

*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.



### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST—YEAR B 2ND JUNE 2024

**First Reading:** [Exodus 24:3-8](#)

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13](#)

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.*

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Hebrews 9:11-15](#)

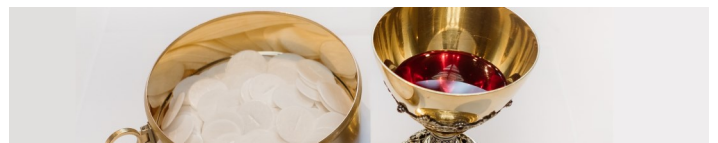
*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

**Gospel Acclamation:** [John 6:51-52](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Mark 14:12-16, 22-26](#)

*This is my body. This is my blood.*



### Gospel Reflection

By Dianne Bergant

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistia). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons  
Fr Cong Va Hoang

**Parish Deacon**  
Rev Charles Applin

**Parish Secretaries**  
Mrs Kristie Newman  
Ms Krista O'Brien

**Postal Address:**  
P.O. Box 14 Mudgee NSW 2850  
**Phone:** 02 6372 2122  
**Email:** [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au)  
**Website:** [www.mudgee.catholic.org.au](http://www.mudgee.catholic.org.au)

**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:**  
Ph 02 6372 1742  
**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles  
[www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/)

**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**  
**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole  
Ph 02 6374 1582  
[www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au)

Gulgong Roster		
	9th June	16th June
Commentator	E. Donelly	C. Gaudry
Reader	C. Gaudry	C. Leotta
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M & E Carney
Leader		

Congratulations to:

*Dave Steven Mejia*  
and  
*Maria Monica Estabillo*



Who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 8th/ Sunday 9th June 2024		
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
First Reader	K. Barker	B. Redden
Second Reader	A. McLean	W. Bodycote
EMOC	L. Nicholson	M. Gilbert
Altar Server		
Welcomer	F. Lupton	O. O'Brien
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Counter	3rd June	L. Nicholson
Saturday 15th/ Sunday 16th June 2024		
Commentator	C. Furney	G. Myles
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
EMOC	I. Byrne	K. Cassidy
Altar Server		
Welcomer	S. Walker	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	St Matthews	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	A. Baker	R. Gawthorne
Counter	11th June	R. Croake
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne	Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/ Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne

## Year 12 and Prayer Partner Mass

Year 12 students invite their Prayer Partners to join them for Mass in the Secondary School Campus Chapel on Wednesday, 26th June at 10.40am followed by morning tea.



### The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024

#### June— For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

#### JOKE JUNCTION.....

Why did the man run around his bed?  
He was trying to catch up on his sleep!

Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos

### GULGONG NEWS

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's Group will be on Tuesday 5 th of June in the Convent at 2pm. All ladies of the parish are very welcome.

**READERS & SACRISTANS** - we are looking for people to come forward and assist as Sacristans, to help prepare the church for Mass or Readers at Mass. Please consider helping with these ministries. Just give your name to Marilyn Carney or Carolyn Holland. Training will be provided.

### KANDOS NEWS

Prayer meeting weekly on Mondays, will be held at 10am at Rylstone followed by a cuppa.

Donations are being accepted for a new organ for St. Malachy's church, Rylstone. Donations will be acknowledged. Please contact Fr. Owen or the Parish Office or Louis.

#### Save the Date

St Vincent de Paul thanksgiving Mass on 4th August at 11am at Kandos.

Celebrating over 90 years of Caring in our area.

You are invited to join the *Mackillop Singers*. Practice on Thursday at 10am. Contact Lou or the Parish Office for further details.

### MUDGEE NEWS

We are asking for volunteers to help with the Flower decorating in the church. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Cushions for the pews are available in a tub at the back of the Church. Please return them after use.

### Rosary Group

Please come and join us in Praying the Rosary before Mass on Sundays.

Starts at 8.30am allowing time for quiet meditation before Mass starts.

*"For wherever two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I, in their midst"*

Matthew 18:20



DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon, 3/06</b>	<b>Sts Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</b>
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 4/06</b>	<b>Ninth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 5/06</b>	<b>St Boniface, bishop, martyr</b>
10.40am	<b>Mass</b> — SMCS Secondary Campus Yr 8
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	<b>Mass</b> -Mudgee
<b>Thu, 6/06</b>	<b>Ninth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee—SMCS Yr 2
12 noon	Angelus
12.15pm	<b>Mass</b> —Gulgong—All Hallows First Reconciliation and Mass
<b>Fri, 7/06</b>	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—Solemnity</b>
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	<b>Communion Service</b> —Mudgee
<b>Sat, 8/6</b>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
11.00am	Baptisms
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sun, 9/6</b>	<b>TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8.30am	Rosary—Mudgee
9.00am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
10.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Gulgong
11.00am	<b>Mass</b> - Kandos
12 noon	Angelus
2pm—3pm	Holy Hour of Exposition & Adoration concluding with Solemn Benediction

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST INVITES  
YEARS 6 TO 12 STUDENTS**

**RISE 2024**

**Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July**

**For more information:**  
**mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au**

**Or see or email our Youth Minister**  
**J.newman6@bth.catholic.edu.au**



Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos

**MASSSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.**

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Bernadette Seckold (Cessnock), James "Jim" Furney (Dubbo), Greg Vaughan (Yeoval), Francis Boyd-Skinner.

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

James Burnett, Sinfracia Tulabing, Katherine Carberry, Edward Philips, Christopher Condon, Jack Lee, Colin Campbell, Peter Rayner, Phyllis Whitehall, John Dunnachie, Anita Denniss, Thomas Deasy, Noel Hodges, Barry Rayner, Pat Barber, Marcus Bryant, Lois Pilley, Dorothy Davidson, Timothy Hundy, Margaret Dixon, Rodney Upton, Robert Reen, Joyce Comer, Patricia Onslow.

**For the deceased, especially:**

Sr Patricia Adams, Sheila van Gent, Kevin Scott, Alice Drew, Sr Catherine Grant, Bishop Peter Ingham, Stephen Rohr, Kelly Williams, Maggie Swientek.

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

**Prayers requested for the sick:**

Ron Stewart, Ron Muscat, Carla Perrotto, Carmen Archer, Trish Buckley, Joe Saliba, Doreen Wurth, Horace Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Harris, Tracy Donnelly, Angela Marakovic, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Josephine Debacksta, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Kim Barry, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

*by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart*

**You Are What You Eat**

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'the body and blood of Christ'.

The reading from the Book of Exodus describes the ritual that sealed the Covenant God made with Moses and the people at Mount Sinai. After listening to an account of God's side of the Covenant, the people vow to do everything God tells them to do. The sprinkling of blood on the people is a symbol of the unification of God and the people.

The writer of the psalm offers up the cup of salvation as a ritual sealing of God's Covenant with the people and as a way of thanking God for all that has been given.

The reading from Hebrews tells us about Jesus, the great high priest, who offered the perfect sacrifice to God. Jesus did not offer sacrifices of animals, but spilled his own blood so that we might be freed from sin.

The reading from Mark's Gospel is an account of the Last Supper, in which Jesus breaks bread that he identifies with his body and shares a cup of wine that he identifies with his blood. This meal with its ritual of sacrifice and thanksgiving has become our Eucharist and is the centre of our faith as Catholic Christians.

Corpus Christi is the celebration of the body and blood of Christ given to us as the sign and seal of God's Covenant with us.



## Financially Supporting your Parish

As we approach the end on another financial year, we express our sincere gratitude to all parishioners who have supported our parishes financially over this past year.

Without your financial support, we can not continue to do what we are called by God to do—look after the pastoral life and outreach of our parishes which is our most important ministry.

To do this we must pay the everyday running cost of electricity, rates, salaries, the increasing insurance cost and attend to the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

They are many different ways that you can financially support your parish:

- ⇒ **Planned giving**—This is where you can pledge an amount that you are will to give to your parish over the year. This can be done via special envelope, Direct Debit or Direct Deposit. Planned Giving allows your parish to budget for maintenance. Over the next couple of weeks we will be asking you to either renew your Planned Giving or to sign up to Planned Giving.
- ⇒ **Good Giving Website**—There are posters available in your church with a QR code that will take you to the Good Giving website. There you can set up a periodic donation or a one off donation to your parish.
- ⇒ **A Bequeath in your Will**
- ⇒ **Investing in a Term Deposit with CDF**—this is a win win option. You will earn interest on your money and the CDF will donate based on 2.5% of your annual investment to the Parish of your choice, at no cost to you. See below for more detail.

### FIXED TERM INVESTMENT RATES

Interest is paid on maturity of Fixed Term Investment

Minimum Investment \$5,000.00



HELP THE  
CDF HELP  
YOUR  
PARISH!

3 months	3.25%
6 months	3.75%
9 months	4.00%
12 months	5.00%
24 months	Rate by Negotiation

When you invest with CDF, you receive your interest at maturity and the CDF will also donate based on 2.50% of your annual investment to Parish of your choice within the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst.

(eg \$100,000 12month Term deposit = a donation of \$2,500 from the CDF to your Parish)

For more information:  
[www.cdfbathurst.org.au](http://www.cdfbathurst.org.au)



## BOOK FOR SALE.....

### A History of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Bathurst

We are very excited to advise this book is now available to purchase for \$30.00 per book, or \$45.00 with postage. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact our office on telephone: 02 6338 3000



### Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

11 DAYS

Set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes and spirit of our nations' first saint.

Celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop  
in Penola

Melbourne to Adelaide - 3/8 to 13/8  
Tour Code: MM2402 TOUR

FULLY ESCORTED

With Chaplain: Fr Garry McKeown  
And Tour Co-ordinator: Sr Helen Saunders RSJ Plus  
Professional Driver/Guide

COST \$4590 Per person Twin or Dbl + Domestic Airfares  
(if applicable)

Price based on min 25 group size. SINGLE ROOM \$1490  
Additional Supplement

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

Reading for next Sunday: **TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gen3:9-15

Ps 129: R.

2 Cor 4:13—5:1

Mk 3:20-35