



*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.



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 29TH OCTOBER 2023

**First Reading:** [Exodus 22:20-26](#)

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2](#)

*(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [1 Thessalonians 1:5-10](#)

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

*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

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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**  
**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**  
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GULGONG ROSTER		
	5th November	
<b>Commentator</b>	R. Saliba	
<b>Reader</b>	C. Gaudry	
<b>Sacristan</b>	R. Saliba	
<b>Leader</b>	P. Leotta	
MUDGE ROSTER		
Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th November 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Commentator</b>	C. Furney	L. Croake
<b>First Reader</b>	D. Cunningham	E. de Vries
<b>Second Reader</b>	D. Cunningham	J. O'Brien
<b>EMOC</b>	G. Hennessy	P. O'Brien
<b>Altar Server</b>		
<b>Music</b>	Rachel	Jerry & Choir
<b>Welcomer</b>	D. Delahunty	M. Gilbert
<b>Offertory</b>	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
<b>Counter</b>	30th Oct	L. Nicholson
Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th November 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Commentator</b>	B. Petersen	A. McLean
<b>First Reader</b>	C. Furney	W. Bodycote
<b>Second Reader</b>	C. Furney	M. Bodycote
<b>EMOC</b>	I. Byrne	R. Gawthorne
<b>Altar Server</b>		
<b>Music</b>	Rue & Barry	Jerry & Marianne
<b>Welcomer</b>	K. Isbester	Mr S. Walker
<b>Offertory</b>	D. Bennett	M. Gilbert
<b>Counter</b>	6th Nov	P. O'Brien

**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.

DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon, 30/10</b>	<b>Week 30 of Ordinary Time</b>
	Parish Office will be open at 10am.
12 Noon	Angelus
<b>Tues, 31/10</b>	<b>Week 30 of Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 3</b>
12 Noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 1/11</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS - Solemnity</b>
10.00am	All Hallows Catholic School Liturgy in the Church - Gulgong
10.40am	Mass - SMCS Year 10 Secondary Campus
12 Noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
5.45pm	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>Thu, 2/11</b>	<b>The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED ALL SOULS' DAY</b>
9.30am	<b>No 9.30am Mass today.</b>
12 Noon	Angelus
6.00pm	<b>Mass - Mudgee Cemetery</b>
<b>Fri, 3/11</b>	<b>Week 30 of Ordinary Time</b>
10.30am	Mass - Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon	Angelus, Rosary, short reflection
12.30pm	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>Sat, 4/11</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Memorial</b>
11.00am	Baptism
1.00pm	Wedding
3.00pm	Wedding
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass - Mudgee</b>
<b>Sun, 5/11</b>	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
9.00am	<b>Mass - Mudgee</b>
10.30am	<b>Communion Service - Gulgong</b>
11.00am	<b>Mass - Kandos</b>
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.

**Where:** Margaret and Col Evans' house.

Please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks. For more information, please



**Thank You**

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank Fr Steve for his time here in our Parishes.

Fr Owen returns on 1st November.

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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Pat Cox, John Fergus, Ray Baskerville, Gary Hill

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Marion O'Hare, Olga Saureris, Miriam Loneragan, Doreen Quinn, Gregory Fitzsimmons, Zita Mara, Rita Barber, Edward O'Reilly, Ellen Seis, Colin Isbester, Valdor Croake, Nellie Menchin, Robert Gillham, Tony Newman, Nate Darcy, Sue Rayner, Tony Petchell, Aileen Eastburn, Jill Baskerville, Anne McDonald, Steven Carberry.

**For the deceased, especially:**

Darryl Gorrie, Elias & Therese Sadaka, Warren Hawkins, Sue Loneragan, 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. Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.



**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.



**Baptism**

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

*Owen John Latimore*

son of Scott and Penelope



**Thank you** for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real,



*Hearts on Fire*  
**FEET ON THE MOVE**

**2023 Mudgee Churches Association  
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
12 MIDDAY CHRISTMAS DAY  
AT ST JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL MUDGEE**



6 Church St, Mudgee  
*All Welcome*

*Join us for a Free Lunch & Fellowship  
Please let us know if you're attending*

**Places are limited**

To Reserve a seat at the table, register online with the QR code of the poster

or Phone Graham - 0458 242 126 or

Jorie - 0412 179 293

RSVP by 11/12/23

**Bell Ringers Required...**



Every day at Noon, the bell of St Mary's, Mudgee is rung to call people to pray. This is an important ministry that we would like to continue however we are in need of more volunteers.

If you have a spare 15mins around Noon during the week or on weekends and would like to help ring the bell, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122. This ministry will be on a roster and training will be provided.

**Position Vacant**

The Diocese is seeking the services of a Cleaner to assist with a property that is being managed through Airbnb in Mudgee for the next 6 months. Anyone interested please contact Cecilia Hannon on 02 6334 6416.

Reading for next Sunday: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

*Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10*

*Ps 130*

*1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13*

*Matthew 22:1-12*

**God's Word**

**Being God for Others**

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Love God and others'.

The author of Exodus reminds the Israelites what it was like to be aliens in a strange land, as a way to teach them to reach out to others in need. God gives the Israelites special instructions to welcome strangers, care for widows and orphans, and expect no interest on loans. God hears the cries of those in need and comes to their aid – through our own hands.



The psalm is a profession of love and confidence that God is always there – strong as a rock, stronger than a rock. The psalmist gives God many strong titles: strength, rock, fortress, shield, stronghold. This hymn thanks God for keeping us safe, out of harm's way.

The reading from Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians praises them for turning away from idols and accepting the word of Jesus proclaimed by Paul. They have become a model and an inspiration for other Christian communities around them.

By Jesus' day, Judaism had compiled an extensive list of laws that were followed in God's name. In the Gospel reading, the Jews tried to trap Jesus again by asking which of the hundreds of laws were most important.

Instead of picking one, Jesus summarised all the laws with two: 'Love . . . God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind', and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Actually, these laws were not new to the Jews. Jesus sums up all the teaching of the law and the prophets in these two commandments, and in doing so, he gave this guide for living a Christian life.



**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.



*November*

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions (Norms 15.7)

Here are some further things we could do in November to help the souls in purgatory:

**Offering Masses for them.** This is the best way to remember the departed souls because mass is a precious gift, the sacrificial offering that our Lord Jesus Christ offered on the cross to the Father to save us from sin (death). Jesus's blood poured out on the cross benefits everyone whether they are alive or dead.

**Visit Cemeteries to Pray:** Cemeteries are not just places to bury the dead. They are also holy places where we can go to visit and pray for those who have passed away. From 1st – 8th November, we could gain a plenary indulgence for the dead when visiting Cemeteries to pray for them.

**Visit Someone Who Is Grieving:** caring for the dead also asks us to care for bereaved persons as well. Giving them a call, taking them out for a meal, or offering a prayer like the Our Father or Hail Mary can be a great comfort to bereaved persons at this time.

**November - Book of Remembrance**

During November the Mass request of all the deceased will be written in the Book of Remembrance. The book will remain in the St Mary's Church for all Masses during the week and taken up at Offertory Procession during the weekend Masses.

If you would like names added to the book, please write them clearly on a November Mass envelope and either place them on the collection plate or take them to the Parish Office. The November Mass envelopes are available in the church.

**All Souls Day - Thursday, 2nd November**

There will be a Mass at Mudgee Cemetery at 6pm. Please bring a chair or a rug to sit on. In case of bad weather, the Mass will relocate to St Mary's Mudgee.

*The Grace of Grief*

**Basic grief needs**

People need to know that:

- ❖ *Their loss matters and so does your grief.*
- ❖ *A wide range of thoughts and emotions are 'natural' in grief.*
- ❖ *They can stay connected to their person and carry them into the future.*
- ❖ *The pain of grief will always be there but life will grow around it.*
- ❖ *They are the expert in their own grief.*
- ❖ *Their faith or life-philosophy may be challenged.*
- ❖ *There are people who can help.*

*Grief needs to be felt! It needs to be heard! It needs to be witnessed and validated!*

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