

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR C 11TH MAY 2025 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2025 FROM BISHOP MICHAEL



Dear Friends in Christ,

Sixteen years ago, when I was ordained to serve as your bishop, I spoke about how each of us has his or her own part to play as we live together the mission of the Church. This "co-responsibility" is a teaching as old as the letters of St Paul. Today, remembering the common share that all the baptised have in the priesthood of Christ, we give thanks for the unique and indispensable ministry of ordained priests.

The Church needs priests for the sacraments, especially the Mass; and for leading and teaching in the way of the Apostles, lest we become just another organisation or club, forgetting our mission and who Christ calls us to be.

Today, I ask you again to pray for your priests and to support them in practical ways. They cannot carry out their ministry without your active contribution to your community of faith.

May I also request your prayers for the six young men who are at various stages of the journey to ordination for our local church.

The cost of educating our priests is a responsibility for everyone: and I invite you to consider prayerfully and generously your donation to this annual appeal.

Yours in Christ,
+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

Pope Leo XIV



Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as our Pope. He has taken the name Leo XIV after Pope Leo XIII.

Pope Leo's Biography:

- He was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois.
- He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.
- 1st September 1977— he entered the novitiate of the Order of St Augustine in St Louis
- He received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.
- At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).
- He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of St Monica.
- He was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986).
- In 1988, he joined the mission in Trujillo, also in Peru, as director of the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac.
- In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province in Chicago, and two and a half years later, the ordinary General Chapter of the Order of St Augustine elected him as Prior General, confirming him in 2007 for a second term.
- Pope Francis appointed him on November 3, 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo.
- He was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo on September 26, 2015.
- On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop.
- He was created a cardinal on September 30, 2023.

REMINDER TO ALL CHILDREN'S LITURGY PARENTS AND CARERS:

Please scan the QR code to sign in your children if they are attending Children's Liturgy.



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Fr Owen Gibbons
Fr Cong Hoang
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Rev Charles Applin

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Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

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Gulgong Roster			DAY BY DAY	
	18th May	25th May	Mon, 12/05	
Commentator	J. Thatcher	J. Thatcher	11.00am	Funeral—Mudgee Cemetery— Allan Cole
Reader	C. Golino		12 noon	Regina Caeli
Sacristan	R. Saliba		Tue, 13/05	4th Week of Easter
Mudgee Roster			9.30am	Mass—Mudgee SMCS Yr 3
			12 noon	Regina Caeli
Saturday 17th May/ Sunday 18th May			Wed, 14/05	St Matthews, apostle—Feast
Commentator	D. Cunningham	G. Myles	9.30am	St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
First Reader	SMCS Leaders	SMCS Leaders	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Second Reader	SMCS Leaders	SMCS Leaders	3.30pm	Gulgong's Confirmation Parent Meeting
EMOC	G. Hennessy	M. Cassidy	5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
Altar Server			5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Welcomer	K. Isbester	B. Redden	Thu, 15/05	4th week of Easter
Offertory	M. Dorney	Children's Liturgy	9.30am	Mass
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	L. Browne	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Counter	Mon 12th May	K. O'Brien	12.15pm	Mass—Gulgong—All Hallows Kinder & Yr 6
Saturday 24th May/ Sunday 25th May			Fri, 16/05	4th Week of Easter
Commentator	C. Furney	A. McLean	11.00am	Mass—Kanandah Nursing Home
First Reader	M. Dorney	K. Cassidy	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Second Reader	F. Chauraya	P. Cassidy	12 noon	Regina Caeli and Rosary
EMOC	L. Nicholson	R. Croake	12.30pm	Mass—Mass
Altar Server			Sat, 17/05	4th Week of Easter
Welcomer	L. Robinson	R. Pereira	11.00am	Baptism
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Sacristan	E. Potgieter	R. Gawthorne	4.30pm	Reconciliation
Counter	Mon 19th May	L. Hawkins	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne	Sun, 11/05	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
			9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
			10.30am	Mass - Gulgong Confirmation Commitment Mass
			11.00am	Mass—Rylstone
			12 noon	Regina Caeli
			5.00pm	Word and Faith Group

Regina Caeli

During the Easter season, the universal Church prays the prayer Regina Caeli, or Queen of Heaven, to joyfully unite with the Mother of God in celebrating the Resurrection of her Son Jesus Christ, who conquered death in this way.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother's Day Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother, Mary. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects that of Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their daughters and sons, honour them always with a spirit of profound love and respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

We wish all our Mothers and mother figures every blessing for your special day. *ENJOY!*

BAPTISMS



We welcome to our Parish:

*Bronte Clare Ireland
Max Andrew Ireland*

Children of Michael and Georgie

Lachlan McLeod McKenzie

Son of McLeod & Erica

RCIA

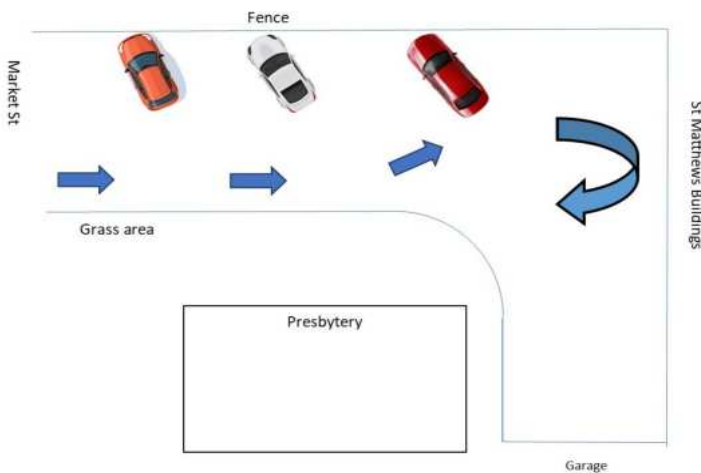
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which unbaptised adults and previously baptised Christians are welcomed into the full communion with the Catholic Church.

This year, our parish's RCIA journey will start on the 19th June. If you know anyone who would be interested in this program, please spread the word and ask them to contact our parish.

MUDGEE NEWS

NEW TRIAL CARPARK ARRANGEMENTS

As of this weekend, if you intend parking in the Presbytery car park please take notice of the following changes. As shown in the diagram below: Drive to the end of the car park (before parking), turn around and proceed to park your vehicle at a 45 angle ie the nose of your vehicle will be facing towards Market Street, not away from it as has been the current situation. When you are leaving, you simply reverse out of your car space (towards the Presbytery garages) then drive straight out onto Market Street. We are trialling this new approach in an attempt to avoid further damage to the new cement driveway. Please DO NOT drive off the cement onto the grass. Many thanks for your cooperation.



GULGONG NEWS

SRE Teachers needed in the Gulgong area. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

KANDOS NEWS

KANDOS / RYLSTONE will hold their winter appeal for S.V.D.P. on 18 th May.

Prayer Meeting will be held in Kandos / Rylstone each Monday at 10am.

1st Monday of the month—Kandos Church Hall
Every other Monday—Rylstone at the back of the church

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the recently deceased especially:

Mervyn Morgan, Tony Treacy (Broome), Jean Kelly, Allan Cole,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Russell Anson, Mary Comer, Anne Cluely, Carol Anderson, Tony Lunch, Rod Fittler, Bob Goard

For the deceased:

Katalin Dalmay, Mille Isbester, Charlie & Rita Saliba, Gabrielle Burke (Canberra), Pope Francis, Sr Moira Sullivan RSM, James Sebastian, Miriam Byers, Tyson Perry, Annie Powell, Barry Price (Canberra), Irene Inder, Hilton 'Boof' Morgan, Shane Boesen, Yvonne O'Brien, Trish Buckley.

For the Sick, Special Intentions and Thanksgiving:

Mifsud Family, Edward Martoo, Martin Hilder, Mara Raso, Paul Micallef, Luke Gaudry, Pat Ellis, Eleni Roberts, Marilyn Stuart (Kincumber), Suzana Marakovic, Stephen Lee, Olive Quinn, Ellen Johnson (Sheehan), Glennie McGrath (Fr Owen's sister), Peter Hoang, Catrina McGhee, Keiran Micallef, Donna Pilati, June Ritar, Ron Muscat, Charlie Perrotto, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, Iris McBeath, Elizabeth Donelly, Josephine Debaksta, Lynne Daly, Dean Pilati and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Bible Trivia

What was the last plague visited upon Egypt?

- A. Pestilence
- B. Darkness
- C. Death of the firstborn son

Answer: C. Death of all firstborn sons, including the Pharaoh's.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

The Fourth Sunday of Easter this year is called Good Shepherd Sunday and also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



We remember and thank God for the people who have been the good shepherds in our life. In a particular way, we give thanks and gratitude to the priests who have also dedicated their lives to faithful service of God's people in the Diocese of Bathurst.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also an opportunity to pray for vocations. We pray for more men to hear and generously respond to God's call to the priesthood, especially in our Diocese. We need more men and women who can offer themselves in the service of God's Kingdom and in preaching the Good News.

Dear young men of the Diocese of Bathurst, have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a priest? If you feel that you are called to be a witness of God's love and presence in this world by your ministry as a priest, do not be afraid to discern that call, and be courageous in saying "yes" to it!

If you think God may be calling you to be a priest, please reach out to your parish priest or myself, the Diocesan Vocations Director.

Fr Nam Le

Diocesan Vocations Director

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Scan the QR code to learn how to support vocations in our Diocese

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52*

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3*

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: *Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 10:27-30*

I give my sheep eternal life.

*I will give you shepherds
after my own heart*

JEREMIAH 3:15

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



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SENIOR YEAR



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SENIOR YEAR



DAI PHAM
FIFTH YEAR



HUYNH NGUYEN
SECOND YEAR



DUK NGUYEN
FIRST YEAR

Reading for next Sunday: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)**

Acts 14:21-27

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

Rev 21:1-5

John 13:31-35