

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024 CENTACARE SUNDAY

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:5-9*

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9*
(R.) *I will walk in the presence of the Lord,*
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Second Reading: *James 2:14-18*

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 7:31-37*

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.



Centacare Sunday

We celebrate the work of Centacare, the social services arm of the Church in our Diocese. Centacare helps thousands of people every year through a range of programs and services. If you or someone you know need assistance or you would like to know more about Centacare or want to support this mission please call 6331 8944 or visit the website (www.centacarebathurst.com.au).

Centacare Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of Mercy and Love,
who through your Son gave us a marvellous example of charity and
the great commandment of love for one another.

Send your blessings upon us
so that when we are called on in times of need,
we will faithfully show you light and love to our neighbour.

May we go forward confident in the intercession of our Mother Mary,
and in the name of our creating, liberating, and ever-loving God.
Amen.

Reminder to all Children's Liturgy parents and carers:

Please scan the **Children's Liturgy QR code** at the front of the church
or here 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.***



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Gulgong Roster		
	22nd Sept	29th Sept
Commentator	P. Leotta	D. Kelly
Reader	D. Hudson	M. Golino
Sacristan	M. & E. Carney	TBA
Leader		D. Kelly
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 21st Sept/Sunday 22nd September 2024		
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	J. Thomet	B. Redden
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	O. O'Brien
EMOC	I. Bryne	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	M. Dorney	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	L. Nicholson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	16th Sept	K. O'Brien
Saturday 28th Sept/Sunday 29th September 2024		
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. Myles
First Reader	D. Delahunty	M. Bodycote
Second Reader	K. Barker	W. Bodycote
EMOC	A. Fergus	P. O'Brien
Altar Server		
Welcomer	F. Lupton	A. Blazevic
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	23rd Sept	M. Walker
Bells	<i>Mon - E. Goodlet Fri - I. Browne</i> <i>Tue - R. Gawthorne Sat - I. Browne</i> <i>Wed - J. Cooper Sun - R. Gawthorne</i> <i>Thu - I. Browne</i>	

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024 September — For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



JOKE JUNCTION.....



*Why didn't Noah go fishing?
He only had two worms!*

FINAL PRAYER PARTNER MASS FOR 2024 TUESDAY 24 TH SEPTEMBER 9.30AM, IN ST MARY'S CHURCH

Prayer Partners are invited to join the students at **9.30am Mass, Tuesday 24th September**. Please note the Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church.

This is our last opportunity to meet with the students before they leave school for extension study leave in preparation for the HSC Exams.

After the Mass morning tea will be provided by us, the Prayer Partners, in the Parish Centre. We ask that everyone provides a plate of food for sharing with the students please.

CAN WE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO WRITE A LETTER OR PURCHASE A CARD WISHING THE STUDENTS THE VERY BEST FOR THE HSC EXAMS. IN THE PAST THIS HAS BEEN VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE STUDENTS. SOME CHOOSE TO BUY A SMALL GIFT; HOWEVER THIS IS OPTIONAL AND A PERSONAL CHOICE.

To those Prayer Partners who have been unable to meet up with their allocated student/s thus far, please try and make an extra effort to come to the Mass as this is the last opportunity to meet with the 2024 cohort.

MUDGE NEWS

This week we have the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for our RCIA candidates at 5.45pm on Wednesday. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey. Please come and support them.

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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.

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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 Merilyn Carney or Carolyn Holland.

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:
John Bloxham, John Mealy, Moira Hennessy, Susan Hansen, Kathleen Austin, Margaret McGuinness, Carmel Petrie, Greg Birchall, Jay McCarthy.

We remember the anniversaries of:
Judith Keightley, Barry Sheehan, Dean Endacott, Gwen McDonald, Irene Longhurst, Timothy Loneragan, Vena Robinson, Daniel Hundy, Harry Forcha, Reg Ellery.

For the deceased, especially:
Jay McCarthy, Greg Birchall, Gwen Morgan, John Muller, Theresa May, Jeff Thurlow, Carol Cook, Norma Craft, Ted Carragher, Richard Orth.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:
Donna Pilati, Kieran Micallef, Daniel Lee, Sigrid Germon, June Ritar, Ron Muscat, Carla Perrotto, Joe Saliba, Carmen Archer, Trish Buckley, Horace Saliba, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Elizabeth Donelly, Tracy Donelly, Trevor Roberts (England), Iris McBeath, Kim Barry, Josephine Debaksta, Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

BAPTISM:

We welcome to our Mudgee Parish

Patrick Jase Edmonds

and

Ebony Alice Edmonds

Children of Jacob & Tiffany

**DAY BY DAY**

Mon, 16/09 **Memorial - St Cornelius, pope, martyr and St Cyprian, bishop, martyr**

The office will open at 10am

12 noon Angelus

1.30pm **Funeral** - Mudgee - Moira Hennessy

Tue, 17/09 **24th Week in Ordinary Time**

9.30am **Mass**—Mudgee

11.00am Funeral - Mudgee - Kathleen Austin

12 noon Angelus

Wed, 18/09 **24th Week in Ordinary Time**

11.00am **Funeral** - Mudgee - John Mealy

12 noon Angelus

5.30pm Reconciliation

5.45pm **Mass** - Mudgee
Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

Thu, 19/09 **24th Week in Ordinary Time**

9.30am **Mass** - Mudgee

12 noon Angelus

1.30pm **Funeral** - Mudgee - Susan Hansen

5.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Fri, 20/09 **Memorial - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gõn & Paul Chõng Ha-sang**

11.00am **Mass**—Kanandah Nursing Home

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12noon Rosary

12.30pm **Mass** - Mudgee

6.00pm Youth Group

Sat, 21/09 **Feast— St Matthew, apostle, evangelist**

12 noon Angelus

4.30pm Reconciliation

5.00pm **Mass** - Mudgee

Sun, 22/09 **25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am Rosary - Mudgee

9.00am **Mass** - Mudgee

10.30am **Mass** - Gulgong

11.00am **Communion Service** - Rylstone

12 noon Angelus

5.00pm Word & Faith Group

REFLECTION

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In the second reading, James says it's not enough to pray for homeless and hungry and poor people. We need to give them food to eat and clothes and blankets to keep them warm.

Do you think James means this literally? Do you think this means that even teenagers need to find ways to make the world a better place for people who don't have the same advantages we have? Why or why not?

What opportunities are available for young people to serve the needs of the poor? How can you help? How can you make a difference?

In the Gospel Peter goes from the top to the bottom in no time. He scores high when he answers that Jesus is the Messiah, but then is reprimanded by Jesus when he doesn't want to hear of death and suffering. It's like a roller coaster ride for poor Peter.

Have you ever had one of those roller-coaster days – up one minute, down the next? Describe what it was like. Do you think Peter could relate to that day? Can you relate to Peter's?

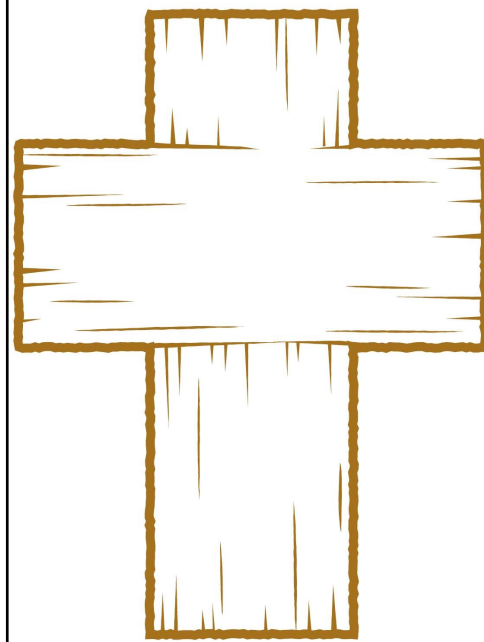
Obviously Jesus loves Peter, even when he messes up. He congratulates Peter when he does well, and he criticises him when he does poorly. Peter is praised when successful, and forgiven when unsuccessful. How is Peter's relationship with Jesus like your relationship with your parents? How is it different?

Jesus speaks of following him and taking up the cross. He means that we will have to endure the suffering and the difficult times if we are to be his followers. Have you endured some hard times?

Who has endured those hard times with you? When have you supported someone else going through hard times? Do you think this is what Jesus is talking about? Why or why not?

How is taking up the cross and following Jesus (mentioned in the Gospel reading) connected to putting your faith into practice (mentioned in the second reading)? How is Jesus' message similar to James' message?

Write on the cross some of the hard things you need to do if you want to follow Jesus.



St Mary's Youth Group

This Friday at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Come and have a fun filled evening with
Fr Cong and your Youth Minister Jade.

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.



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.

SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

After Jesus spoke of a future involving personal suffering and political rejection Peter remonstrated with him. Jesus in turn rebuked Peter, explaining that such thinking was not of God. Much of the import of this short exchange seems to hinge on the openness of Jesus' assertions. Peter reacted not only to what Jesus said but the way he said it. Jesus' warnings were not given in secret but declared openly.

It is rather understandable that Peter was worried. Perhaps he thought that Jesus would attract unwanted attention from the authorities, or that his gloomy talk would put off potential followers. Either way, Jesus was having none of it. The truth, however dangerous or unpopular, should not be hidden.

Hearing this Gospel during the Season of Creation we might contemplate what truths get hushed up today. Do we encourage our leaders to speak openly about pollution and climate change, or do we collude in their silences? Does our society condemn or condone littering? Are our parishes in environmental denial, or models of sustainability and ecological responsibility? Ultimately, facing even the darkest future with hopeful action is a key part of Jesus' message. Christ's followers are called to bear their share of the cross and face tomorrow's problems today.

REFLECTION—FRANCIS' FOCUS *by Nick Brodie*

'Today's Gospel passage,' Pope Francis says, 'turns to the question that permeates the whole Gospel of Mark: who is Jesus?'

The Pope points out that Jesus 'is not interested in the opinions and gossip of the people'; nor is he fishing for 'pre-packaged formulas'. In fact, as the Pope notes, 'a faith that is reduced to formulas is a short-sighted faith.' This is not what Jesus seeks.

Rather, as the Pope puts it, Jesus 'wants his disciples of yesterday and today to establish a personal relationship with him' in a way that has practical implications. In asking who he is, Jesus is also asking us who we want to be.

'Each person is called to respond, in his or her heart,' the Pope says, 'allowing each one to be illuminated by the light that the Father gives us.' But this can be challenging. Like Peter, we can easily and reflexively recoil at the idea of a Christ whose mission 'contrasts with our expectations, with worldly expectations.' We switch easily from recognition of Christ to rejection of his real mission.

The Pope affirms that 'the profession of faith in Jesus Christ cannot stop at words.' Our thoughts and words about Jesus must translate into action that is 'characterised by God's love' and expressed through 'an abundance of love for neighbour.'

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT - *A Turning Point*

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

GOSPEL FOCUS - *Peter's insight*

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah reality means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, 'Get behind me, Satan!' It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

Reading for next Sunday: TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

James 3:16 – 4:3

Mark 9:30-37