

*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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023 SEASON OF CREATION CENTACARE SUNDAY

**First Reading:** [Sirach 27:30 – 28:7](#)

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 102:1-4, 9-12, R. v.8](#)

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Romans 14:7-9](#)

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*



### Centacare Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> of September

We celebrate the work of Centacare, the social services arm of the Church in our Diocese. Centacare helps thousands of people every year through a range of programs and services. If you or someone you know need assistance or you would like to know more about Centacare or want to support this mission please call 6331 8944 or visit the website ([www.centacarebathurst.com.au](http://www.centacarebathurst.com.au)).

### Centacare Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of Mercy and Love,  
who through your Son gave us  
a marvellous example of charity  
and the great commandment of love for one another.

Send your blessings upon us  
so that when we are called on in times of need,  
we will faithfully show you light and love to our neighbour. May  
we go forward confident in the intercession  
of our Mother Mary,  
and in the name of our creating,  
liberating, and ever-loving God.  
Amen

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**Parish Office Hours**  
Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm  
Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

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GULGONG ROSTER			DAY BY DAY	
	24 September	1 October	Mon, 18/09	Week 24 of Ordinary Time
<b>Commentator</b>	S. Parnell	D. Kelly		Office opens at 10am
<b>Reader</b>	D. Hudson	C. Gaudry	12 Noon	Angelus
<b>Sacristan</b>	C. Holland	R. Saliba	<b>Tues, 19/09</b>	<b>Week 24 of Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Leader</b>		J. Thatcher	9.30am	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>MUDGEES ROSTER</b>			11.30am	Funeral - Gulgong - Darrell Gorrie
<b>Saturday 23rd/ Sunday 24th September 2023</b>			12 Noon	Angelus
	Saturday	Sunday	<b>Wed, 20/09</b>	<b>Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön priest, martyr, Paul Chōng Ha-sang &amp; companions, martyrs</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	B. Petersen	S. Abbey	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>First Reader</b>	D. Cunningham	J. O'Brien	12 Noon	Angelus
<b>Second Reader</b>	D. Cunningham	E. de Vries	5.00pm	<b>Year 12 Mass and Awards Night</b> St Matthews Secondary Campus
<b>EMOC</b>	I. Bryne	P. O'Brien	<b>Thu, 21/09</b>	<b>ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Maeve K	Alyra K	9.30am	<b>Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr2/4</b>
<b>Music</b>	Rachel	Jerry & Marianne	12 Noon	Angelus
<b>Welcomer</b>	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie	2.00pm	Funeral - Mudgee Judith Keightley
<b>Offertory</b>		M. Gilbert	<b>Fri, 22/09</b>	<b>WEEK 24 OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>Counter</b>	Mon 18th	R. Croake	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday 30th September/ Sunday 1st October 2023</b>			12 Noon	<b>Liturgy</b> followed by Mission Folic- St Matthews Primary Campus
	Saturday	Sunday	12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cunningham	A. McLean	12.30pm	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>First Reader</b>	C. Furney	P. Tracy	<b>Sat, 23/09</b>	<b>Week 24 of Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Second Reader</b>	C. Furney	M. Dunnachie	10.00am	Baptism
<b>EMOC</b>	L. Nicholson	A. Mort		<b>FLAVOURS OF MUDGEES</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Steph R	Patrick C Lincoln C	4.30pm	Reconciliation
<b>Music</b>	Rue & Barry	Jerry & Choir	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>Welcomer</b>	D. Delahunty	M. Gilbert	<b>Sun, 24/09</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>WORLD REFUGEE &amp; MIGRATION SUNDAY DAY</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	K. Isbester	A. White	9.00am	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>Counter</b>	Mon 25th	L. Nicholson	10.30am	<b>Mass - Gulgong</b>
			11.00am	<b>Communion Service - Rylstone</b>

**MUDGEES NEWS**

There will no Mass on Wednesday evening due to the Year 12 Graduation Mass. There will be Mass at 9.30am Wednesday morning.

**KANDOS NEWS**

• **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:**

Barry Sheehan, Judith Keightley, Darrell Gorrie, Brian Hanigan (Coonamble), Lance Reimers,

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Mark Davies, Harry Forcha, Timothy Loneragan, Vena Robinson, Dumitru Duta, Daniel Buffer, Kenneth Hill, Brenden Robinson, Alan Rayner, Connie Scott, Bob Prowse, Leo Leonard, William Navin, Edward Windle, Thelma Muller, Beatrice Stanmore, Caroline Akers, Emily Swords, Daniel Hundy, Rosemary Douglas, Irene Longhurst, Rita Quinn, Stewart Martin, Joseph Mara

**For the deceased, especially:**

Warwick Lee, Christopher Kinsela, Bob Fraser, Gregory Adcock (Syd), Marcia Gleeson, Marie Attrill, Simon Bennett, Marcia Chapman, Maggie Swientek, Matthew Prowse.

**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.

Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend at Rylstone.

Sunday, 17th September



Eva Croake  
Alice Croake



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.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.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.



## 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

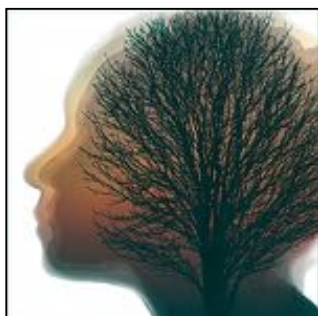
"The Enneagram is a serious spiritual tool, a pathway to release us from over-identification, to the gift of Presence and a possible way of becoming fully human."

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)



James Flynn  
and  
Lucy Kenehan

and

James Campbell  
and  
Kathleen Batty

and

John Digby  
and  
Breanna Davis

who all celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

### Important Notice.

Due to a Parish Secretaries Conference, the Parish Office will be closed from 1pm on the Tuesday 26th September and re-open on Thursday 28th after 2pm.

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Matthew 20:1-16

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

© Fr Michael Tate

## YOUTH -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

### God's Word

#### The Power of Kindness

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Forgive and be forgiven'.

Sirach offers wise words about how to treat others, especially about the need for forgiveness in relationships. Even though anger and hate are not good, it is hard to let them go; we hug them to us instead. Letting go of anger, being merciful to others and setting aside all hatred is to experience God's pardon and peace.

The psalm gives hope to all who know their failings well. God is kind, merciful and compassionate to those who try hard but sometimes fail. God forgives sins and heals brokenness.

Some people believe that they are masters over others. Some people believe they are masters of themselves. People like to call their own shots, be independent, without having to listen to anyone else. But Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, knows that God is in charge. We are called to be concerned about the needs and limitations of others.

In today's Gospel reading, Peter understands what Jesus is saying about the importance of forgiveness when he asks how many times we should forgive someone who wrongs us. Seven is a number representing fullness or completion. But Jesus is saying that forgiveness should have no limit.

In the parable of the unforgiving official, Jesus points out that people have an obligation to forgive one another because God has already forgiven them.

All the readings today call us to forgive others. Forgiveness must be a way of life, and we are reminded of this as we pray part of the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive others.'

## Activities from the Parish Council

*Our goal is to make Jesus present in our local community.*

Do you know of all the activities the Parish Council has supported this year?



Here is a snapshot of a few.

- Opening of new school campus and an open day at the campus.
- Building connection between St. Matthews school and St. Mary's Parish
- Year 12 Prayer Partners Mass's & Morning teas.
- Greeting students & families at school gate – Fr Owen & Ha
- St Patricks day celebration
- Conversations about Death, Dying and Bereavement
- Sacramental Programs started with Confirmation.

You can read a more detailed report on the Parish website.



## 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 considering ecological economics?** Are our economic transactions supporting sustainable, ethical and fair production, consumption and investment? Are they support ecology?

God of wisdom and compassion,  
You gifted us with right judgement and courage.  
Help us to share the earth's resources fairly and to use them wisely.  
Stand with us as we speak out against inequality and injustice.  
Guide our thoughts and actions as we care for our common home.  
We ask this in your name  
Amen

This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on part of consumers. "Purchasing is always a moral - and not simply economic - act".

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #206*