



# St Patrick's Parish Gundagai

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B – 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

**NSW LOCKDOWN, CHURCH CLOSED, NO PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS**

### HOW CAN I ATTEND MASS?

Mass online – every Sunday with Archbishop Christopher Prowse at 11am  
**Daily Mass - Monday-Saturday at 12:15pm via [www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/)**  
**Mass For You At Home - 6.00am Sundays on Channel Ten, (5) Channel 10 HD, (50).**

ALL THE LATEST COVID-19 PROTOCOLS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE [WWW.CG.ORG.AU/GUNDAGAI](http://WWW.CG.ORG.AU/GUNDAGAI)

### PRAYER/MASS REQUESTS – PLEASE EMAIL GUNDAGAI@CG.ORG.AU

RECENTLY DECEASED	ANNIVERSARIES	THE SICK	MASS OFFERINGS
We pray for the souls of the recently deceased especially Burnie Heydon, Gladys Reardon and Paul Carberry	Ian Sommerville, Greg Watson, Pauline Kingwill, Edna Coulton, Barbara Carberry, Gregory Hill, Edith Ryan, Patricia Pierse, Elsa Perkins, Edna McAlister, Roy Gardiner, Margaret Tutty	Elmer Marffy, Peter Carberry	Remie Field

### PARISH DETAILS

#### PARISH BANKING – ONLINE

**First Collection (Clergy)** BSB 062-786 A/C 000029248 Acc Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
IMPORTANT! Please reference your SURNAME and PARISH eg. Smith GUNDAGAI

**Second Collection (Parish)** BSB 062-786 A/C 14943 Acc Name: St Patricks Parish Gundagai  
IMPORTANT! Please reference your planned giving number eg PG99

Thank you to parishioners who continue to support the priests and parish, the bills still come in so your contributions are gratefully received.

### NOTICES

#### ROSARY

Join parishioners from around the Archdiocese as we come together to pray the Rosary every **Wednesday and Friday at 4pm** during lockdown.

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/Wednesday-Friday-4pm-zoom-rosary/>

*“You also must do all that you can to recite it with fervor. Get right down, at the feet of Jesus...” ~ Dom Columba Marmion*

#### ADORATION

Consider ‘virtual Adoration’ – through the following website <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>

or on Facebook through ‘Sacred Heart Parish Griffith Perpetual Adoration’.

*“The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” ~ Pope John Paul II*

#### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen



#### COLLECTIONS

Online giving encouraged, use bank details provided and please reference your Planned Giving number, or request a number from Madeline.

#### SEPTEMBER – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Why not start a Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows – 6<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> September with the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

[www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/nine-day-prayer-for-life-novena-to-our-lady-of-sorrows-283](http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/nine-day-prayer-for-life-novena-to-our-lady-of-sorrows-283)

### LOCKDOWN NEWS

At the time of publication, there is no update to the lockdown situation in regional NSW. We will advise you as soon as we know if we can resume Mass and other celebrations in the church.

## HOMILY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

He Has Done All Things Well  
SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2021 / DON SCHWAGER /

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: He has done all things well. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

## PRAYER FOR FATHERS DAY

God our father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the god of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Happy Father's Day to all fathers within our parish, and especially our spiritual fathers, Fr George and Fr Namora.



## FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Collection for our retired priests: There are 28 retired priests in the Archdiocese and this Appeal helps meet their needs of providing security in their retirement years.

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

- By envelopes (contact the Secretary to collect)
- By giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)
- By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.



## SEPTEMBER DEVOTION – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The name of Our Lady of Sorrows centers on the extraordinary and bittersweet suffering the Blessed Mother experienced during Christ's Passion.

As foretold by Simeon (Luke 2:34-35), Mary's soul was pierced by the sword of sorrow as she stood at the foot of the Cross.

There are, however, Seven Sorrows of Mary that we reflect on, as depicted in art with seven swords piercing the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Scenes from the life of Christ that make up the Seven Sorrows of Mary: The Circumcision and Prophecy of Simeon; the Flight into Egypt; Loss of Child Jesus for Three Days, Jesus on his Way to Calvary; the Crucifixion, Body of Christ and Lamentations; and the Burial of Christ.

Two feasts in September highlight the bittersweet suffering – the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15.

Through September, we can unite ourselves to Mary in her sorrow, in the hope that we will one day also share her joy in the triumph of her Son.

