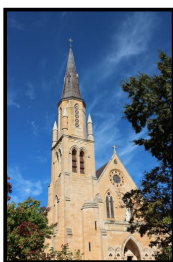


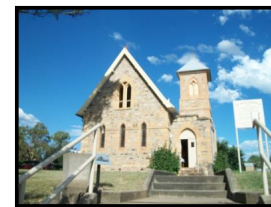
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 20TH AUGUST 2023



Reflection

by Dianne Bergant

First Reading: [Isaiah 56:1.6-7](#)

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4](#)

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 11:13-15. 29-32](#)

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 15:21-28](#)

Woman, you have great faith.

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted



the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	27 August	3 September
Commentator	D. Kelly	R. Saliba
Reader	M. McGregor	H. Tran
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader		P. Leotta

MUDGEES ROSTER		
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

Saturday 2nd/ Sunday 3rd September 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	G. Brymora	L. Croake
Second Reader	D. Delahunty	O. O'Brien
EMOC	C. Furney	R. Croake
Altar Server	Witheriff Family	
Music		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 28th Aug	D. Donnelly

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 21/08	ST PIUS X, POPE - MEMORIAL
	Office opens at 10am
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 22/08	THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9.20am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 3
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 23/08	Week 20 of Ordinary Time
10.40am	Mass - St Matthews Secondary School Yr 8
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 24/08	St Bartholomew, apostle
9.00am	SMCS Year 11 Retreat
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Kinder & Yr 6
11.00am	Funeral - Mudgee - Christopher Kinsela
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 25/08	Week 20 of Ordinary Time
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 26/08	Week 20 of Ordinary Time
11.00am	Baptism
4.15pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sun, 20/08	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone

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.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Christopher Kinsela, Marie Attrill, Marcia Gleeson

We remember the anniversaries of

Rex Donnelly, Karl Terrens, Hilda Ryan, Ack Ryan, William Hudson, Joseph Hope, Colin Gardiner, Joe Swientek, Mary Harrington, Paul Lutschini, Albin O'Neill, Marie Robinson, William Birchall, James Fitzpatrick, Gwendolyn Baker, Brian Kingdom, Rita Rusten, Veronica Gilders, Josephine Attard, Slavko Baricevic, Ernest Fitzgerald, Barry Slater, Helen Shearman, Malcolm Petrie, William Ryan, John Pilly.

For the deceased, especially:

Simon Bennett, Marcia Chapman, Maggie Swientek, Owen, Olive & James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Malcolm Whitley, Dave Doyle, Bradley Quinn, 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

Pope's Intentions for August...

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

For World Youth Day

Special Collections...

The next Special collection will be the Father's Day Appeal which will be a collection at Mass on the weekend of Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September.

The Father's Day Collection is for our sick and retired Priests in our Diocese.

Scriptural Context

This passage sits in the middle of a group of three stories that make up Chapter 15 of Matthew's Gospel. The first story deals with Jesus challenging traditional views of cleanliness and uncleanness – one of the great separators between Jews and Gentiles. The story of this week's gospel follows with its account of the Canaanite woman's great faith being recognised. Finally, Matthew's gospel relates the story of the feeding of the four thousand – a dramatic sign by Jesus of the open invitation to receive his message and ministry. The three stories, taken together, form a powerful chapter that makes clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the Jews.

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'Each individual Christian and every community is missionary to the extent that they live the Gospel, and testify to God's love for all, especially those experiencing difficulties. Be missionaries of God's love and tenderness! Be missionaries of God's mercy, which always forgives us, always awaits us and loves us dearly.'

- Pope Francis, Homily, 5 May 2023



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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Shalom Gardening Weekend

Sept 1-3

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

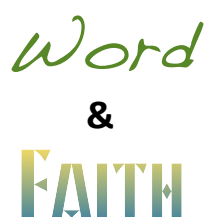
Come to Shalom for a free weekend of great food and lodging in exchange for doing gardening work. Bring your own garden gloves, favourite gardening tools, a hat and any cuttings or plants from your garden you might like to share.

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 63673058 or Book Online Scan QR Code:



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

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: **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A**

Isaiah 22:19-23

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

St Mary's Parish Community

Invite you to our...

? TRIVIA NIGHT ?

Friday 15th September 2023

6.30PM

St Matthew's School Gymnasium Lewis Street

Cost \$5 per person

BYO Picnic Basket & BYO Drinks

Individual bookings or group bookings

Bookings via

Facebook page- St Mary of the Presentation

website - www.catholic.org.au

at Parish Office – during office hours

scan the QR code below.

When booking:

Advise Table Name and number of people on table

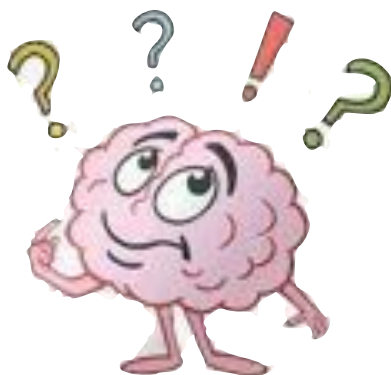
Total payment for tables required

Water, Tea & Coffee provided

Under 18's must be accompanied

and supervised by an adult

Bookings close 12MN Sunday 10th September 2023



MUDGEES - HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Hail Mary

Bob Hurd

Hail Mary, full of grace
The lord is with you
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

Holy Mary, mother of God
Pray for us sinner now
And at the hour of death
Amen

Gentle woman, quiet light, quiet light
Morning star, so strong and bright
Gentle mother, peaceful dove
Teach us wisdom, teach us love

You were chosen by the father
You were chosen for the Son
You were chosen from all women
And for women, shining one

Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star, so strong and bright
Gentle mother, peaceful dove
Teach us wisdom
Teach us love

Blessed are you among women
Blessed in turn all women too
Blessed they with peaceful spirits
Blessed they with gentle hearts

Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star, so strong and bright
Gentle mother, peaceful dove
Teach us wisdom
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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In Jesus' time the Jewish faith had very strict dietary laws regarding what foods could be eaten and what kinds of dishes the food could be eaten from. On the other hand, Gentiles could eat anything. Some Jews likened them to dogs, who would often be given leftover food to eat off the ground. So when Jesus and this woman speak about children and dogs, they are definitely talking about the Jews and the Gentiles.

This Gentile woman is brave, standing up to the disciples and even to Jesus. She has a point to make, and they listen. Have you ever been that persistent in a conversation with someone who had 'higher' status than you? If so, what happened?

Does our society think of some people as 'dogs'? If so, who are the dogs of our society? Who is seen as holding lower status? What is your usual response to people such as these? What would be the Christian response that Jesus calls us to? What makes that such a difficult response?

Journey to First Eucharist

One week to go...

The first group of children in the Mudgee Parish will received communion for the first time next weekend. If you are one of these children, are you ready?

- Have you finished all your home sheets?
- Do you have a prayer space at home?
- Do you know what to do and said when you come to receive communion?

Do not worry if you don't know what to do. There is still time. You can talk to your parents about what happens when you receive communion. You can speak to your teachers. You will also have a Retreat day on Tuesday 22nd August, where you will talk about this and prepare to received your First Holy Communion.

Action:

- When you come to communion and the Minister of Holy Communion says 'Body of Christ', what do you said in response?