

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 SEASON OF CREATION SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

First Reading: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8](#)

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to
himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.



The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

The Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos/Rylstone and the Diocese of Bathurst are committed to the care, wellbeing and protections of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023


*Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk
who have been abused, neglected or exploited
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.
We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding and support,
so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.
We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen*

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Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm



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GULGONG ROSTER			DAY BY DAY	
	10 September	17 September	Mon, 11/09	Week 23 of Ordinary Time
Commentator	C. Gaudry	S. Parnell		Office opens at 10am
Reader	M. Golino	D. Hudson	12 Noon	Angelus
Sacristan	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland	Tues, 12/09	Week 23 of Ordinary Time
Leader	S. Parnell		9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
MUDGE ROSTER			12 Noon	Angelus
Saturday 16th/ Sunday 17th September 2023			Wed, 13/09	Week 23 of Ordinary Time
	Saturday	Sunday	10.30am	Year 12 & Prayer Partners Mass
Commentator	A. McLean	L. Croake	12 Noon	Angelus
First Reader	I. Bryne	M. Cassidy	5.15pm	Reconciliation
Second Reader	I. Bryne	F. McConville	5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
EMOC	G. Hennessy	R. Croake	Thu, 14/09	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Altar Server	Williams Family	H. Lewis	9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr2/4
Music	Ruella & Barry	Jerry	12 Noon	Angelus
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	Mr S. Walker	12.30pm	Mass - Gulgong Yr4. All parishioners welcome.
Offertory	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie	Fri, 15/09	WEEK 23 OF ORDINARY TIME
Counter	Mon 11th Sep	M. Walker	11.00am	Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home
Saturday 23rd/ Sunday 24th September 2023			11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Saturday	Sunday	12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
Commentator	B. Petersen	S. Abbey	12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
First Reader	D. Cunningham	J. O'Brien	6.30pm	Trivia Night
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	E. de Vries	Sat, 16/09	Week 22 of Ordinary Time
EMOC	I. Bryne	P. O'Brien	1.30pm	Wedding
Altar Server	Maeve K	Alyra K	3.30pm	Wedding
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Marianne	4.30pm	Reconciliation
Welcomer		M. Dunnachie	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Offertory		M. Gilbert	Sun, 17/09	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Counter	Mon 18th	R. Croake	9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
			10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
			11.00am	Mass - Rylstone
				
			The group meets on Sunday evenings, to reflect on the coming Sunday scripture readings, 5pm in the Parish Centre, Mudgee. ALL WELCOME.	

KANDOS NEWS

• **First Holy Communion**

Sunday, September 17th
There will be a morning tea after Mass to celebrate the candidates receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Please bring a plate to share.

• **St. Vincent de Paul**

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:

Brian Hanigan (Coonamble), Lance Reimers, Warwick Lee, Bob Fraser, Gregory Adcock (Syd)

We remember the anniversaries of:

Richard Gawthorne, Mary Carragher, Patricia Morrall, John Tomlinson, Catherine Powles, Mary Robinson, Thomas Tomkins, Kevin Murphy, Cecil Evans, Marea Cox, Philomena Loneragan, John Crowen, Veronia Clarke, John Maloney, Thora Rusten, Cecil Phillips, John Byrnes, Robert Hough, Newton Daniel, Patricia Crowe, Joseph Dolanski, Robert Prowse, Hilda Mealy, Thomas Parkinson, John Mini, Anthony Innes, Joan Paine, Jamal Khoury, Grace Mountford.

For the deceased, especially:

Burt Dalmay, Alan Isbester, Marcia Gleeson, Marie Attrill, Christopher Kinsela, Simon Bennett, Marcia Chapman, Maggie Swientek.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Margaret Doble, 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.

YEAR 12 PRAYER PARTNER MASS & MORNING TEA.

The last Mass and morning tea for Year 12 students and their Prayer Partners will be on Wednesday, 13th September at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, followed by a morning tea.

Please bring a plate to share.

**Pope's Intentions for September
For People Living on the Margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PLANNED GIVING

A reminder as per direct depositing of Planned Giving, please put into the reference field **PG** followed by **YOUR NAME**.

PG will tell us that it is for Planned Giving and *your name* will let us know who made the deposit.

There have been a couple of deposits into the Parish accounts with some missing details.

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



SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER

Exploring our spiritual journey with the Enneagram

"The Enneagram is a serious spiritual tool, a pathway to release us from over-identification, to the gift of Presence and a possible way of becoming fully human."

This retreat offers a greater insight about your own unconscious habits, and those closest to you. It also offers the opportunity for you to see how divinity lives within all of us.

TIME: Friday 13 October, 6.00pm - Sunday 15 October, 3.30pm

LOCATION: 7-11 Collins Street, Carcoar

COST: \$395 (\$147.50/per day and includes all meals, facilitator fees and accommodation)

**Season of Creation
1st September - 4th October**

Let Justice and Peace Flow

The Prophet Amos cries out: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Reflection:

Are we responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the poor? Are we considering how our choices will affect all forms of life, especially those who are most vulnerable? E.g. In building here, are we attentive to the knowledge and customs of Indigenous Peoples?

God of All,
You made us in your image
and likeness,
Open our eyes to see you in others,
Open our ears to your cry,
And open our hearts to love like you,
So that we may live as one
human family.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen

The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #48



**CONGRATULATIONS
CONG AND DUONG
ORDAINED
DEACONS**



Bishop Michael McKenna ordained Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha as deacons on Friday 8th September 2023, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary.

The ordinations took place during 6.00pm Mass in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst.

Cong and Duong will complete their final year studies at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush. Please keep both these men in your prayers as they continue their formation and journey towards ordination to the priesthood.

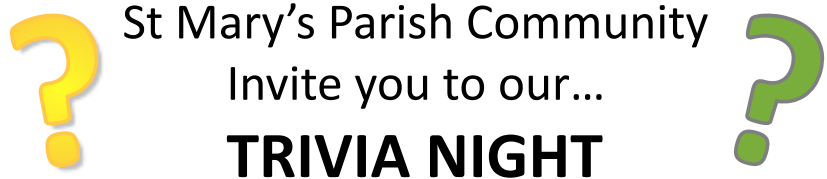
Reading for Next Sunday: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

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Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



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

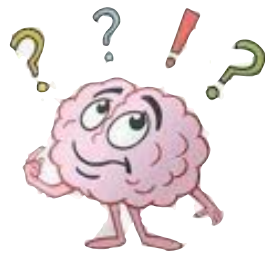
**Facebook page- St Mary of the Presentation
website - www.catholic.org.au
at Parish Office – during office hours
scan the QR code below.**

When booking:

Advise Table Name & 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 Sept 2023



YOUTH -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

God's Word

Joining Our Voices in Prayer

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Watch out for one another'.

In the Book of Ezekiel, God commands Ezekiel to speak every word of prophecy that God speaks to him. These prophecies involve warnings against the wickedness of God's people. God tells Ezekiel that he will be responsible for their wrongdoing if he refuses to deliver God's word. God wants them to have a chance to repent.

God speaks to everyone who allows God's words into their heart. But some people harden their heart, and the word of God cannot touch them. Perhaps they have been hurt. Perhaps they have had a bad experience. The psalmist hears God's voice and responds with joy. The psalmist sings, bows and kneels before God. We, too, are called to soften our heart to allow God's voice to touch our life.

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul teaches about love in a way that is similar to Jesus' law of love – to love your neighbour as yourself. The second part of the Ten Commandments can be summed up by this law. Paul goes so far as to say that love fulfills the law. Love cannot be measured or confined in any law book.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus urges the people to love one another by bringing the wayward back to the community. If people refuse to listen when they are approached alone, they should look to others for help, including the church. This approach reflects Matthew's understanding of how important reconciliation is for the well-being of the church.

Jesus goes on to stress the importance of praying together. Prayer brings people together and can heal the deepest wounds. It is okay to pray alone sometimes, but there is added strength in praying together as a community. 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

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At the heart of the upcoming Voice to Parliament Referendum is the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, the world's oldest continuing culture, in the Australian Constitution. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to listen to the voices of First Australians and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

Our mission is to educate and inform our fellow Catholics on this pivotal moment in Australia's history. We have collated and created statements and resources – grounded in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching – to help you on your process of discernment.

The Voice to Parliament Referendum provides all Catholics with a unique opportunity to come together as a community and draw upon our faith and moral grounding to make an informed decision.

The One Journey, Together website (www.indigenousevoice.church) is a joint project between NATSICC, Caritas Australia and Catholic Social Services Victoria to help Catholics access information on the 14 October 2023 Voice Referendum.

It contains the voices of First Australian Catholics and our Catholic Leaders and organisations.

We encourage all Catholics to use the site as part of their own discernment.

