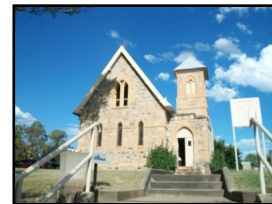


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 21ST JULY 2024

First Reading: [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 22. R. v.2](#)

(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.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **(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: [Ephesians 2:13-18](#)

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 6:30-34](#)

They were as sheep without a shepherd.



REFLECTION By Greg Sunter

Fifty years ago the word 'stress' was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with 'pressure', it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they're under at school! Perhaps it's the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilised world. Although he may never have used the words 'stress' or 'pressure', Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out. If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you've shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.

Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.

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Gulgong Roster		
	28th July	4 Aug
Commentator	R. Saliba	D. Kelly
Reader	M. Golino	J. Thatcher
Sacristan	M & E Carney	TBA
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 27th/ Sunday 28th July 2024		
Commentator	B. Petersen	G. Myles
First Reader	A. Fergus	J. Tioseco
Second Reader	Iris Byrne	B. Redden
EMOC	D. Cunningham	K. Cassidy
Altar Server		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	M. Dorney	O. O'Brien
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Counter	22nd July	E. Goodlet
Saturday 3rd/ Sunday 4th August 2024		
Commentator	D. Cunningham	L. Croake
First Reader	L. Nicholson	M. Bodycote
Second Reader	J. Thomet	W. Bodycote
EMOC	C. Furney	R. Croake
Altar Server		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	I. Browne	R. Gawthorne
Counter	29th July	K. O'Brien
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue— R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne	Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/ Fr Owen Sun— R. Gawthorne

MUDGEE NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with:

- ⇒ *Flower decorating* in the Church
- ⇒ *Offertory*—bring up the gifts during Mass. This ministry can be do as a group or family.
- ⇒ *Welcomers*—Do you have a smile and like to say hello to people, this ministry may be for you. Greeting people out the front of the church before Mass and giving them a Bulletin is important ministry and leaves a lasting impression of our community.

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 cushions to tub after use.

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

On the 4th August, SVDP will be celebrating 95 yrs of caring in Kandos area.

A Thanks Giving Mass will be held at 11am followed by lunch. All welcome.

RSVP to Carol, Linda, Maureen by 23rd July. Ladies please bring a slice or cake.

GULGONG NEWS

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 Merilyn Carney or Carolyn Holland.

Training will be provided.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024

July — For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



Baptism:

Welcome to our Parish community



Theo William Seis

and

Flynn Edward Seis

children of Mark and Brittany

Youth Group Kick-Off!

We are excited to announce the start of our Youth Group, open to all young people from Year 9 to young adults (30 years old). The group will focus on Faith, Fun and Food. This group is a fantastic opportunity to grow in faith, develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and participate in fun and meaningful activities.

When: 3 pm every Sunday.

Start on 28 July.

Where: Parish Hall.

In the long run, we need volunteers for logistics. Picking up pizza is an example. Please! Don't hesitate to get in touch with the office if you would like to help.

And most importantly, please spread the word to those you think that this youth group will be good for them.

Historical Context

Sheep and Shepherds

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 22/07	St Mary Magdalene—Feast
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 23/07	Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
Wed, 24/07	Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 25/07	St James—Feast
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
12.30pm	First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Parent and Carers Meeting in the Parish Centre.
Fri, 26/07	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 27/07	Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 28/07	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
8.30am	Rosary - Mudgee
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Rylstone
12 noon	Angelus
3.00pm	Youth Group
5.00pm	Word & Faith Group

Synod on Synodality: Australian Summary Report

The Australian Summary Report on the Synod on Synodality has now been published and is available at:

<https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/synod-on-synodality/>

Have you thought? Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls,
you called the apostles
and made them fishers of men.
Continue to draw to yourself ardent
and generous souls from among the young,
in order to make them followers
and your ministers.
Give them a share in your thirst
for the redemption of all...
Open before them the horizons of the entire world...
By responding to your call,
may they prolong your mission here on earth,
build up your Mystical Body which is the Church,
and be 'the salt of the earth'
and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)".

THE PRAYER OF POPE SAINT PAUL VI
FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS, 11 APRIL 1964

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MASSSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:

Bishop Kevin Manning, Freddie Solti, Val Headley.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Eric Giles, Terence Gaffney, John Conlon, Mary Hooker, Rita Kurtz, Audrey James, Hester Morgan, Catherine O'Meara, Marie Adams, Maxwell Harris, Christopher Hibberd, Robert Kidd, John Little, Patrick Woods, Ronald Phillips, Fay Brand, Paul Flynn, Jeffrey Jones, Betty Curry, Hugh Lenard, Johann Krismer, Una Day, Michael Shumack, Irena Karkicha, William Bradley, Robyn Cafe

For the deceased, especially:

Graham Hawkins, Ron Stewart, Marie Sheridan, Maggie Swientek.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:

Sigrid Germon, 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, Josephine Debaksta, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Kim Barry, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

JOKE JUNCTION.....



What type of lights did Noah have on the Ark?

Floodlights!



Becoming Catholic

"The love of Jesus is for everyone; everyone has the same privilege: that of being loved and forgiven."

Pope Francis, Palm Sunday 2022

The **RCIA** is for all those seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

This journey is for people who have never been baptised, and for those who have been baptised in other Christian denominations. Even parishioners can benefit in being part of their journey.

The non-baptised are prepared in a Catholic parish RCIA program and are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Communion, which traditionally takes place at the Easter Vigil.

For those already baptised, they too are prepared and welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Communion, which can also take place during Easter celebrations or another suitable season. Catholic who would like to know more about their faith are also welcome. **If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact the parish office**

"Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."

Blessed Carlo Acutis

ENTRY

FREE

DATE

3RD
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TIME

10.00 AM
CONCLUDES WITH
MASS AT 5.00 PM

LOCATION

SHALOM
HOUSE OF PRAYER
(CARCOAR)

RSVP



BUILDING A CULTURE OF VOCATION

Then they said to him, "What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?" Jesus gave them this answer, "This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent." Jn 6:28-29

The fundamental vocation is Baptism: As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

Out of and within the fundamental vocation of Baptism, there are many ways in which Christians may be called to a particular service. Some may be modest and temporary, succeeded by other tasks; others may last a lifetime.

Join us in a time of prayer to discern what God is asking from you.



Register by scanning the QR code on the top of the page.

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Parent / Carer Sessions

Parents / Carers need to attend one of the following sessions

Thursday, 25th July at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre
or

Tuesday, 30th July at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre

See our website: www.mudgee.catholic.org.au
for more details.

Youth Reflection by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

God's Word

Unexpected Quiet

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Come rest awhile'.

Through Jeremiah, God warns the shepherds who divide and scatter the sheep. God will gather those sheep together who were not cared for before and find a good shepherd to look after them. This good shepherd is a 'shoot of David', which many biblical scholars see as an allusion to the coming of Jesus and the fulfillment of God's promise to David to continue his line of descendants.

The psalmist describes the Lord God as a good shepherd. He gives a job description for a good shepherd as one who provides green pastures and restful waters, who shows the path to walk and gives courage in the dark valley, who calls people to the table and invites them to live in the Lord's house. This psalm is a personal favourite of many people because it is a prayer for comfort and protection.

The passage from Ephesians says that Christ not only brings peace, but he is peace. Like a shepherd who draws his flock together, Jesus draws us together into one community so that we are not alone, but one with others. Where there is hostility, Jesus brings reconciliation and peace.

The Gospel reading shows us that even Jesus and the Apostles needed a break now and then. Yet people kept coming to them. But even when he was tired, Jesus, like a good shepherd, had compassion for those who were in need. He saw the people as sheep without a shepherd, as in the first reading.



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

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v. 16

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15