

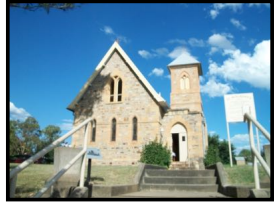
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 8TH OCTOBER 2023



BISHOP'S HOUSE
Po Box 246
Bathurst NSW 2795

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I am asked how Catholics should vote in the Referendum to be held on 14 October, my answer is "conscientiously." I do not believe that bishops should, in our democracy, direct their people to vote one way or another in any election.

However, it is our duty to remind Catholics to take their responsibilities as voters seriously; and to help them inform and form their consciences. Whether you vote "yes" or "no" in the coming Referendum, it is important that you know what you are doing. Let your yes be a carefully considered yes, or your no be a carefully considered no. To think "I don't know enough, and can't be bothered finding out" is not a responsible option.

This year, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, in collaboration with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC), published a statement entitled "Listen, Learn, Love", about past issues and those we continue to deal with in the relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians. I encourage you to read it at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>.

I also encourage you to read the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart (<https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/>) which sets out concisely and eloquently the aspirations for truth-telling, treaties and a voice. The Australian bishops, after listening to NATSICC, the voice we set up three decades ago to advise us, endorsed the Uluru statement more than two years ago. Last year, it was also endorsed by the Plenary Council.

Whichever decision you come to, whatever the result of the Referendum, I would ask you to respect those who take a different view. And I would hope that all of us, whichever way we vote, whatever the outcome, would recommit to healing the wounds of dispossession which have been passed on from generation to generation.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	15 October	22 October
Commentator	J. Thatcher	C. Gaudry
Reader	B. Toole	C. Golino
Sacristan	M & E Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
Leader	D. Kelly	

MUDGEES ROSTER

Saturday 14th/ Sunday 15th October 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	M. Matthews
First Reader	D. Delahunty	A. McLean
Second Reader	G. Brymora	L. Croake
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Layla W	Haddie L
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry
Welcomer	S. Walker	M. Gilbert
Offertory	D. Bennett	M. Dunnachie
Counter	9th Oct	D. Donnelly

Saturday 21st/ Sunday 22nd October 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	S. Abbey
First Reader	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's
Second Reader	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's
EMOC	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's
Altar Server	Maeve K	Jonathan P
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Marianne
Welcomer	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's
Offertory	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's
Counter	16th Oct	M. Walker

Congratulations to:

*Lachlan Merlehan
and
Alex Fardell*

who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.



DAY BY DAY

Mon, 9/10	Week 27 of Ordinary Time
	Parish Office will be open from 10am to 1pm.
12 Noon	Angelus
Tues, 10/10	Week 27 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 11/10	Week 27 of Ordinary Time
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 12/10	Week 27 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
2.00pm	Funeral - St Marys Gwen McDonald
Fri, 13/10	Week 27 of Ordinary Time
10.30am	Whiddon Nursing Home Mass
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 14/10	Week 27 of Ordinary Time
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 15/10	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service- Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Rylstone

IMPORTANT NEWS

Fr Owen will be on annual leave as of the 1st October, for one month. We will have two visiting Priests over this time. Fr Greg Cooney CM will be here from 7th to 23rd October and Fr Steven Sinn SJ. will be here from 25th to 30th.

Please make them feel welcomed.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Duro Kucerka, Dean Endacott, Gwen McDonald,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Gerard Haswell, Peter Turczak, Gwen Casani, Marjorie Milton, James Palmer, Reginald Hough, Charles Hough, James Neely, Mark Nolan, John Gaffney, Edmund Mealy, Mary Ager, William Egan, Stephen Dixon, Charles Metcraft, Coral Pickett, Audrey Kelly, Jim & Edna Baldwin.

For the deceased, especially:

Barry Sheehan, Anne Mead, Brian Hanigan, Lance Reimers, Warwick Lee, Christopher Kinsela, Bob Fraser, Judith Keightley, Darrell Gorrie, Simon Bennett, Maggie Swientek, Beatrice Casey.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Josephine Debattista, Margaret Doble, Tracy Donnelly, Maureen Turner, Elizabeth Donnelly, Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Joe Saliba, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes. Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.

**Pope's Intentions for October
For the Synod**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

IN OPENING OF THE 16TH ORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

"Dear brother Cardinals, brother Bishops, sisters and brothers, we are at the opening of the General Assembly of the Synod. Here we do not need a purely natural vision, made up of human strategies, political calculations or ideological battles. If the Synod allows this to happen, the "other one" will open the door to it. This we do not need. We are not here to carry out a parliamentary meeting or a plan of reformation. The Synod, dear brothers and sisters, is not a parliament. The Holy Spirit is the protagonist. We are not here to form a parliament but to walk together with the gaze of Jesus, who blesses the Father and welcomes those who are weary and oppressed. So let us start from the gaze of Jesus, which is a blessing and welcoming gaze."

If you want to read more please access the link.
<https://www.synod.va/en/highlights/xvi-general-ordinary-assembly-of-the-synod-of-bishops.html>.

**Synod of Bishops
4th - 29th October 2023**

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Grace of Grief

What does grief look like?
 Grief affects our whole being...
 Emotionally, cognitively (thoughts), physically, our behaviours, spiritually and socially.

**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



**140 YEARS OF
ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

We would love to know the story of your All Hallows connection, with any interesting facts and memories you can recall.

Name _____

I was a **student** / **parent** / **staff** (circle)
 from _____ (years at All Hallows)

People I recall being here at the time

Thoughts on my time at All Hallows

Description of the school at the time (buildings, play equipment, canteen..)

What did I learn from my All Hallows time that has stayed with me?

What does All Hallows mean to you?

Thank you.

Please return your answers to our front office OR via email (k.statham@bth.catholic.edu.au).

You will become one of the, '140 stories for 140 years of All Hallows' .



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Reading for Next Sunday: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
 Isaiah 25:6-10 Ps 22. R. v.6 Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

YOUTH -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

We Heard It Through the Grapevine

A major theme of the Scripture readings is ‘How is the harvest?’

Vines and vineyards wind their way through most of today’s readings as we learn how our farmer God cares for people.



Isaiah sings a story song about a friend with high hopes for a new vineyard. The friend did all the planning, picked the right spot, weeded and turned over the soil. No expense was spared. The vineyard owner planted only the best vines and built a wine press and watchtower in anticipation of the choicest grapes and wine. But only wild grapes grew on the land. They were not even good for eating. So the friend abandoned the land to the weeds and thorns and grazing animals. Isaiah tells the story to warn Israel that while they were chosen as God’s vines in God’s vineyard, they are not bringing forth good fruit.

The psalm continues Isaiah’s theme. The people of Israel are the vine carried safely from Egypt and planted in a new land. The Israelites did a lousy job of taking care of the vineyard. The psalmist asks God to give Israel another chance. God is asked to continue caring for and nurturing the people.

The last part of Paul’s Letter to the Philippians comforts the people in times of anxiety. All their troubles can be brought to God in prayer, and they will receive a peace and a sense of quiet that are too wonderful to even try to understand. Paul urges the people to keep their eye on what is good and right, to live by Jesus’ example.



Jesus’ vineyard parable, found in today’s Gospel reading, is much like the first reading, and it has much the same meaning. Jesus tells the parable to warn the chief priests and elders that they have mismanaged the Kingdom of God. They haven’t listened to the prophets, and they do not listen to him. The Kingdom of God awaits those who lovingly care for it and bear a rich harvest of faith.

First Reading: [Isaiah 5:1-7](#)

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7](#)

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Philippians 4:6-9](#)

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!



Gospel: [Matthew 21:33-43](#)

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God’s plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God’s tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God’s plans.


Word & Faith 

Come join the Word and Faith Group every Sunday from 5 pm to 6 pm in the Parish centre, where we delve into the Sunday scripture readings with great care.

Discover the meaning behind technical words, explore reflections, and uncover historical backgrounds to deepen your understanding of God's word.

All are welcome to join and learn together!

World Mission Sunday 21st - 22nd October

Hearts on Fire **FEET ON THE MOVE** 

Your gift can support the employment of a nurse for a clinic
or
the supply of informative health posters and booked.

Envelopes will be available in your Parish on the weekend of
World Vision Sunday.
catholicmission.org.au/timor