

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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 11TH AUGUST 2024

First Reading: [1 Kings 19:4-8](#)

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Ephesians 4:30-32](#)

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: [John 6:41-51](#)

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah.

There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.

Reminder to all Children's Liturgy 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.



NOTE: [Sacramental Program sign in](#), please use the QR code near the Piety Store.

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons
Fr Cong Hoang

Parish Deacon

Rev Charles Applin

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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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www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/

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Gulgong Roster		
	18th Aug	25th Aug
Commentator	J. Thatcher	D. Kelly
Reader	K. Ritar	C. Leotta
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M & E Carney
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 17th/ Sunday 18th August 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	M. Matthews
First Reader	St. Matthews	St. Matthews
Second Reader	St. Matthews	St. Matthews
EMOC	I. Byrne	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	St. Matthews	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	L. Robinson	
Counter	12th Aug	K. O'Brien
Saturday 24th/ Sunday 25th August 2024		
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	C. Furney	L. Croake
Second Reader	K. Barker	O. O'Brien
EMOC	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	Help Needed
Offertory	M. Dorney	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	K. Wall	
Counter	19th Aug	P. 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

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 the 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.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with
catering and on the night. Please contact the
Parish Office if you can help.

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.

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.

MUDGE NEWS ELECTRIC CANDLE STAND

EXCITING NEWS...

We have a new Devotional Candle
Stand for anyone wishing to light a
candle for those who
have died or for any
intention you have. It is
next to Our Lady's Altar
on the organ side of the
sanctuary.



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.

BAPTISM:

We welcome to our
Mudgee Parish

Oliver Peter Hill

Son of Steven and Elise



WELCOME

We welcome into our parishes
Father Francis Muhenda, who will
be celebrating our Vigil Mass in
Mudgee Saturday 17th August and
our Sunday Mass in Gulgong,
18th August.

We hope Father Francis enjoys his
time with us.

HSC Trials

Our Year 12 cohort start their
Trial HSC Exams on Monday 12th
August. The Exams will run over
the next two weeks and some of
the exams will take place in the
Parish Centre.
Please keep these students in
your thoughts and prayers.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024

August — For Political Leaders

Pope Francis invites prayers "so
that political leaders may serve
their people, work for
comprehensive human
development and the common
good, attending to those who
have lost their jobs and
prioritizing the poorest."



DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 12/08	Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 13/08	Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr4
12 noon	Angelus
Wed, 14/08	St Maximillian Kolbe, priest, martyr
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 15/08	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
9.15am	Mass —St John the Baptist, Gulgong All Hallows School All welcome
9.30am	Mass - St Matthews Primary Campus All Welcome
10.40am	Mass —St Matthews Secondary Campus
11.30am	Mass —St Dominic's, Kandos
12 noon	Angelus
5.45pm	Mass —St Mary's, Mudgee
Fri, 9/08	Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
11.00am	Mass - Kanadah Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 17/08	Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
11.00am	Baptism
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 18/08	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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.....

How many tennis players does it take to change a light bulb?

None, because they all say,
"What do you mean it was out, it was in!"

**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/>

Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos

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.

Departs Melbourne—Thursday 10 October 2024
Arrives Adelaide - Sunday 20th October 2024

Tour Code: MM2402

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

MASSES 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:

Jack Barrett, Mervyn Costello, Ben Roberts, Garry Gibbins, Kaitlin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, Peter & Jamal Houry. Anthony & Emily Nehme, William Sawyers, Stanley Taylor, Robyn Marskell, Ronald Garstang, Coral Driscoll, Fredrick Ballard, Grace Wheeler, Desmond Fleming, Robert Dowel, Gerald Doherty, Kames Balston, Ross Lovett, Patricia Goldspink, Peter Williams, Christopher Kinsela, Doris Carroll, Denise Jamieson.

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:**

Daniel Lee, Sigrid Germon, Ron Muscat, Carla Perrotto, Joe Saliba, Carmen Archer, Trish Buckley, Doreen Wurth, Horace Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Harris, Tracy Donnelly, Trevor Roberts (England), Iris McBeath, Josephine Debaksta, Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Kim Barry, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.



CATHOLIC
DEVELOPMENT FUND
BATHURST

Congratulations on 60 Years serving our Bathurst Diocese Community.

At the Catholic Development Fund, our mission is to financially support the 17 parishes that make up the Diocese of Bathurst. We do this by offering great investment opportunities to our parishioners, and any profit that we make after you've been paid interest, goes straight towards supporting and funding great projects like building schools, restoring churches, and offering services.

CDF helped fund the building of our new Secondary Campus and various buildings through out our parishes.



YOUTH GROUP!

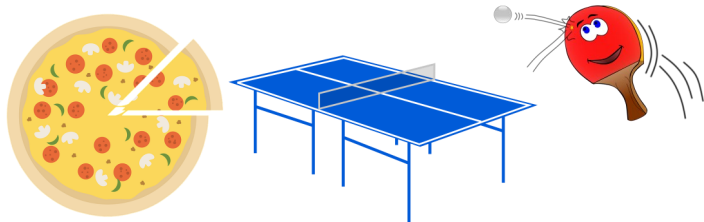
On Sunday 28th July, we were very excited to "kick off" our Youth Group! The group is open to young people from the **ages of 13 to 17** and focuses on **Faith, Fun and Food**. It is a fantastic opportunity to grow in faith, develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and participate in fun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

When: 3 pm every Sunday

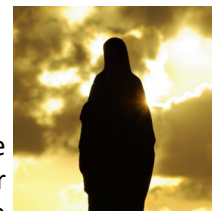
Where: Parish Hall

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!



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday 15th August



The Catholic 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 for 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

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

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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58