

*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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

**First Reading: *Numbers 11:25-29***

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

**Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9***

**(R.) *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.***

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **(R.)**

So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: *James 5:1-6***

*Your wealth is rotting.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: *Mark 9:38-43. 45 47-48.***

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

**REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'.

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.



**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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**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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### NOTICE:

#### WINDEYER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In our parishes to take the Eucharistic to the sick and housebound, this requires training which will be provided.

If you are interested in this rewarding Ministry, please contact the parish office on 63722122.

### MUDGEES COMBINED CHRISTIAN CHURCHES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Management Committee are looking to fill the voluntary position of a publicity person to promote their Christmas luncheon and two first Aid Volunteers

For more information please contact our parish office and we will pass on your details.

### MUDGEES NEWS

#### ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP FAITH, FUN & FOOD

Thank you to Fr Cong and our Youth Minister Jade for your efforts this term with our Youth Group.

The first date for Youth Group next term will be Friday, 18th October and will be monthly in Term 4.

### 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.

### KANDOS NEWS

Reminder: All services will be at Rylstone for the next couple of weeks, while the roof is being replaced at Kandos.

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. All donations will be acknowledged. Please contact the Parish Office, or Louis.

### Year 12 Students and Prayer Partner Mass

On Tuesday, 24 September, our current Year 12 students and they Prayer Partners attended Mass together, followed by a Morning Tea. This was the last opportunity for the Students and Prayer Partners to pray together and spend some time with each other.

Special thanks to Louise Nicholson, who coordinated the morning tea and to all who provided the food.

Thank you to Patti Kiddle for coordinating the Prayer partners and a big thank to all the Prayer Partners for taking time to get to know the students and for your prayers through out the year.

We wish Year 12 all the best for their exams and future endeavours.



### 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.



### Gulgong Roster

	6th Oct	13th Oct
<b>Commentator</b>	S. Parnell	E. Donnelly
<b>Reader</b>	C. Gaudry	K. Ritar
<b>Sacristan</b>	C. Holland	R. Saliba
<b>Leader</b>	R. Saliba	

### Mudgee Roster

#### Saturday 5th Sept/Sunday 6th October 2024

<b>Commentator</b>	C. Furney	M. Matthews
<b>First Reader</b>	A. McLean	E. de Vries
<b>Second Reader</b>	M. Dorney	L. Croake
<b>EMOC</b>	D. Cunningham	K. Cassidy
<b>Altar Server</b>		
<b>Welcomer</b>	C. Carberry	R. Perevia
<b>Offertory</b>	K. Isbester	M. Gilbert
<b>Sacristan</b>		R. Gawthorne
<b>Counter</b>	30th Sept	L. Nicholson

#### Saturday 12th Sept/Sunday 13th October 2024

<b>Commentator</b>	A. McLean	M. Dunnachie
<b>First Reader</b>	A. Fergus	K. Cassidy
<b>Second Reader</b>	C. Furney	M. Matthews
<b>EMOC</b>	L. Nicholson	R. Croake
<b>Altar Server</b>		
<b>Welcomer</b>	D. Delahunty	M. Gilbert
<b>Offertory</b>	M. Dorney	A. White
<b>Sacristan</b>		R. Gawthorne
<b>Counter</b>	7th October	K. O'Brien

<b>Bells</b>	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri - I. Browne Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne
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### JOKE JUNCTION.....



"Why was the mobile phone wearing glasses?  
Because it lost its contacts."

DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon, 30/09</b>	<b>Memorial—St Jerome, priest</b>
	Parish office will open at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 1/10</b>	<b>Memorial—St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>
9.30am	Mass — Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 2/10</b>	<b>Memorial—The Holy guardian Angels</b>
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
<b>Thu, 3/10</b>	<b>26th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Fri, 4/10</b>	<b>Memorial—St Francis of Assisi</b>
10.30am	Mass—Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
<b>Sat, 5/10</b>	<b>26th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
11.00am	Baptism
12 noon	Angelus
2.30pm	Wedding
4.30pm	Reconciliation
<b>6.00pm</b>	Mass - Mudgee
<b>Sun, 6/10</b>	<b>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8.30am	Rosary - Mudgee
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Rylstone
12 noon	Angelus
5.00pm	Word & Faith Group

**Change of Mass time:**

**Saturday Night Vigil Mass will move to 6pm from Saturday 5th October.**

**MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.****For the recently deceased especially:**

Mgr John Usher, John Bloxham.

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Edward Lynch, Shayree Power, Barbara Lennon, Adam Birchall, James Lynch, Mary Keech, Patricia Day, Merlene Crouch, Caitlin Marchant, Janet Boesen, Shirley Willing, Darryl Baker, Thomas Birchall, Anthony Schiemer, Ruby Chapman.

**For the deceased, especially:**

John Mealy, Moira Hennessy, Susan Hansen, Kathleen Austin, Margaret McGuinness, Anne Mead, Carmel Petrie, Jay McCarthy, Greg Birchall, Gwen Morgan, John Muller, Theresa May.

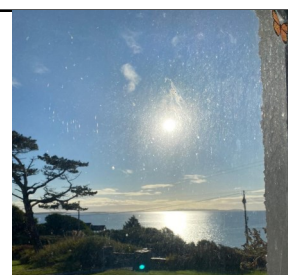
**Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.****Prayers requested for the sick:**

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

*Hello from Ireland*

*A message from Fr Owen*

*All going well, have been to the southern tip of Ireland where my friends live, this is the view from their home.*

**REFLECTION - FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart**The Fork in the Road**

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'God's way versus our way'.

In the reading from Numbers, the spirit bestowed on Moses is shared with the elders so that Moses is no longer the only one who can prophesy. Two of the elders who are not present when the spirit is shared, nevertheless began to prophesy. A young man expects Moses to respond with jealousy when this takes place. Instead Moses welcomes the sharing of the gift and explains that he wishes all people could be prophets and experience the Lord's Spirit. The psalm joyfully praises God as the Just Judge, who wisely sets laws for the people to follow. The psalmist seeks to serve the Lord by following God's rules. This response may seem odd because precepts and law are not something we connect with joy. Sometimes following the rules seems like nothing more than a burden. Could it be that our notion and purpose of law is quite different from that of God's?

The reading from the Letter of James is aimed at those whose main goal in life is getting rich. Many people get rich from exploiting others. We see it in our own country and around the world. If we are busy collecting and possessing wealth, we don't have much room for people in our life.

In the Gospel reading, the disciples, like some of the people in the first reading, are jealous of the gifts of others. They complain about someone else healing in God's name. Like Moses, Jesus welcomes the good being done by those outside their group and sees it as being joined with the good done by the community of disciples. On the other hand, evildoers should not be tolerated, and if they are members of the community, they should be cut off much like a body part whose disease threatens the health of the whole body.

Jesus rewards those who do good things in his name.



I can help others in Jesus' name by...



Jesus rewards my good deeds by...



**Positions Vacant:****Youth Minister—2025**

The Youth Minister provides faith formation, wellbeing and leadership opportunities to youth within the Parish, school and throughout the broader community, as well as develop a strong sense of faith and wellbeing amongst youth, drawing them into, and allowing them to identify with, a nurturing and supportive faith community.

The role of the Youth Minister is not just open to school leavers. Use the link below for more details:

<https://positions.bth.catholic.edu.au/jobs/youth-minister-st-matthews-catholic-school-mudgee-nsw-australia-5cad261c-dcde-4b47-9981-e6a6a83d93fd>



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

## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

**“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

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.

At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity.' When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'



**Sisters of Saint Joseph**  
*of the Sacred Heart*

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17 September 2024

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Dear Bishop McKenna, the  
Priests and Parishioners of  
the Bathurst Diocese,

Many of you will be aware of the changing reality that the Sisters of St Joseph face in these times. Here in Australia this has meant that we have had to close precious ministries and facilities that have served our mission over many years.

The Congregational Leadership Team of the Sisters of Saint Joseph wish to announce the closure of our ministry at St Joseph's Convent Heritage and Conference Centre Perthville. It is with deep sadness that we are no longer able to continue the ministry, at St Joseph's Perthville which has been a significant part of the Josephite story in the Bathurst diocese and beyond. At and from this special place the Sisters have served you their people in many diverse ways.

We express our gratitude to the many Sisters who have lived and cared for this sacred site and the mission and ministry to which they have given life. For the Perthville Sisters it has been the place where they began their life as a Josephite and the place where the life and death of the Sisters has been celebrated.

The Sisters are mindful of the importance of this site as the founding Josephite community in NSW and the place from which the Diocesan Josephites of Whanganui, Goulburn, Lochinvar and Tasmania were founded and that Fr Julian Woods and St Mary MacKillop both stayed here on different occasions in its early history. We recognise its significance not only for the Sisters but also to the many women who were boarders here, those whose parishes were served over many years by Sisters from here and those who have enjoyed retreat and conference experiences, the parishioners, staff, Associates, volunteers and friends of the Sisters who have been part of the story over many years.

The Congregational Leadership Team has spent time researching possible options for the use of the property and have now decided to place the property on the market with the hope that it will continue to benefit the wider community in some way.

The sale process will continue to address heritage, historical and subdivision issues as far as possible and practical. The Sisters will retain ownership of the land on which the Sisters' cemetery is situated and access to it. Over 240 Sisters are buried here. A memorial to recognise the presence of the Sisters and their ministry on this sacred site and across the diocese for 152 years will be developed.

There will be a formal ritual of closure at an appropriate date still to be determined.

Please continue to hold the Sisters in your prayers as this significant time of transition.

With blessings  
Yours sincerely

Sr Monica Cavanagh  
Congregational Leader