

*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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 22ND OCTOBER 2023 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**First Reading:** [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#)

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7](#)

**(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#)  
*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

**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 22:15-21](#)

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God  
the things that are God's.*

Hearts on Fire  
FEET ON THE MOVE

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catholicmission.org.au/timor

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*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.*

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons  
**Parish Deacon**  
Deacon Charles Applin  
**Seminarian:** Ha Tran  
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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



**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
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GULGONG ROSTER		
	29th October	5th November
Commentator	P. Leotta	R. Saliba
Reader	M. McGregor	C. Gaudry
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader	R. Saliba	P. Leotta

MUDGEES ROSTER		
Saturday 28th/Sunday 28th October 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles
First Reader	I. Byrne	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	I. Byrne	F. McConville
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Croake
Altar Server	Freeman Family	Portelli Family
Music	Ruella & Barry	
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	K. Isbester	A. White
Counter	23rd Oct	R. Croake

Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th November 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	L. Croake
First Reader	D. Cunningham	E. de Vries
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	J. O'Brien
EMOC	G. Hennessy	P. O'Brien
Altar Server		
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	M. Gilbert
Offertory	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Counter	30th Oct	L. Nicholson

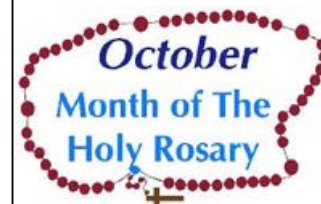
**Pope's Intentions for October**  
**For the Synod**

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.

## Thank You

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank Fr Greg for his time here in our Parishes over the past few weeks.

Fr Steve Sinn will be in our Parishes from Wednesday 25th October, until Fr Owen returns. Please make him feel welcome.



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.

### DAY BY DAY

#### Mon, 23/10 Week 29 of Ordinary Time

Parish Office will be open at 10am.  
 12 Noon Angelus

#### Tues, 24/10 Week 29 of Ordinary Time

9.30am Communion Service - Mudgee  
 11.00am Funeral - Rylstone Gary Hill  
 12 Noon Angelus

#### Wed, 25/10 Week 29 of Ordinary Time

12 Noon Angelus  
 5.20pm Reconciliation - Mudgee  
 5.45pm Mass - Mudgee

#### Thu, 26/10 Week 29 of Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 1  
 12 Noon Angelus  
 Fri, 27/10 Week 29 of Ordinary Time World Teachers Day

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 12 Noon Angelus, Rosary, short reflection  
 12.30pm Mass - Mudgee

#### Sat, 28/10 Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast

11.00am Baptism  
 5.30pm Reconciliation  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

#### Sun, 29/10 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Mass - Mudgee  
 10.30am Communion Service - Gulgong  
 11.00am Mass - Kandos  
 6.00pm Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre

### GULGONG NEWS

#### CLAIM THE DATE:

*Tuesday 7th November*

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

**Masses and prayers requested for the following.**

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Gary Hill, Warren Hawkins, Sue Loneragan,

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Burt Dalmay, Alan Isbester, Una Harris, Philip Rhodes, Lorna Farr, Walter Conran, Anthony O'Hare, Dominico Sidoti, Edward Dobson, Vivian Goulding, Teresa Evens, Carol Budin, Vincent Gilius, Lall Mackander, Garry Cover, June Atkins, Arnaldo Salmoni, Eileen Freeman, Barrington Hensley, Stanton Pilley Ron Wellsmore, Mark Barrett

**For the deceased, especially:**

**Marie & Norm Attrill**, Duro Kucerka, Dean Endacott, Gwen McDonald, 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.

**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 does it mean to become a synodal Church?**

“Being a synodal Church means being a Church that is the sacrament of Christ’s promise that the Spirit will always be with us.” (Pope Francis, 18 September 2021).

Becoming a more **synodal Church** is a change that allows the Church to become more truly what it is. For Pope Francis, it is clear that this change involves a conversion of mindset and culture, but which will also result in structural change. He speaks of “moving *not occasionally but structurally* towards a *synodal Church*, an open square where all can feel at home and participate” (Pope Francis, 09 October 2021).

The Pope describes this becoming a synodal Church as an opportunity to become a “listening Church” and a Church of “closeness, compassion and tender love” which better reflects the “style of God”. (Pope Francis, 09 October 2021).



**Baptism**

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

*Wynter Grace Coleman*

daughter of Robert & Ellen

and in to the Kandos / Rylstone Community:

*Charlie Reuben Sant*

son of Andrew & Lorretta



You are invited to consider participating in an

**Advent Retreat**

at St Joseph’s Perthville, from 12-19<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

This retreat allows us to **Gaze through Advent Windows** discovering the guidance, wisdom, and faithfulness of God in our daily lives. Comments from those who have participated in this retreat reflect that they now **experience Advent/Christmas** in a new way. “Advent and Christmas will never be the same!”

**Facilitator:** Sr Ann Morrison rsj

**Cost:** \$750

**Contact:** [Perthville.coordinator@sosj.org.au](mailto:Perthville.coordinator@sosj.org.au);  
or phone: 02 6337 2946

*The Grace of Grief*

**Processing grief**

Grief is as individual as your fingerprint and there is no right or wrong way to grieve.

Researchers Kenneth Doka PhD and Dr Terry Martin talk about Intuitive vs Instrumental styles of Grieving.

Intuitive grievers

- Comfortable with showing their emotions
- They are social and seek support

Instrumental Grievers

- More Solitary
- Cognitive
- Task oriented - ‘doers’

We naturally move between both styles.

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Reading for next Sunday: **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A**

*Exodus 22:20-26*

*Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2*

*1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

*Matthew 22:34-40*

**YOUTH** -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

**God's Word**

*Witness T-Shirts*

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'God comes first'.

Today's first reading from Isaiah can be summed up by the last line, which is also the first commandment, 'I am the Lord, there is no other.'

God gave Cyrus, a pagan Persian king, the power to defeat enemies. God even gave Cyrus his name. No other foreign king gets such praise in the Hebrew Scriptures. Cyrus liberated the Jews from Babylon and restored them to their homeland. Yet Cyrus does not know that all he has and is as king has come from God.

God is the God for everyone, even for those who do not believe in God. We, too, must remember that all we do is a gift from God, that all we are is a gift from God.

How do we give God glory and honour? Today's psalm was written to praise Yahweh as the one true God of Israel. The psalmist praises God with song and lists God's great deeds for all to hear. All nations are called to join in the chorus. We are urged to dress up and bring our gifts to praise God. We are to honour God with the gifts that God has given us – to serve God and others.

Today's second reading is a greeting to the people of Thessalonica – people of God, people of Jesus. Paul saw Thessalonica as a key place for spreading the Gospel throughout Macedonia. Their faith, he says, is a model for everyone. The letter is full of encouragement and support, because the Christians there were being persecuted by their pagan neighbours. With thanks and prayers, Paul gives the young church a pat on the back for their faith and love. They have learned that the Gospel is more than just words, and for this they deserve praise.

In today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we learn that the Pharisees are set against Jesus and now begin to lay traps for him. They try to set Jesus up with flattery, applauding him for being respectful and sincere. Then they ask Jesus for an opinion on the sore subject of taxes. Jesus knows what they are up to, and he decides to catch them in their own trap. Knowing that the tax is unpopular with the Jews, but that it is unwise to go against the emperor, they ask Jesus, 'Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?' Jesus asks for a coin. They produce one readily. Jesus doesn't let them put into opposition civil duty and religious duty. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's,' Jesus says.

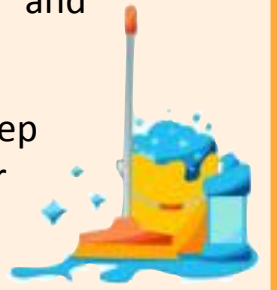
We are citizens of heaven and earth at one and the same time. Actually, civil duties are part of our responsibility to God, as long as they do not conflict with the laws of God.



**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.



**REFLECTION** by Nick Brodie

'You hypocrites!', said Jesus, before asking 'Why do you set this trap for me?' These days there are plenty of attempts to catch Christians out with tricky questions. Even the Pope gets awkward queries, seemingly designed to force a controversial 'yes' or 'no' answer.

When critics recently questioned Pope Francis about the Synod in Rome, he wisely responded that the asking of such questions revealed a desire to work with him. Speaking of today's Gospel, the Pope once pointed out that 'Jesus places himself above the controversy'. Turning the Pharisees' intended trap into a teaching, Jesus shows His followers that we cannot cut ourselves off from wider society, nor should we too easily fall into conflict with it. But, as the Pope further elaborates, Jesus' point is bigger than that. Jesus uses the opportunity to remind everyone to focus on giving 'to God what belongs to God'.

Part of what this means, the Pope reminds us, involves love of neighbour. The flipside of the image of the state is the image of God. And who is made in the image and likeness of God? Me, you, us! This Gospel story isn't just about avoiding conflict, its deeper message steers us back to the commandment to love God and each other. And a big part of that involves listening to each other sincerely, and not striving to catch each other out.

**Historical Context** – Whose head is this? (Mt22:20)

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

