

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.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 28TH JULY 2024

First Reading: [2 Kings 4:42-44](#)

They will eat and have some left over.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16](#)

(R.) *The hands of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 6:1-15](#)

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

FRANCIS' FOCUS - REFLECTION *By Nick Brodie*

Pope Francis draws our attention to the boy's role in today's Gospel passage. He 'makes us think', the Pope says. 'His compassion moved him to offer what he had.'

There is no suggestion in the Gospel that the loaves and fish were forcibly taken from the boy. Rather, it is implied that they were his gift. An act of human charity is, therefore, a key element in Jesus' miracle.

Another noteworthy factor is Jesus' sense of priority. This episode, the Pope points out, 'shows us again that Jesus is attentive to people's primary needs'. This has implications for we who seek to follow him.

After all, the boy was discovered because Jesus prompted his disciples to think about how they could feed the crowd. As the Pope says, 'the people were hungry and Jesus engaged his disciples so that this hunger could be satisfied.'

While Jesus offered the crowd much more than food – 'his Word, his solace, his salvation, ultimately his life' – he did not neglect their physical needs. 'And we, his disciples, cannot ignore this', the Pope affirms. We are called to follow the example of Jesus, his apostles, and the boy with a few loaves and fish. We must not turn our backs on the people or retreat from the world. We must face up to the reality we find – and do what we can.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Reminder to all parents and carers:

Please scan the Children's Liturgy QR code at the front of the church to sign your child in for Children's Liturgy.

ALL children attending Children's Liturgy must be signed in by their parents or carers.



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Gulgong Roster		
	4th Aug	11th Aug
Commentator	D. Kelly	P. Leotta
Reader	J. Thatcher	B. Toole
Sacristan	TBA	C. Holland
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
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 Jul	K. O'Brien
Saturday 10th/ Sunday 11th August 2024		
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles
First Reader	A. McLean	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
EMOC	L. Nicholson	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server		
Welcomer	F. Lupton	Mrs. S. Walker
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	L. Nicholson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	5th Aug	M. Walker
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue— R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne	Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/ Fr Owen Sun— R. Gawthorne

MUDGE 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 Marilyn 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.



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.

Youth Reflection

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Who has the courage to bring forth those five barley loaves and two fish? A young person! It is a young person who makes the decision to share personal food with a crowd of people. That young person gives us an example of how we should be. That one young person makes a difference.

Have you ever been in that situation? Have you ever done something that served as an example to adults as well as to other young people? If so, what did you do? What happened?

So often we want to make a difference, but we feel as if we cannot. 'I am only one person. How can I make a difference?' is what we often ask ourselves. But most major changes in the world happen because one or two people have the courage to try something new.

Lots of times we try something new and it fails. At that point we have two choices. We can either give up or we can try again in a way that applies our learning from the first failed attempt. Sooner or later we will make a discovery: we will discover the right way to do something new, or we will discover that we've put enough time and energy into a difficult quest and it's time to change gears and focus on something else.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 29/07	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus—Memorial
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 30/07	Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
6.30pm	First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Parent and Carers Meeting in the Parish Centre.
Wed, 31/07	St Ignatius of Loyola, priest—Memorial
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 1/08	St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee—SMCS Yr 2
12 noon	Angelus
12.15pm	Mass—Gulgong—All Hallows Yr 6, Yr 3 & Kinder
Fri, 2/08	Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time
10.30am	Mass—Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 3/08	St Dominic, priest—Memorial
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 4/07	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VOC
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

JOKE JUNCTION.....

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

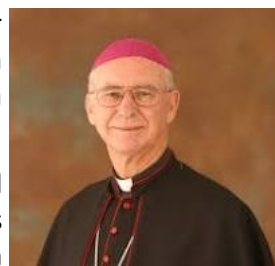
**Synod on Synodality: Australian Summary Report**

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/>

Bishop Kevin Manning

Bishop Manning was born on 2 November 1933 in Coolah, NSW to Kevin and Edith Manning, he was the second eldest in a family of five boys and two girls.



He attended Sacred Heart Primary School in Coolah before going on to St Columba's College, Springwood where he later began his studies for the priesthood. He was selected to complete his studies at the Propaganda Fide College in Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood on 21 December 1961.

From 1962 to 1978, he served as a priest of the Diocese of Bathurst. In 1978, he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in Canberra for five years, and then as Secretary from 1983 to 1991.

In 1991, Bishop Manning was appointed the eighth Bishop of Armidale, NSW, where he served until his appointment as Bishop of Parramatta on 10 July 1997.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Paramatta on Friday 2nd August at 11am.

Bishop Manning will be buried on Monday 5th August in Coolah NSW, his home town. A **Memorial Mass** will be said at 11.00am at Sacred Heart Church and will be followed by the internment at Coolah cemetery.

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.**For the recently deceased especially:**

Richard Orth, Dot Robinson, Bishop Kevin Manning.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Doris Carroll, Edward Loneragan, Glenda Seath, Mavis Smith, Patrick Fittler, Susan Peterson, Clement Morris, Maxwell Pillley, Siegfried Braun, Allan Heaslip, Ruby Gawthorne, Alan Forwood, Brian O'Farrell, Emmanuel Farrugia, Lynette Pilley, Warren Roche, Helmut Muller, John McRae, Penelope Hoyer, Ernest Nairne, William Tighe, Rina d'Ilio, Maggie Swientek

For the deceased, especially:

Freddie Solti, Val Headley, Graham Hawkins, Ron Stewart, Marie Sheridan, Mijo (Michael) Glavacevic Sr, Anka Glavacevic, Djuro (George) Jozicic, Eva Jozicic, Mijo (Michael) Glavacevic, Ana Glavacevic.

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.

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	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	RSVP
FREE	3 RD AUG	10.00 AM CONCLUDES WITH MASS AT 5.00 PM	SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER (CARCOAR)	



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 Session

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended the meeting on Thursday. For those who were not able to attend, the meeting will be repeated on

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

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

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

28 July 2024

A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents
by Greg Sunter

God of all the generations

*Your gift of faith and gift of love
have been handed down to us
through parents, grandparents and
great-grandparents for all of time.*

*Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them.
Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection.
Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories.
Bless their knees and laps we sit on.
Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us.
Bless their legs that walk beside us.
Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us.
And bless their faces that bring us joy.*

*Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.
We make this prayer through Saint Joachim and Saint
Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.*

Amen.



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

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35