

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 6TH OCTOBER 2024

First Reading: [Genesis 2:18-24](#)

They were two in one flesh.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 127. R. v.5](#)

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Hebrews 2:9-11](#)

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 10:2-16](#)

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their



own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

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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OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Gulgong Roster		
	13th Oct	20th Oct
Commentator	E. Donnelly	C. Gaudry
Reader	K. Ritar	C. Leotta
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M. & E. Carney
Leader		S. Parnell

Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 12th Sept/Sunday 13th October 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	M. Dunnachie
First Reader	A. Fergus	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	C. Furney	M. Matthews
EMOC	L. Nicholson	R. Croake
Altar Server		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	M. Gilbert
Offertory	M. Dorney	A. White
Sacristan		R. Gawthorne
Counter	8th October	K. O'Brien

Saturday 19th Sept/Sunday 20th October 2024		
Commentator	B. Petersen	G. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	A. Myles
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	C. Furney	M. Gilbert
Altar Server		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
Offertory	D. Bennett	A. Blazevic
Sacristan		R. Gawthorne
Counter	14th October	R. Croake
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri - I. Browne Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne

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.

JOKE JUNCTION.....

Where do Dad's keep their jokes?
In a Dad-a-base!

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.

MUDGE 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.

GULGONG NEWS**THE CATHOLIC WOMENS GROUP**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 2pm in the Convent.

All welcome

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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 Meryllyn 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.

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

Baptism:

We welcome to our Mudgee Parish



Winnie Belle James

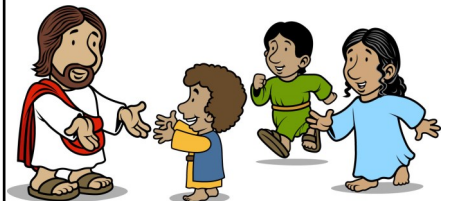
Daughter of

Bradley and Danielle

GOSPEL FOCUS

Like a little child

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.

**Diocese of Bathurst App**

Check out the Diocese of Bathurst App – your easy way to stay connected with your parish and local community.

This app is designed to help you stay up-to-date with everything happening in your parish and across the Diocese. Whether you've been a part of the community for years or are just settling in, the app is your go-to for parish updates, Mass times, and upcoming events.

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DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 7/10	Memorial—Our Lady of the Rosary
	Parish Office Close—Public Holiday
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 8/10	27th Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass — Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
Wed, 9/10	27th Week in Ordinary Time
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 10/10	26th Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
Fri, 11/10	27th Week in Ordinary Time
10.30am	Mass—Whiddon Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
2.00pm	Funeral—Mudgee—Gregory Birchall
Sat, 12/10	27th Week in Ordinary Time
11.00am	Baptism
12 noon	Angelus
3.00pm	Wedding
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 13/10	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Rosary - Mudgee
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone
12 noon	Angelus
6.00pm	Word & Faith Group

Online Lectio Divina for Readers

Starts 17th October

All parishioners and especially those scheduled to read at Sunday Mass are invited to join our weekly **Online Lectio Divina** sessions, starting **Thursday, 17th October at 6:00 PM.**

These sessions offer a wonderful opportunity to pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings with guidance from our clergy. Each session will include time for scripture reading, personal reflection, and sharing, followed by insights from our Bishop, Priests, or Deacons.

Join us via Zoom every Thursday.

To register and receive the Zoom link [visit bathurst.catholic.org.au](https://bathurst.catholic.org.au) or contact Carmen on 63346400

MASSSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:

Mgr John Usher, Gregory Birchall

We remember the anniversaries of:

Robert Edwards, Charles Hough, John Kurtz, Mark Nolan, John Gaffney, Edmund Mealy, Pamela Burns, Mary Ager, Nash Miles-Smith, William Egan, Stephen Dixon, Audrey Kelly, Tony Adams, Barbara Lennon, Gwen Casani, Marjorie Milton, James Palmer.

For the deceased, especially:

John Bloxham, John Mealy, Moira Hennessy, Susan Hansen, Kathleen Austin, Margaret McGuinness, Carmel Petrie, Jay McCarthy, Gwen Morgan, John Muller, Theresa May, Aileen & Jack Gaudry, Bess & Harold Evans, Edna & Jim Baldwin, Doris & Jim Gray.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:

Catrina McGhee, 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

Hi, all going well. Visited one of the oldest Monastery in Ireland that was ultimately destroyed on Henry VIII's order to dissolve the monasteries. It was destroyed by English troops around 1560AD.



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 Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Rosary is a set of prayers popular amongst many Catholics, as a form of personal devotional prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This meditative prayer form requires a set of rosary beads, which are used to help say the prayers in the correct sequence and serves to engage the entire body in prayer.

The main element of the Rosary is the repetition of the prayer known as the **Hail Mary**. These are arranged in sets of ten, called a decade. Each decade is preceded by the **Lord's Prayer**, and followed by a **Glory Be to the Father**.

The Rosary begins with making a **Sign of the Cross** and reciting the **Apostles' Creed**, followed by an **Our Father**, three **Hail Marys** and a **Glory Be**, before beginning the first decade. After five decades, the Rosary concludes with the prayer, **Hail Holy Queen** (also known as the Salve Regina).

While praying each decade, contemplation is given to one of the Mysteries of the Rosary. The mysteries are divided into four groups of five mysteries, which recall events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Joyful Mysteries describe the events leading up to the birth of Jesus and then his early life.

- The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)
- The Visitation (Luke 1:39-56)
- The Nativity (Luke 2:1-7)
- The Presentation (Luke 2:22-39)
- The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51)

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Sorrowful Mysteries cover the passion and death of Jesus.

- The Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46)
- The Scourging at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26)
- The Crowning with Thorns (Matthew 27:29-30)
- The Carrying of the Cross (Luke 23:26-32)
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (Luke 23:33-46)

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Glorious Mysteries meditate on key events from Jesus' resurrection onwards and two events regarding Mary.

- The Resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 28:1-10)
- The Ascension (Luke 24:50-53)
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-41)
- The Assumption of Mary (Revelation 12:1-5)
- The Coronation of Mary (Revelation 12:1)

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Luminous Mysteries highlight key events during the life of Jesus that reveal his human and divine nature.

- The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:11-17)
- The Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-12)
- The Proclamation of the coming of the kingdom of God (Matthew 4:12-17)
- The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8)
- The Institution of the Eucharist (Matthew 26:26-28)

The full Rosary consists of praying all 20 mysteries. But more typically, a single set of mysteries is prayed each day as follows:

During Advent, Christmas and Time after Epiphany: **The Joyful Mysteries**

Sunday

During Lent and Holy week:
The Sorrowful Mysteries

During Easter and Time after Pentecost:
The Glorious Mysteries

Monday

The Joyful Mysteries

Tuesday

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Wednesday

The Glorious Mysteries

Thursday

The Luminous Mysteries

Friday

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday

The Joyful Mysteries



You are most welcome to join us praying the rosary at the church at 12 noon every Friday and at 8am every Sunday.



In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME



The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024

October — Share the Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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

Wisdom 7:7-11

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30