

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 15TH OCTOBER 2023

First Reading: [Isaiah 25:6-10](#)

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 22. R. v.6](#)

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes
of our heart that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.



REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

*Please take the bulletin with you.
Put it on your fridge or share it with someone who wasn't
able to celebrate the Mass with us this weekend.*

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GULGONG ROSTER			DAY BY DAY	
	22nd October	29th October	Mon, 16/10	Week 28 of Ordinary Time
Commentator	C. Gaudry	P. Leotta		Parish Office will be open at 10am.
Reader	C. Golino	M. McGregor	12 Noon	Angelus
Sacristan	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland	Tues, 17/10	St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, priest - Memorial
Leader		R. Saliba	9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
MUDGEES ROSTER			12 Noon	Angelus
Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd October 2023			Wed, 18/10	St Luke, evangelist - Feast
	Saturday	Sunday	10.40pm	Mass - St Matthews Secondary School - Yr 11 - with the Sisters of Mercy
Commentator	D. Cunningham	S. Abbey	12 Noon	Angelus
First Reader	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
Second Reader	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
EMOC	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	Thu, 19/10	Week 28 of Ordinary Time
Altar Server	Maeve K	Jonathan P	9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Kindergaten
Music	St Mary's Choir & Cathedral Singers	Jerry & Marianne	12 Noon	Angelus
Welcomer	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	Fri, 20/10	Week 28 of Ordinary Time
Offertory	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	10.30am	Kanandah Nursing Home Mass
Counter	16th Oct	M. Walker	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 28th/Sunday 28th October 2023			12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
	Saturday	Sunday	12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Commentator	A. McLean	A. Myles	Sat, 21/10	Week 28 of Ordinary Time
First Reader	I. Byrne	K. Cassidy	11.00am	Baptism
Second Reader	I. Byrne	F. McConville	5.30pm	Reconciliation
EMOC	C. Furney	R. Croake	6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee Cathedral Singers
Altar Server	Freeman Family	Portelli Family	7.00pm	Cathedral Singers Concert
Music	Ruella & Barry		Sun, 15/10	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie	9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
Offertory	K. Isbester	A. White	10.30am	Mass - Gulgong 140 years of Catholic Education at All Hallows
Counter	23rd Oct	R. Croake	11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone Baptism
			6.00pm	Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre
			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.	

GULGONG NEWS

CLAIM THE DATE:

Tuesday 7th November

The Gulgong Catholic Women's Group will be holding a Melbourne Cup Luncheon, ALL parishioners are welcome to attend.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Sue Loneragan, Duro Kucerka, Dean Endacott, Gwen McDonald,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Mary Staff, Patricia Cruz, Victor Thompson, Maree Sheridan, Christopher Carey, Terrance Blain, Paul, Robinson, Gregory Wesley, Douglas Barry.

For the deceased, especially:

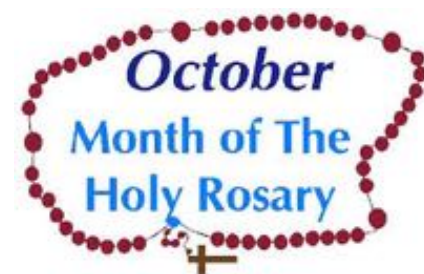
Barry Sheehan, Brian Hanigan, Lance Reimers, Warwick Lee, Maggie Swientek, Beatrice Casey.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), 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.



October has a long-standing tradition of being dedicated to the holy Rosary, dating back to the Middle Ages. On October 7th, the Church commemorates Our Lady of the Rosary, honouring her for safeguarding the Church due to faithful Rosary prayers. This month serves as a reminder for us to turn our thoughts to Mary and contemplate the Rosary's mysteries. Therefore, let's utilise this time in October to pray the Rosary for peace around the world and especially in the Holy Land.

**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.

What is synod, and how is it different?

In the past, a Synod consisted of a meeting (called a "General Assembly") of Bishops in Rome. This Synod consists of the entire synod process, beginning with the worldwide consultation of all faithful, including a General Assembly of Bishops in Rome, and ending with the reception by the People of God in the local Churches of the fruits of the entire discernment process.

Although previous synods also began with wide consultations in the form of questionnaires, this is the first time that everyone has been directly asked to engage in an exercise of listening at the level of parishes and dioceses.

The Grace of Grief

Misconceptions about grief

- *Grief progresses in orderly stages*
Grief is always there but life will grow around it. Through much pain and suffering, we carry our grief, adjusting our life to a world without the physical presence of our person.
- *You need to let go and move*
We don't get over, move on or have closure in our grief. We integrate it into our lives and search for meaning, to make sense of the chaos.

**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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A**

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

YOUTH -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

God's Word

Will You Come to the Banquet?

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'The banquet is ready'.

These readings move from the vineyard to the banquet table and the fine feast the Lord has prepared for the people.



The feast described in the first reading is enough to make anyone hungry. The Lord is the host, and the feast is in honour of the guests. More than just giving food to the guests, God promises to wipe away any tears and to destroy any hold that death may have. This banquet is a reminder of God's limitless love for the people.

The responsorial psalm, Psalm 22, is often called the shepherd psalm. The refrain, 'I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life', is an expression of confidence in God. The shepherd guides people to God's house, protecting them from evil and caring for them. Here, too, a table for feasting awaits with a cup overflowing with drink. God's house is all we have ever dreamed of and more!


In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul is probably writing from prison. He speaks about how Jesus' followers must take the good with the bad. There are times when things are plentiful and other times when things are scarce. Friends have sent a gift to Paul in prison, and he thanks them for their generosity and asks God to bless them. Paul urges them to accept their suffering and to strive for unity in their community.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus uses the parable of a wedding banquet to once more try to get through to the chief priests and elders. Twice the guests receive personal invitations. Some refuse. Others are too busy. Some even insult and kill the messengers. Finally, the king has had enough of these no-shows, and he burns their city to the ground. The king still needs some guests, so the servants go out and round up anyone they can find. Later, the king finds one guest who is dressed in the wrong manner. When asked about the inappropriate attire, the man has nothing to say, and he is tossed out into the night.

The first guests are God's Chosen People, and the prophets are the ones delivering the invitations. But the sinners and outcasts of society are the ones who end up sitting at God's table. In the mini-parable at the end, we learn that as Christians, just showing up is not enough. To be a guest at the table means that we must have the character that marks the Christian life. In the parable, that character is symbolised by the wedding garment.



World Mission Sunday 21st - 22nd October

Hearts on Fire **FEET ON THE MOVE** 

Your gift can support the supply of life-saving medication
or
the supply of milk and food for babies with malnutrition.

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

THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS

We are fortunate to have a visiting choir, The Cathedral Singers, visiting the Mudgee Parish, Saturday 21st October.



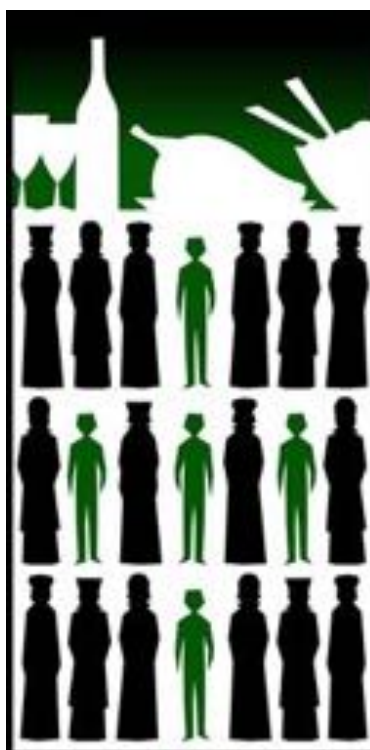
The Cathedral Singers were formerly the choir from St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney, but they have since become ecumenical and sing cathedral-style music.

The Cathedral Singers will be joining our choir to lead the singing at our Vigil Mass, and directly after the mass, they will be presenting a 30-40-minute concert of their own music in our Church. We hope that you can make yourselves available to be here to welcome them and to enjoy the music they have prepared.

Church Cleaning - Mudgee

Volunteers are **NEEDED** to clean the church on the first Wednesday of each Month, starting on Wednesday 1st November. Cleaning will start at 9.30am and usually takes about two hours.

Our Parish Church relies on volunteers to keep our church clean and presentable for our Masses and many services. This is an important ministry that needs your help.



Have you thought? - Inclusivity

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to

include in today's society?

Gospel Focus - 'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

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