

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.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2*

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 7:23-28*

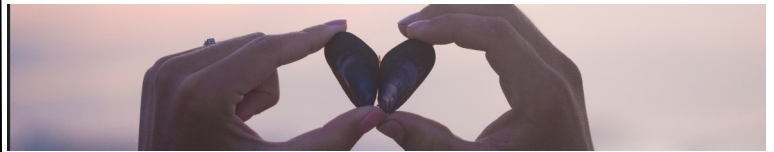
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 12:28-34*

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' The scribe agrees with Jesus' teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be 'not far from the kingdom of God.'

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.



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Fr Cong Hoang

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm
Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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Gulgong Roster		
	10th Nov	17th Nov
Commentator	P. Leotta	E. Donnelly
Reader	M. McGregor	C. Gaudry
Sacristan	C. Holland	M.&E. Carney
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 9th Nov/Sunday 10th Nov 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	A. Myles
First Reader	I. Byrne	O. O'Brien
Second Reader	P. Cannon	B. Redden
EMOC	D. Cunningham	P. O'Brien
Altar Server		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	
Offertory	M. Dorney	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	4th November	K. O'Brien
Saturday 16th Nov/Sunday 17th Nov 2024		
Commentator	B. Petersen	M. Dunnachie
First Reader	M. Dorney	M. Bodycote
Second Reader	A. McLean	E. de Vries
EMOC	L. Nicholson	R. Croake
Altar Server		
Welcomer	L. Nicholson	A. Blazevic
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	K. Wall	R. Gawthorne
Counter	11th November	L. Nicholson
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

NOVEMBER Those Who Have Lost A Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

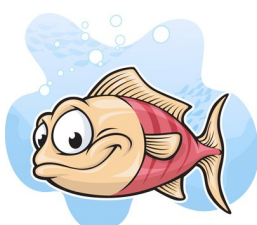


JOKE JUNCTION.....



Two fish in a tank,
one looks at the other and says,

"How do you drive this thing?"



DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 4/11	St Charles Borromeo, bishop—Memorial Anglican—Roman Catholic Reconciliation
	Parish Office Opens 10am
12 noon	Angelus
6.00pm	Mass of All Souls —Mudgee Cemetery (If raining, the Mass will be in the Church)
Tue, 5/11	31st Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass — Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
Wed, 6/11	31st Week in Ordinary Time
12 noon	Angelus
10.40am	Mass—SMCS Secondary
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 7/11	31st Week in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
12.15pm	Mass — Gulgong—All Hallow Yrs 5, 3 & 1 All welcome
2.30pm	Burial—Mudgee Cemetery
5.00pm	Mass of All Souls — Gulgong Cemetery (If raining, the Mass will be in the Church)
Fri, 8/11	31st Week in Ordinary Time
10.30am	Mass —Whiddon Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 9/11	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica—Feast
11.00am	Baptism
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 10/11	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Rosary - Mudgee
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Kandos
12 noon	Angelus
6.00pm	Word & Faith Group

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, and the decision to sell the church has been made.

We encourage you contact the Parish Office if you have any objections to the sale or have any questions or comments on the sale of the church and the possible closure of the cemetery.

Ph: 6372 2122 Email: office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

BAPTISM:

We welcome to our Mudgee Parish



*Morgan Jude Doherty
and
Oakley William Doherty
Children of Jarad & Brooke*

AND

*Dusty Manuel Stanmore
Son of Cameron & Gabrielle*

Youth Reflection

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

R-e-s-p-e-c-t

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Love God and your neighbour'.

These readings challenge us to put our love for God first, then to spread that love to our neighbours. In Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people that fear of the Lord and love of the Lord are a recipe for a long, prosperous life. Moses makes it clear that just following the Law is not enough. The Law is to be followed as an expression of love for God and neighbour. It takes one's entire being – heart, soul and strength – to truly love God.

The psalmist sees loving God as the source of strength and safety. God is strong and unmovable, a rock to hide behind, where we will be safe from our enemies, in whatever form they threaten us.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews continues the theme of God's love revealed and given in Jesus, who goes to the Father on our behalf like a great high priest. The writer of Hebrews takes great pains to explain that Jesus is not like the other high priests. His sacrifice is once and for all. He is holy, innocent, undefiled, and higher than the heavens.

The reading from Mark opens with the Pharisees using questions to set a trap for Jesus. They ask Jesus which commandment is the most important. Jesus responds by quoting Deuteronomy, which says that God is God alone and we are to love God with our entire being. Then Jesus adds a second important commandment: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Jesus' view of the Commandments is that they are specifications of the great commandment to love God and our neighbour – that if we obey the Commandments we are, in fact, loving God and our neighbour. The Pharisee recognises that love of God, self and neighbour are more important to God than empty rituals and blind obedience to laws.

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

Mick Batson, Denis Matthews, Ken Brown, Bernard O'Reilly.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Giuseppe Spina, Maria Leotta, Genevieve Newman, Marion O' Hare, Tony Newman, Victor Newman, Mary Hyland, Arthur Brackenrig, Hilton Morgan, Patricia Donnelly, Robert Gillham, Tony Newman, Natan Darcy, Sue Rayner, Emily Warren, Keeghan Munn, Aileen Eastburn, Francis Wolfe.

For the deceased, especially:

Ken Henriques, Gregory Birchall, Mgr John Usher, John Bloxham, John Mealy, Moira Hennessy, Susan Hansen, Kathleen Austin, Margaret McGuinness, Carmel Petrie, Christina Grant, Stan Williams, Marie & Norm Attrill.

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

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

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

love
second
God
answered
yourself
teacher
heart
first
asked
commandment

An expert in the Jewish law _____ Jesus, "_____, what is the most important _____?"



Jesus _____: "Love the Lord your _____ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it: "_____ your neighbor as much as you love _____".



GULGONG NEWS

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's Group will be held on Tuesday 5th November Melbourne Cup Day at 12 noon. This will be a Luncheon Meeting followed by sweeps and watching the Cup. It will be at 21 Bayly Street (Col and Marg's house). Ladies please bring a plate to share men are welcome.

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.



A DAY OF FORMATION FOR EVANGELISATION AND MISSION

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 10AM—3PM

KENNA HALL, ORANGE

Formation

Representatives from ALPHA Australia and Divine Renovation will travel to our Diocese to encourage and support parishes out west. There will be input workshops, and discussion on evangelisation and how to run ALPHA for long-term transformation. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in this event or register at

<https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/4940500?tf=5297>

CEMETERY MASSES FOR ALL SOULS

Mudgee Cemetery

Monday 4th November at 6pm

Gulgong Cemetery

Thursday 7th November at 5pm

Rylstone Cemetery

Tuesday 19th November 1pm

Please bring a picnic rug or chairs to sit on.

Weather permitting. If it is raining, the mass will be moved to the local church.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is a special time of prayer and remembrance for all those who have died. The Book of Remembrance will be presented in the Offertory Procession and placed on the altar each day with the names of all who have requested prayers for family and friends.

Due to the large number of requests we are not be able to print all the names in the bulletin. The names of the sick and those whose anniversaries occur at this time will continue to be printed.

MUDGEES NEWS

Christian Initiation: The Rite of Enrolment of Names

On Saturday, 9th November, during the Vigil Mass, we will have the Rite of Enrolment of Names. Please keep our catechumen, Kate in our prayers during this time.

The second step in Christian initiation is the liturgical rite called both election and the enrolment of names, which closes the period of the catechumenate proper, that is, the lengthy period of formation of the catechumens' minds and hearts. The celebration of the rite of election also marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity.

The Funeral Mass for **Ken Brown** will take place in Sydney. The family have provided us with the link to watch the mass.

www.ceremonycast.com.au/ken-brown

KANDOS NEWS

Father Peter Dresser is unwell, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 1st December. Lunch will follow our 11am Mass 11am, starting at 12 pm. Cost \$ 8.00 per person. Names and payment by November 24th. This needed for catering purposes. If you can help with the Lunch, please speak to Carol.



Reading for next Sunday: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 17:10-16

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44