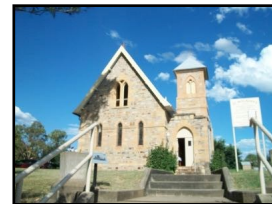


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

## 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.



### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 4TH AUGUST 2024

**First Reading:** [Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15](#)

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24](#)

**(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won.  
**(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Ephesians 4:17, 20-24](#)

*Put on the new person that has been created in  
God's image.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of  
God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [John 6:24-35](#)

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This year is the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the theme is "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace".

A vocation is a calling, and we are called by God to life and love. There are different ways to live this out over your whole life, for example Pope Francis wants us to be grateful for mothers and fathers, advocates of justice and service, consecrated men and women, and priests. There are also other vocation pathways such as educators, singles and deacons. Each of us can find our own pathway and contribute to the bigger picture, fulfilling our lives and making the world a better place, full of hope and peace.



### 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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Fr Cong Hoang

#### Parish Deacon

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#### 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:**

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| Gulgong Roster                         |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | 11th Aug   | 18th Aug   |
| <b>Commentator</b>                     | P. Leotta  | J. Thatcher  |
| <b>Reader</b>                          | B. Toole   | K. Ritar   |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                       | C. Holland   | R. Saliba  |
| <b>Leader</b>                          |  |  |
| Mudgee Roster                          |  |  |
| Saturday 10th/ Sunday 11th August 2024 |  |  |
| <b>Commentator</b>                     | C. Furney  | A. Myles   |
| <b>First Reader</b>                    | A. McLean  | K. Cassidy   |
| <b>Second Reader</b>                   | D. Cunningham  | M. Matthews  |
| <b>EMOC</b>                            | L. Nicholson   | M. Dunnachie   |
| <b>Altar Server</b>                    |  |  |
| <b>Welcomer</b>                        | F. Lupton  | Mrs. S. Walker   |
| <b>Offertory</b>                       | K. Isbester  | Children's Liturgy   |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                       | L. Nicholson   | R. Gawthorne   |
| <b>Counter</b>                         | 5th Aug  | M. Walker  |
| Saturday 17th/ Sunday 18th August 2024 |  |  |
| <b>Commentator</b>                     | A. McLean  | M. Matthews  |
| <b>First Reader</b>                    | St. Matthews   | St. Matthews   |
| <b>Second Reader</b>                   | St. Matthews   | St. Matthews   |
| <b>EMOC</b>                            | I. Byrne   | R. Gawthorne   |
| <b>Altar Server</b>                    |  |  |
| <b>Welcomer</b>                        | D. Delahunty   | M. Dunnachie   |
| <b>Offertory</b>                       | St. Matthews   | Children's Liturgy   |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                       | L. Robinson  |  |
| <b>Counter</b>                         | 12th Aug   | K. O'Brien   |
| <b>Bells</b>                           | Mon—E. Goodlet<br>Tue—<br>R. Gawthorne<br>Wed—J. Cooper<br>Thu—I. Browne | Fri— I. Browne<br>Sat— I. Browne/<br>Fr Owen<br>Sun—<br>R. Gawthorne |

**KANDOS NEWS****ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Is celebrating 95 years of caring for the community in the Kandos area. We congratulate "Vinnies" for all the good works they do for the community and those who generously volunteer, dedicating their time to assist those in need.

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.

**GULGONG NEWS****CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP**

The next meeting of the Gulgong Catholic Women's Group will be held on the 6th of August, at 2.00pm in the convent. 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.

**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.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024**

**August — For Political Leaders**



**CATHOLIC  
DEVELOPMENT FUND  
BATHURST**

CDF turn's 60 this year. Come and celebrate with them next weekend in Mudgee and Gulgong (Kandos your turn is coming). The Staff from CDF will be available for a chat after Mass on Saturday and Sunday and they are bring cake!

**REFLECTION** By Dianne Bergant CSA

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

**New Parishioners Dinner**

**Friday 23rd August**

**6pm**

Have you arrived in our Parish in the past year?

Or

Do you know someone who is new to our parish?

Please advise parish office of names and details as Fr Owen & the Parish Council wish to invite our new parishioners to a welcome dinner. Phone St. Mary's Parish office on 6372 2122.

| DAY BY DAY |   |
|------------|---|
| Mon, 05/08 | <b>Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time</b>       |
|            | <b>Parish Office opens at 10am</b>            |
| 11.00am    | Memorial Mass - Bishop Kevin Manning - Coolah |
| 12 noon    | Angelus                                       |
| Tue, 06/08 | <b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>        |
| 9.30am     | Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr3                      |
| 12 noon    | Angelus                                       |
| Wed, 07/08 | <b>Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time</b>       |
| 12 noon    | Angelus                                       |
| 5.30pm     | Reconciliation                                |
| 5.45pm     | Mass - Mudgee                                 |
| Thu, 08/08 | <b>St Mary of the Cross, Solemnity</b>        |
| 9.30am     | Mass - Mudgee                                 |
| 12 noon    | Angelus                                       |
| Fri, 9/08  | <b>Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time</b>       |
| 10.30am    | Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home                   |
| 11.30am    | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament           |
| 12noon     | Rosary  |
| 12.30pm    | Mass - Mudgee                                 |
| Sat, 10/08 | <b>St Lawrence Deacon and Martyr</b>          |
| 11.00am    | Baptism                                       |
| 12 noon    | Angelus                                       |
| 4.30pm     | Reconciliation                                |
| 5.00pm     | Mass - Mudgee                                 |
| Sun, 11/08 | <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>     |
| 8.30am     | Rosary - Mudgee                               |
| 9.00am     | Mass - Mudgee                                 |
| 10.30am    | Mass - Gulgong                                |
| 11.00am    | Mass - Kandos                                 |
| 12 noon    | Angelus                                       |
| 3.00pm     | Youth Group                                   |
| 5.00pm     | Word & Faith Group                            |



#### JOKE JUNCTION.....

A priest told his congregation "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my homily, I want you all to read Mark 17".

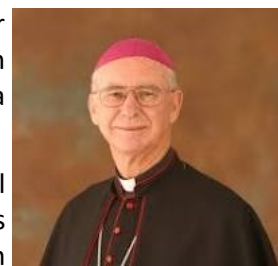
The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his homily, he asked how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The priest smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

#### 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.

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

##### For the recently deceased especially:

Norma Craft, Richard Orth, Dot Robinson, Bishop Kevin Manning.

**We remember the anniversaries of:** Allan Heaslip, Marie Attrill, Craig Lynch, Simon Bennett, Charlie Xuereb, Deoborah Dziendziel, Colleen Condon, Judith Watson, Lorna Wakeling, Helmut Muller, Enid Devoy, Bill McRae, Warren Roche, Mona Patman, Carol Pelin.

##### 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.



## YOUTH GROUP!

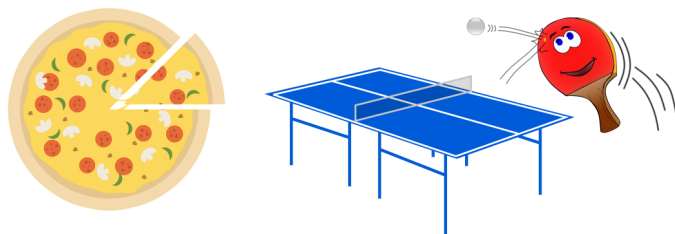
On Sunday 28th July, we were very excited to “kick off” our Youth Group! The group is open to young people from the **ages of 13 to 17** and focuses on **Faith, Fun and Food**. It is a fantastic opportunity to grow in faith, develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and participate in fun and meaningful activities.

**When:** 3 pm every Sunday

**Where:** Parish Hall

Those who are 18 years old and over are welcome to volunteer to assist with the group. In the long run, we need volunteers for logistics, picking up pizzas is an example. Please! Don't hesitate to get in touch with the parish 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

The people ask Jesus for a sign, like the manna bread that Moses and their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus tells the crowd that he himself is the ‘bread of life’.

How strong is your faith? Do you feel connected to Jesus and believe he is present to you? Or do you wish you could have more miraculous signs – perhaps like bread falling to you from the sky?

Jesus recognises that the people are more concerned with perishable food to fill their stomachs. He urges them to be concerned with the food that will not perish, with food that is eternal and that feeds the soul, not just the body.

No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our souls? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus? What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings ‘food for the soul’ to others?

Teenagers seem to be preoccupied with the latest fashion statement, the kinds of pants and shirts that are in style, the music that is currently topping the charts, and even the words and phrases that are popular in teen language. These are all fads that come and go, certainly like the ‘perishable food’ Jesus talks about. What would Jesus say about teenagers and their love for these things? What do you think about them?

## 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, (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**, 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.

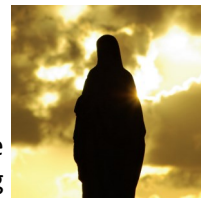
The non-baptised are prepared in a Catholic parish RCIA program and are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Communion, which traditionally takes place at the Easter Vigil.

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 on 6372 2122.**

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

*Blessed Carlo Acutis*

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday 15th August



Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, “having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary’s earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary’s body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

Mass Times of Thursday 15th August:

**9.15am**—St John the Baptism, Gulgong

**9.30am**—St Matthews Primary School

**10.40am**—St Matthews Secondary School (School only)

**11.30am**—St Dominic’s, Kandos

**5.45pm**—St Mary’s, Mudgee

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

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

John 6:41-51