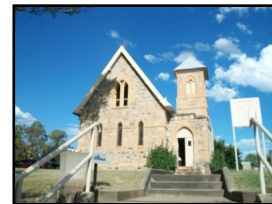


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

## 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.



### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 18TH AUGUST 2024

**First Reading:** [Proverbs 9:1-6](#)

*Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 33:2-3. 10-15 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.)**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **(R.)**

Come children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **(R.)**

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

*Be watchful that you may know the will of God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [John 6:51-58](#)

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

#### Change of Office hours for this week

The office will be open from 10am to 3pm Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink.

The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?



#### 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

#### Parish Secretaries

Mrs Kristie Newman  
Ms Krista O'Brien

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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:**  
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		
	25th Aug	1st Sept
Commentator	D. Kelly	E. Donnelly
Reader	C. Leotta	J. Ritar
Sacristan	M & E Carney	TBA
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
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
Saturday 31st August/ Sunday 1st September 2024		
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
First Reader	D. Delahunty	A. Myles
Second Reader	M. Dorney	M. Cassidy
EMOC	A. Fergus	P. O'Brien
Altar Server		
Welcomer	F. Lupton	Mrs. S. Walker
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	
Counter	26th 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.

## MUDGEE 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



*Hallie Eve Brown*

daughter of Nathan and Jessica

and

*Lily Jae Dawson*

daughter of Casey and Emma

## 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

A reminder, our Year 12 cohort start their Trial HSC Exams on Monday 12th August. The Exams will continue this week and some of the exams will take put 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	
<b>Mon, 19/08</b>	<b>Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 20/08</b>	<b>St Bernard, abbot, doctor</b>
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Mudgee Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Wed, 21/08</b>	<b>St Pius X, pope</b>
10.40pm	Mass—SMCS Secondary Year 9
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
<b>Thu, 22/08</b>	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee—SMCS Year 5
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	First Reconciliation—Mudgee
<b>Fri, 23/08</b>	<b>Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time</b>
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
2.00pm	Wedding
6.00pm	New Parishioners Dinner—Mudgee
<b>Sat, 24/08</b>	<b>St Bartholomew, apostle—Feast</b>
11.00am	Baptism
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
<b>Sun, 25/08</b>	<b>TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</b>
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

Fr Owen will be going on Long Service leave in September, October and November.  
Fr Cong will in charge in during this time.

#### JOKE JUNCTION.....

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?  
Nacho cheese!



## 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

### Father's Day Appeal – Show Your Support

Join us in supporting our **retired priests** through the Father's Day Appeal on Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September.

A special collection will take place at during Mass.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

#### For the recently deceased especially:

Carol Cook.

#### We remember the anniversaries of:

Enda Power, Bob Cox, Malcolm Petrie, Mary Harrington, Paul Lutschini, Patricia Gorman, Marie Robinson, William Birchall, Gwendolyn Baker, Brian Kingdom, Rita Rusten, Vonny Gilders, Carmen Attard, Slavko Baricevic, Barry Slater, Rex Donnelly, Helen Shearman, Bill Hudson, Maree Gruppette, Col Gardiner, Joe Swientek, Bob Fraser.

#### For the deceased, especially:

Norma Craft, Richard Orth, Dot Robinson, Bishop Kevin Manning, Freddie Solti, Lovro Glavacevic, Klara Glavacevic, 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, 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.



## YOUTH GROUP!

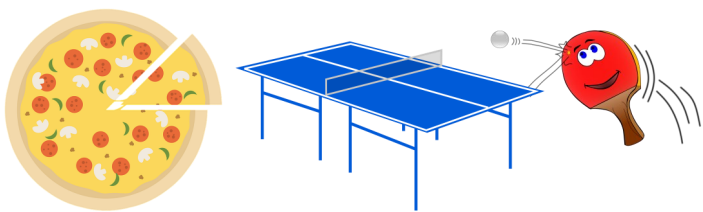
On Sunday 28th July, we were very excited to “kick off” our Youth Group! The group is open to young people from the **ages of 13 to 17** and focuses on **Faith, Fun and Food**. It is a fantastic opportunity to grow in faith, develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and participate in fun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



## 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*

## REFLECTION

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

When Jesus speaks of being the bread of life from heaven, the people listening probably don't understand what he is talking about. At least we understand what he did at the Last Supper, and how his real presence comes to us in the form of bread and wine at Mass.

If you could ask Jesus to explain the sacrament of the Eucharist in terms that a teenager could relate to, what do you think Jesus would tell you?

What is it like for you to go to Mass? Do you find Mass to be a spiritual experience and an important form of community prayer in your life? Why or why not?

If you could give special training to priests on how to help the community celebrate Mass in a way that would involve and engage young people, what suggestions or advice would you give?

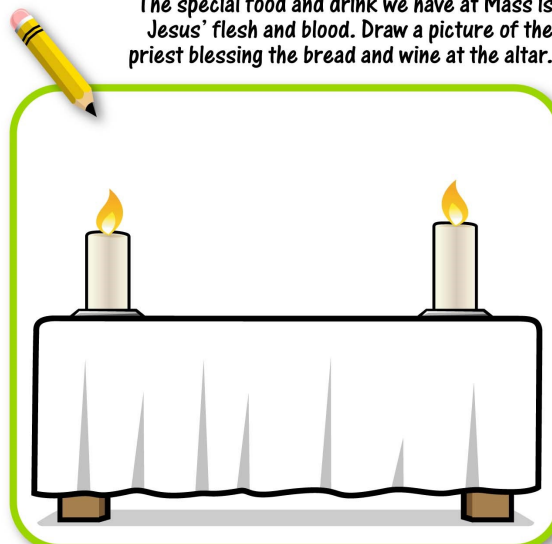
Use the words below to find out what Jesus said to his apostles.

Those who \_\_\_ my flesh  
and \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_  
will have \_\_\_\_\_ life,  
and I will \_\_\_\_\_ them  
up on the last \_\_\_\_.



**eternal  
blood  
day  
drink  
eat  
raise**

The special food and drink we have at Mass is Jesus' flesh and blood. Draw a picture of the priest blessing the bread and wine at the altar.



Reading for next Sunday: **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23 v.9

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69