

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.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

First Reading: [Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31](#)

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1](#)

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](#)

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

*Because you have been faithful over a few things,
enter into the joy of the Lord.*



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It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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GULGONG ROSTER			DAY BY DAY	
	26th November	3rd December	Mon, 20/11	Week 33 of Ordinary Time
Commentator	D. Kelly	C. Gaudry		Parish Office will be open at 10am.
Reader	J. Thatcher	H. Tran	12 Noon	Angelus
Sacristan	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn	C. Holland	Tues, 21/11	The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial
Leader		S. Parnell	9.30am	Communion Service - Mudgee
MUDGEES ROSTER			12 Noon	Angelus
Saturday 25th/Sunday 26th November 2023			Wed, 22/11	St Cecilia, virgin, martyr Memorial
	Saturday	Sunday	10.40am	Communion Service - SMCS Secondary Campus
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles	12 Noon	Angelus
First Reader	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	5.45pm	Communion Service - Mudgee
Second Reader	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	Thu, 23/11	Week 33 of Ordinary Time
EMOC	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	9.30am	Communion Service - Mudgee
Altar Server	Hannah W Nicholas w	Jonathan P	12 Noon	Angelus
Music	Rue & Barry	Jerry & Marianne	Fri, 24/11	Sts Andrew Dūng-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs Memorial
Welcomer	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Offertory	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	12 Noon	Angelus and Rosary
Counter	20th Nov	D. Donnelly	12.30pm	Communion Service - Mudgee
Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd November 2023			Sat, 25/11	Week 32 of Ordinary Time
	Saturday	Sunday	5.20pm	Reconciliation
Commentator	B. Petersen	M. McLean	6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
First Reader	G. Brymora	A. McLean	Sun, 26/11	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SOLEMNITY
Second Reader	D. Delahunty	P. Tracy	9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
EMOC	L. Nicholson	M. Gilbert	10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
Altar Server	Maeve K	P. Portelli H. Portelli	11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone
Music	Rachel	Jerry & Choir	6.00pm	Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre
Welcomer	Mrs S Walker	Mr S Walker		
Offertory	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie		
Counter	27th Nov	R. Croake		

GULGONG NEWS

Important Up-coming Events.

5th December at 10.30am Christmas Morning tea at RSL. All Welcome

Small Christmas Gifts will also be taken to the sick & elderly.

24th December Remembrance Mass

KANDOS NEWS

Cemetery Mass

Anointing Mass for Christmas on the **3rd December**. All welcome.

A choir from Canberra will join us for Mass on Sunday **10th December** at 11am . Mass will be followed by lunch in the parish hall. \$5.00 per person. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Carol, Louise or Maureen by 3rd December.

17th December Remembrance Mass - Rylstone

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

YOUTH MASS

DATE: Sunday 26th November 2023
WHERE: St Mary's Catholic Church
TIME: 9am Mass, followed by Morning Tea
WHAT TO BRING: A plate of food to share

Let's celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation and World Youth Day on the solemnity of CHRIST, THE KING.

All First Communion and Confirmation children, their families and the whole parish are warmly invited.



**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023
November - For the Pope...**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Congratulations to:

*Nathan O'Reilly
and
Ashleigh Cox*

and

*Brendon Osborn
and
Penelope Munzenrieder*



who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Peter Fitzgerald, Margaret Jervis.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Michael Maloney, Maria Brec, Michael Kapela, Mary Kelly, Marie Ford, June O'Neill, Jason McAuliffe, Craig Condon, Dorothy Carey, Debra Fuller-Dixon, Jake Dixon, Freda Wall, Dorothy Flemming, Mary O'Connor, Steven Giles, Peter Byrnes, Vincent Price, Phyllis Williams, Helen Bryant, Jerry Mulvihill.

For the deceased, especially:

Max Faucett, Joyce Doble, Ray Baskerville, Pat Cox, Elias & Therese Sadaka, Ivan Brec, Daniel Brec, Alojz Slatinsek, Maggie Swientek.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:

Toni Bremen, Maureen Hutchinson, Eleni Roberts, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Josephine Debattista, Margaret Doble, Tony Spina, Tracy Donnelly, Maureen Turner, Elizabeth Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

The Sign

Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2023
from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong



Now available

Mudgee - back of Church
Gulgong - see sacristan
Kandos - see sacristan

Cost

\$5.00 per book
\$1.00 for a Bookmark
(Mudgee only)

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

Activities from the Parish Council

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

A snapshot of activities:

- Trivia night held 15th September
- Report from Youth Focus Groups – Church Life Survey
- All Sacraments completed for 2023
- Year 12 Graduation Mass held on 20th September
- Morning Tea for Year 12 students & their Prayer Partners 13th September
- Ministry to assist Alter Servers was introduced
- Date set and plans made for end of Year Parish Dinner
- Date 25th November – Solemnity of Christ the King set for Youth Mass & Morning tea to celebrate 2023 Sacramental Candidates.

You can read a more detailed report on the Parish website

Positions Vacant

Cleaner needed in Dunedoo from beginning of January. Cleaning includes cleaning the Presbytery. 3 hours per week.

If interested, please contact the Mudgee Parish Office on 6372-2122.

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

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 31-31.

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

**ST MARY'S ANNUAL PARISHIONER CHRISTMAS FUNCTION
6.00PM SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023
IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS**



Dear Parishioners.

We are having our annual Christmas function on Sunday evening, 3rd December. We would love to invite you to attend. This event is a great opportunity for us to say thanks to all those who have contributed to our parish, making it a beautiful and welcoming place. Everyone contributes in their own way. Even simple acts such as smiling or saying hello to others, welcoming visitors or new parishioners, plays a huge part in developing our parish. We welcome all to join us on the night.

This year, our evening will have a fun Multicultural theme to reflect the various nationalities and cultures that make up our parish. Just like in previous years, we invite you to bring a plate to share, that represents your culture. Please feel free to dress according to your cultural background. The parish will provide ham, rolls, tea, coffee for all, and drinks for the children. Other beverages BYO.

To assist with catering, please write your name, indicate the number of adults and children attending, and what plate you are bringing on the **sign-up sheets on the Whiteboard at the back of the church.**

We would be grateful for any assistance with setting up and cleaning up, 'Many hands make light work', and by doing this we all get to enjoy the night. If you can assist with setting chairs and tables, serving food, or helping with clean-up, please add your name and what you can help with on the **Helpers sheet at the back of the Church.**

Let us make our night great again.



November - Book of Remembrance

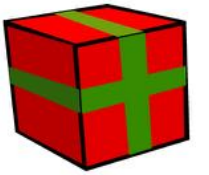
During November the Mass requests for all the deceased will be written in the Book of Remembrance. The book will remain in the St Mary's Church for all Masses during the week and taken up at Offertory Procession during the weekend Masses.

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 at all the churches.

YOUTH -by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

You Are a Gift

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Use your gifts wisely'.



The first reading offers some clues on what to look for in a relationship with a spouse. Looks are not everything, and they do not last. A real partner is someone you can trust, someone who is strong in faith, and someone who lives that faith by reaching out to the needy.

The psalmist today connects happiness and fear of the Lord. Fear, as described here, means deep respect and reverence, a sense that God is much more powerful than ourselves. If we respect God, we will live our life by walking in God's ways. A happy family is one that lives with God at the centre of their life.

In the second reading, we hear how some people in the young church are worried about when Jesus will return. Some are so sure Jesus is coming soon that they quit their jobs to wait. Paul tells them that the coming of the Lord will be like a thief coming in the night, and like the suddenness of a woman going into labour. They don't have to worry, though, because they are God's Chosen Ones, children of the light.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew is the parable of the three servants.

- The master entrusts each one with a different sum of money before leaving on a journey. Two of them invest the money and double the amount. The last one buries the money in the ground. When the master returns, the first two report the success of their investments. The master is so pleased that he rewards these servants, but the servant who buried the money has only the original amount to return. The master is disappointed in him. He takes the money, gives it to another servant, and throws the last servant out of the house.

This parable can help answer the question posed in the second reading of how to wait wisely for the Lord. Jesus asks for an accounting of the gifts given to us. What have we done with the gifts God has given us? Let us use them wisely to serve God and others.

