

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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 27TH AUGUST 2023 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



First Reading: [Isaiah 22:19-23](#)

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8](#)

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 11:33-36](#)

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement for 2023-24.

Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on August 27 this year.

This year's statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, was launched in western Sydney on August 17 by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

"One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he said.

"We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society."

Full statement can be found at: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

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Fr Owen Gibbons

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Deacon Charles Applin

Seminarian: Ha Tran

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Ms Krista O'Brien

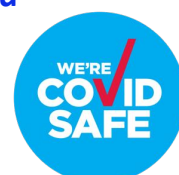
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GULGONG ROSTER		
	3 September	10 September
Commentator	R. Saliba	P. Leotta
Reader	H. Tran	K. Ritar
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M & E Carney
Leader	P. Leotta	

MUDGEES ROSTER
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	Rue & Barry	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	FHC	FHC
Counter	Mon 28th Aug	D. Donnelly

Saturday 9th/ Sunday 10th September 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
EMOC	St Matthews	St Matthews
Altar Server	Layla W	Freeman Family
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Marianne
Welcomer	St Matthews	St Matthews
Offertory	St Matthews	St Matthews
Counter	Mon 4th Sept	P. O'Brien

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 28/08	ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR MEMORIAL
	Office opens at 10am
11.00am	Funeral - St Mary's Mudgee - Marcia Gleeson
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 29/08	THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
9.20am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yrs 1 & 5
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 30/08	Week 21 of Ordinary Time
10.40am	Mass - St Matthews Secondary School Yr 7
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 31/08	Week 21 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yrs 1 & 4
12 Noon	Angelus
12.30pm	Mass - Gulgong - All Hallows - Kinder & Yr 2. All Welcome.
Fri, 01/09	Week 21 of Ordinary Time Spring Ember Day World Day of Prayer for Creation
8.00am	Father's Day Breakfast - St Matthews Lewis St
10.30am	Mass - Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 02/09	Week 21 of Ordinary Time
4.15pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 03/09	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FATHER'S DAY
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Kandos

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Jemima Kathleen Price

daughter of Dillon & Jessie



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:

Bob Fraser, Marcia Gleeson

We remember the anniversaries of

Ada Fitzpatrick, Jean Graham, Charlotte Hundy, Peter Orth, June Melrose, Elva Greenaway, Warwick Munro, Muriel Daniel, Mona Swords, Leslie Regan, Kevin Robinson, Margaret Nevell, Nellie Goodman, Tony Blazevic, Susan Loneragan, Charles Wilson, Bernadette Mahon, Athol Ryan, Amelia Fittler, Michael Hughes, Margaret Cumberland, Bertram Harris.

For the deceased, especially:

Christopher Kinsela, Marie Attrill, Simon Bennett, Marcia Chapman, Maggie Swientek.

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.

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.

Father's Day Appeal - 2nd & 3rd September

The annual Fathers' Day Appeal will take place at Masses across the Diocese on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd September 2023.

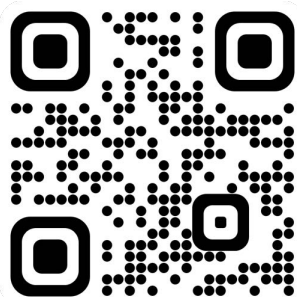
Although a priest may retire from administrative duties and from the demands of full-time parish work, he continues the lifelong priestly ministry to which he dedicated himself at ordination.

The Priests Retirement Fund provides financial support to care for the retired and sick priests of our Diocese. That includes things like convalescent care, nursing home and hostel care when required, assistance in transitioning to retirement, health insurance, medical and dental expenses and assistance with board and lodging.

Most of our Diocesan priests work well into their 70s, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people. They give without counting the cost and sometimes that can include a cost to their health. Even in retirement, most priests continue to serve the community in ways like celebrating weekend Masses in parishes, stepping in while priests are on leave and assisting as chaplains in aged care facilities.

The annual Fathers' Day Appeal is an opportunity for us to give a little back. Please consider generously supporting these men who have so generously supported the people of the Diocese of Bathurst over many years.

You can donate now via BPOINT - Biller Code: 1700384 - Retired Priests Fund or by scanning the QR code below:



Knitting, Knotting and Unknotting - a Weekend Retreat

SEPTEMBER 8-10

This is a contemplative spirituality weekend for anyone who works with threads or yarn.

Come along and bring your knitting, spinning or weaving of any description, including basketry. It will be a quiet working and prayerful weekend, with good food and company in the beautiful surrounds at Shalom and historic Carcoar.



WHEN: Fri 8 th at 6pm to Sun 10 th Sept finish after lunch

WHERE: Shalom House of Prayer, 7-11 Collins St, Carcoar

COST: \$300 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

BOOKINGS: Ph 02 6367 3058 or scan QRCode.



SCAN ME TO BOOK ONLINE

SAVE THE DATE

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL GULGONG

1883 - 2023

CELEBRATING 140 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Friday 20th October 2023

- School Celebration Day
- P & F Grand Bazaar Market Night

Saturday 21st October 2023

- 140 Years Celebration Dinner @ Gulgong RSL Club

Sunday 22nd October 2023

- Mass @ 10.30am followed by BBQ Lunch at School

VINNIES GULGONG NEEDS YOU!

We urgently need volunteers to keep our doors open. Give back to your local community, make friends, and gain new skills as a Vinnies volunteer.

All funds raised at Vinnies Gulgong go straight back into local programs and services.

No prior experience needed, there is a role for anyone and everyone!

Register your interest here, or visit the shop on our Open Day 5th September between 10am and 1pm: ring and chat to Karen: 0490 709 391



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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
 Jeremiah 20:7-9 Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this week.

Saturday, 27th August

George Briggs
Lainey Chantrill
Benjamin Edwards
Kalahni Felise
Arabella Fyfe
Arjen Kemp
Charlotte Kurtz
Charles Loneragan
Jack Marskell
Bianca Moussa
Isaiah Moussa
Preston Price
Angus Reynolds
Jesse Thomet
Sabella Whan

Sunday, 26th August

Aisling Cavanough O'Byrne
Harrison Coe
Charles Flynn
Dylan Merhi
Jasmine Monro
Eliana O'Sullivan
Charlotte Rayner
Rafferty Stratton
Rian Swords
Albert Walker-Cooke
Jake Warren

Wednesday, 30th August

Nash Gleeson
Ezekiel Langton
Sullivan Lindsay
Frankie Walker



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

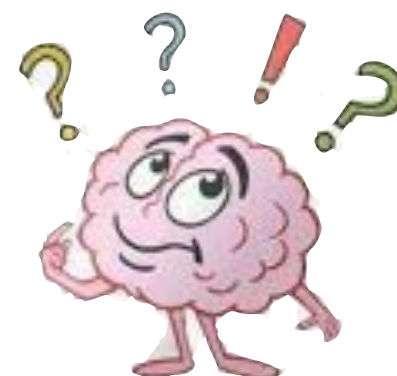
Total payment for tables required

Water, Tea & Coffee provided

Under 18's must be accompanied

and supervised by an adult

Bookings close 12MN Sunday 10th September 2023



Word & FAITH

Reflection

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

by Dianne Bergant



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

