



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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A 26TH NOVEMBER 2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY

First Reading: [Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17](#)

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1](#)

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(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: [1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28](#)

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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| GULGONG ROSTER | | | DAY BY DAY | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---|
| | 3rd December | 10th December | Mon, 27/11 | Week 34 of Ordinary Time |
| Commentator | C. Gaudry | J. Thatcher | | Parish Office will be open at 10am. |
| Reader | H. Tran | B. Toole | 11.00am | Memorial Mass - St Dominic's Pat Cox |
| Sacristan | C. Holland | R. Saliba | 12 Noon | Angelus |
| Leader | S. Parnell | | 2.00pm | Funeral - St Dominic's Kandos Val Foodys |
| MUDGEES ROSTER | | | Tues, 28/11 | Week 34 of Ordinary Time |
| Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd December 2023 | | | 9.30am | Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr5 |
| | Saturday | Sunday | 12 Noon | Angelus |
| Commentator | B. Petersen | M. McLean | Wed, 29/11 | Week 34 of Ordinary Time |
| First Reader | G. Brymora | A. McLean | 10.40am | Assembly - SMCS Secondary Campus |
| Second Reader | D. Delahunty | P. Tracy | 12 Noon | Angelus |
| EMOC | L. Nicholson | M. Gilbert | 5.45pm | Mass - Mudgee |
| Altar Server | Maeve K | P. Portelli H. Portelli | Thu, 30/11 | St Andrew, apostle, Feast |
| Music | Rachel | Jerry & Choir | 9.30am | Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr6 |
| Welcomer | Mrs S Walker | Mr S Walker | 11.30am | Funeral - St Johns - Gulgong Patricia Balston |
| Offertory | C. Carberry | M. Dunnachie | 12 Noon | Angelus |
| Counter | 27th Nov | R. Croake | Fri, 1/12 | Week 34 of Ordinary Time |
| Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th December 2023 | | | 10.30am | Mass - Opal Nursing Home |
| | Saturday | Sunday | 11.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Commentator | A. McLean | L. Croake | 12 Noon | Angelus and Rosary |
| First Reader | I. Byrne | M. Cassidy | 12.30pm | Mass - Mudgee |
| Second Reader | I. Byrne | F. McConville | Sat, 2/12 | Week 34 of Ordinary Time |
| EMOC | G. Brymora | R. Croake | 9.00am | St Mary's Craft and Friendship Craft Sale |
| Altar Server | Violet F Willow F | Alyra K | 5.20pm | Reconciliation |
| Music | Rue & Barry | Jerry & Marianne | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass - Mudgee |
| Welcomer | D. Delahunty | Mr S Walker | Sun, 3/12 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| Offertory | D. Bennett | M. Gilbert | 9.00am | Mass - Mudgee |
| Counter | 4th Dec | E. Goodlet | 10.30am | Communion Service - Gulgong |
| | | | 11.00am | Mass - Kandos |
| | | | 6.00pm | Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre |

GULGONG NEWS

5th December at 10am Gulgong Catholic Ladies Group Morning tea at the RSL. Please RSVP by placing your name on the Poster at the back of the Church or call June on 63741597. All Welcome

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

24th December Remembrance Mass

KANDOS NEWS

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

MUDGEES NEWS

St Mary's Craft and Friendship are having a Craft Sale in the Church Grounds on Saturday 2nd December, 9am to 1pm.

Church Cleaning - Mudgee

Volunteers are **NEEDED** to clean the church, Wednesday 5th December. Cleaning will start at 9.30am and usually takes about two hours.



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

We welcome anyone who can help. There is no need to call to put your name down to clean. Just turn up on the day.

Many hands make light work

**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.



The Sign

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

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

Expression of Interest Membership of Diocesan Finance Council



The Diocesan Finance Council is an advisory council established by the Bishop in accordance with the code of canon law of the Catholic Church to advise him in the stewardship and administration of the temporal goods of the Diocese, in accordance with sound principles of financial administration and legal compliance.

The Council is made up of people of good character and judgement, committed to the Church and with experience in finance, law, banking, property development and administration.

Meetings are usually held four times a year, for a duration of 2-3 hours, with detailed papers prepared and circulated a week before the meeting.

Council Members also are allocated membership of the Standing Committees of the Council, being the Catholic Development Fund Investment & Audit Committee and the Property Committee.

The Bishop is seeking nominations of people to be considered for membership of the Council. You may nominate yourself or, with their consent, another person you think may be suitable.

A covering letter and curriculum vitae outlining the relevant skills and experiences of the nominee, including a reference from their Parish Priest, should be sent to the Diocesan Financial Administrator by email to dfa@bathurst.catholic.org.au. For further information, please call Patrick Cooper on 0419 460 404.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Patricia Balston, Val Foodey, Peter Fitzgerald, Margaret Jervis.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Leslie McTegg, Nola Doherty, Merylyn Kinsela, Maria Brec, Roger Kelly, Nalda Ashton, Thomas Loy, Clive Whittaker, Ivan Croake, Ellen Bryant, Miriam Halpin, James Egan, Pebbles Stojcevski, Maureen Watson, Robert Williamson, Alice Hundy, Alice Polanetz, Doreen Hyland, Doss Sheridan, Douglas Kenney.

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.

Getting to Understand your Parish Council

What is the purpose of St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council?

- Acts as a consultative body for the Parish Priest in the conduct of the pastoral business of the Parish.
- It discerns the needs of the parish and the wider community through on-going prayer, consultation and communication.
- Some of the Parish Pastoral Council's endeavours will be:
 - ▶ Fostering a sense of community within the Parish
 - ▶ Identifying pastoral needs
 - ▶ Supporting Faith development
- Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are:
 - ▶ Ex-officio members – Clergy, School Principal, Religious Education Coordinator, Parish Secretary & religious actively engaged in the Parish.
 - ▶ Elected members (over the age of 16 years) – maximum number 8.

Positions Vacant

Cleaner needed in Dunedoo from beginning of January.

Cleaning includes cleaning the Presbytery.

Three (3) hours per week.

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

Reading for next Sunday: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

**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.

YOUTH Reflection

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year (surely an excuse for a New Year's Eve party?) and we come to Matthew's gospel on the last judgment. The judgment criteria provide a template for living as a follower of Christ – feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner. The trick is to be able to see Christ in everyone – now THERE'S a challenge for all of us!

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Fill in the spaces using the words below

When I was hungry, you gave me something to ____.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to _____.

When I was a stranger, you _____ me.

When I was naked, you gave me _____ to wear.

When I was sick, you took _____ of me.

When I was in gaol, you _____ me.

welcomed drink care
eat clothes visited

" You too, dear young people, can be joyful witnesses of his love, courageous witnesses of his Gospel, carrying to this world a ray of his light."

Pope Francis

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
alive and active

* Bishop McKenna invites you to join him at the Diocesan Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Collins Street, Carcoar for the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage.

This day of prayer and reflection at the Shrine will include the launch of this year's Pastoral Letter - *Alive and Active, Reading the Bible Together.*

The Diocesan Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Collins St, Carcoar

Friday 8 December 2023

10am start with morning tea
12pm Mass
1pm lunch

Register and book via QR CODE or call Carmen on 6334 6407

reflection | adoration | prayer | scripture