

*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.

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 FATHER'S DAY SEASON OF CREATION

**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1*

**(R.)** *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** *James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27*  
*Be doers of the word.*


**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.  
Alleluia!


**Gospel:** *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*


*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*



## ANNUAL FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

Sunday 1 September  
*In support of the Retired Priests  
of the Diocese of Bathurst*





Scan the QR code  
to give electronically

This appeal supports priests like Fr. Gerry  
who have served the faithful of our Diocese  
for over 50 years.

#### Celebrating Fathers and Father Figures this Father's Day!

This Father's Day, we honour not only the fathers and father figures who have guided us with love and wisdom but also those who have been spiritual fathers in our parishes—our retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities.

These men have been a source of spiritual guidance, support, and comfort to so many. Now, as they enter retirement, it's our turn to give back.

We invite you to give generously to our Father's Day Appeal, helping to provide the care and support our retired priests deserve. Your donation will go directly towards ensuring they have a comfortable and dignified retirement. Let's celebrate and support those who have given so much to us.

At special collection will be take up at Mass this weekend.

#### 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.***



#### 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:**

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**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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Gulgong Roster		
	8th Sept	15th Sept
<b>Commentator</b>	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba
<b>Reader</b>	M. McGregor	C. Golino
<b>Sacristan</b>	C. Holland	R. Saliba
<b>Leader</b>		<b>Help Needed</b>
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 7th Sept/Sunday 8th September 2024		
<b>Commentator</b>	C. Furney	G. Myles
<b>First Reader</b>	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's
<b>Second Reader</b>	St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's
<b>EMOC</b>	L. Nicholson	K. Cassidy
<b>Altar Server</b>		
<b>Welcomer</b>	C. Carberry	A. Blazevic
<b>Offertory</b>	St. Matthew's	Children's Liturgy
<b>Sacristan</b>	A. Baker	R. Gawthorne
<b>Counter</b>	2nd Sept	K. O'Brien
Saturday 14th Sept/Sunday 15th September 2024		
<b>Commentator</b>	A. McLean	L. Croake
<b>First Reader</b>	I. Byrne	A. Myles
<b>Second Reader</b>	P. Cannon	M. Dunnachie
<b>EMOC</b>	C. Furney	R. Croake
<b>Altar Server</b>		
<b>Welcomer</b>	D. Delahunty	M. Gilbert
<b>Offertory</b>	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
<b>Sacristan</b>	I. Browne	R. Gawthorne
<b>Counter</b>	9th Sept	E. Goodlet
<b>Bells</b>	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue— R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne	Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/ Fr Owen Sun— R. Gawthorne

### 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."



### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Fr Owen will be going on Long Service leave for the months of September, October and November.

Fr Cong will be the Administrator for our parishes during this time.

### Priest and Secretaries Seminars

Fr Cong will be on a Diocesan Priest retreat from Monday 2nd September to Wednesday 4th September. The Parish office will be open as normal.

All the Parish Secretaries in the Bathurst Diocese will be attending a Seminar in Mudgee from 1pm on Tuesday 10th September to 1pm on Thursday 12th September. The office will be closed during this time.

### MUDGE NEWS

**Cushions for the pews** are available in a tub at the back of the Church. Please return cushions to tub after use.

### 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.

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group** will be meeting at the convent on Tuesday 3rd September, 2.00pm.

### 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.

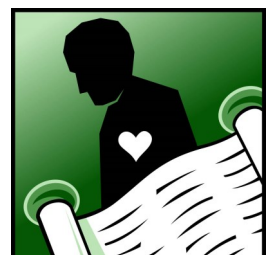
### REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.



DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon, 2/09</b>	<b>Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time</b>
	The office will open at 10am
	SMCS Year 2 Retreat—Parish Centre
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 3/09</b>	<b>St Gregory the Great—Memorial</b>
9.30am	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 4/09</b>	<b>Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time</b>
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Thu, 5/09</b>	<b>Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time</b>
	SMCS Year 7 Retreat
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee — SMCS 1
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Fri, 6/09</b>	<b>Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time</b>
10.30am	<b>Mass</b> —Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
2.00pm	Funeral—Mudgee—Theresa May
<b>Sat, 7/09</b>	<b>Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time</b>
12 noon	Angelus
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sun, 8/09</b>	<b>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY</b>
8.30am	Rosary - Mudgee
9.00am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
10.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Gulgong
11.00am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Kandos
12 noon	Angelus
5.00pm	Word & Faith Group

### YOUTH GROUP!

Thank you to those who have been attending our Parish Youth Group. Please note that the group will **NOT** be on this weekend, Sunday 1st September.

*Safeguard Creation.  
Because if we destroy creation,  
Creation will destroy us.  
Never forget this.  
—Pope Francis—*



JOKE JUNCTION.....

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?  
A roamin' Catholic!

Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos

## REFLECTION

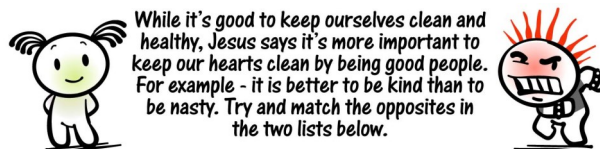
**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus emphasises the purity that is in our hearts and the purity reflected by our actions. The people criticising him emphasise the appearance of purity and the cleansing rituals required by Law in order to avoid becoming 'ritually unclean'.

How much time, money, and energy is invested in cosmetics, hair products, fashionable clothing, and the like – just so we have the appearance of being popular and successful? Can any of these products actually make someone a better person? How so? What would Jesus say about our addiction to these products?

As a society and a culture, do you think we are more interested in actual success or in the appearance of success? What is your definition of success?

How much energy or effort goes into making ourselves better people? What opportunities are there for people to address what's on the inside of a person? What steps do you take (or can you take) to improve yourself from the inside out?



Those with clean hearts are....

**wise**  
**kind**  
**sharing**  
**polite**  
**honest**

Those with unclean hearts are....

**untruthful**  
**greedy**  
**foolish**  
**nasty**  
**rude**

### MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

**For the recently deceased especially:**

John Muller, Theresa May, Jeff Thurlow, Carol Cook.

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Mary Carragher, Tony Blazevic, Ada Fitzpatrick, Jean Graham, Mary Robinson, Kevin Murphy, Cecil Evans, June Melrose, Marea Cox, John Crowe, Veronica Clarke, John Maloney, Thors Rusten, John Byrnes, Robert Hough, Joseph Dolanski, Bob Prowse, Margaret Nevell, Hilda Mealy, Anthony Innes, Bernadette Mahon, Joan Paine, Jamal Khoury, Lance Reimers, Patricia Morrall, BJ Harris.

**For the deceased, especially:**

Michael Azar, Joe Tompsett, Ted Carragher, Rich Tompsett, Matthew Prowse, Norma Craft, Richard Orth, Dot Robinson, Bishop Kevin Manning, Freddie Solti

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

**Prayers requested for the sick:**

Kieran Micallef, Daniel Lee, Sigrid Germon, Ron Muscat, Carla Perrotto, Joe Saliba, Carmen Archer, Trish Buckley, Horace Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Elizabeth Donnelly, 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.





# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

“Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.”

*Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.*

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness,  
visible in all the diversity that you have created,  
making us a cosmic family living in a common home.

Through the Earth you created,  
we experience love and nourishment,  
home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully,  
so that we may hear and heal Creation,  
to hope and act together with her,  
so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another,  
as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## Windeyer Catholic Church Notice

Due to the fact that our Windeyer Church has not been used for many years and we have had a very substantial increase in insurance cost for all our church properties, the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council are discussing the selling of the Church.

The safeguarding of the cemetery for visitation and future use is part of the discussion.

## What Makes a Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain*

*The majesty of the a tree,*

*The warmth of a summer sun,*

*The calm of a quiet sea,*

*The generous soul of nature,*

*The comforting arm of night,*

*The wisdom of the ages,*

*The power of the eagle's flight,*

*The joy of a morning in spring,*

*The faith of a mustard seed,*

*The patience of eternity,*

*The depth of a family need,*

*Then God combined these qualities,*

*When there was nothing more to add,*

*He knew His masterpiece*

*Was complete,*

*And so, He called it... Dad*



Reading for next Sunday: TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 35:4-7

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37