over the water.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	20 August	27 August
Commentator	E. Donnelly	D. Kelly
Reader	J. Ritar	M. McGregor
Sacristan	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland
Leader	R. Saliba	

MUDGEEROSTER
Saturday 19th/ Sunday 20th August 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	E. de Vires
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	P. Tracy
EMOC	G. Brymora	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	William's Family	Jonathon P Lincoln C
Music		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	S. Walker
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 14th Aug	L. Nicholson

Saturday 26th/ Sunday 27th August 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	A. McLean	M. Matthews
First Reader	C. Furney	M. Dunnachie
Second Reader	C. Furney	A. Fergus
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Maeve K	Portelli Family
Music		
Welcomer	S. Walker	M. Gilbert
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 21st Aug	R. Croake

Pope's Intentions for August...
For World Youth Day
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 14/08	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr - Memorial
	Office opens at 10am
10.30am	Funeral - Mudgee Marie Attrill
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 15/08	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9.20am	Mass - Mudgee - St Matthews Primary Hall
10.40am	Mass - St Matthews Secondary Campus
12.30pm	Mass - Gulgong - All Hallows All Welcome
12 Noon	Angelus
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Wed, 16/08	Week 19 of Ordinary Time
11.00am	Mass - Kandos - Followed by a cuppa.
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 17/08	Week 19 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 18/08	Week 19 of Ordinary Time
10.30am	Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 19/08	Week 18 of Ordinary Time
4.15pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 20/08	TWENTIEFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Rylstone

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Billie Sage Mackie

daughter of Ashley and Amy

Cooper Phillip Müller

son of Andrew and Keiran



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Simon Bennett, Marie Attrill, Marcia Gleeson

We remember the anniversaries of

Jack Barrett, Enda Power, Katalin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, James Gray, Stephen Power, Mona Winter, William Sawyers, Stanley Taylor, Robyn Marskell, Patricia Gorman, Ronald Garstang, Coral Driscoll, Robert Dowel, James Balston, Ross Lovett, Peter Williams, Michael Core, Sarah Devoy, Beatice McKay, Abe Stewart, Maree Gruppetta, Denise Jamieson.

For the deceased, especially:

Maggie Swientek, Janice Moloney, Jimmy Freeman, Fr Laurie Beath,

Prayers requested for the sick:

Tracy Donnelly, 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.

KANDOS NEWS

SVDP will keep a basket at the entrance to both churches, for donations of non perishable food. This will help families with children.

For further information see Carol.

Brigidine Sisters 140th Anniversary



You are invited

to Celebrate the 140th Anniversary

of the arrival of the Brigidine Sisters in Coonamble, NSW in June 1883

Thursday 14 September 2023

10:00am Blessing of the Story Boards,

at St Brigid's Primary School followed by Morning Tea

11:00am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

12:30pm Lunch at the Bowling Club

3:00pm Remembrance Ritual at the Cemetery

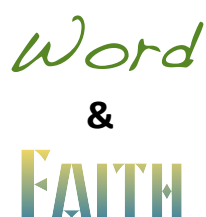
RSVP by 4th September and advise which event/s you will be attending

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Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.



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

Save the Date



Friday 15th September.



St Mary's Parish
Fun Trivia Night for All.

More information will follow in August.



Shalom Gardening Weekend

Sept 1-3

JOIN IN A FUN WEEKEND OF GARDENING, RELAXING AND GOOD COMPANY

Come to Shalom for a free weekend of great food and lodging in exchange for doing gardening work. Bring your own garden gloves, favourite gardening tools, a hat and any cuttings or plants from your garden you might like to share.

WHEN: Fri 1 Sept 6:00 PM to Sun 3 Sept 3:00 PM

WHERE: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED FOR CATERING PURPOSES

To Book: Ph:02
Online Scan QR

63673058 or Book
Code:



Save the Date

100th Anniversary of the opening of
St Vincent's Hospital, Bathurst.

Saturday 9 September 2023.

Mass in the Cathedral at 10.00am, followed by Morning
Tea in the Cathedral Parish Centre.

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

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28



**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.

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Communion in the Gulgong Parish this weekend.

*Charlotte Adams
Ivy Gray
Cooper Honeysett
Lara Pilley
Jett Ryan
Anna Thompson*



Vocations Awareness Week

6 - 13 August

What is a Vocation?

Have you ever stood under the stars and felt as though that same vastness, that same emptiness exists inside of you? Have you ever stared out across the ocean and felt a mysterious connection between its depth and turbulence and what exists inside of you? In moments like those, we experience echoes of the calling. It is the calling of our soul, in its depth and restlessness, for something greater and more meaningful. It is the echo of the vast and infinite God, calling into our souls to recognise who we are and who we were created to be.

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare which means, 'to call.' When we talk about a vocation, or a calling, we are talking about the sense that something or someone has spoken to us, summoned us, and drawn us to a life that fulfils the deepest desires of our heart. St Augustine once said, 'You made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.' Ultimately, the vocation of our life is to enter into a loving relationship with the God who made us, the only one who can bring us to the fullness of life.

But what we also recognise, within this broader calling is the existence of other, more particular callings that still find their meaning within this reality. These particular callings include the priesthood, religious life, marriage and family life, single life, and the permanent diaconate. All of these callings represent different gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the Body of Christ as we walk this road of discipleship, taking the way of the Gospel together.

© <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation>

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.

Concluding Rites

The Concluding rights start with any announcements about important things going on in the parish during this time.

The priest blesses everyone and dismisses them. The Priest will then kiss the altar, move down the stairs and face the altar, bow or genuflects and processes out of the church. Mass is concluded after the Priest has processed out and the final hymn has finished.

Action:

- Did you know, that some people say that 'singing is praying twice over'. Did you sing loudly and clearly to the final hymn?

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