



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR C 18TH MAY 2025

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: *Acts 14:21-27*

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm: *144:8-13. R. cf. v.1*

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-5*

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 13:31-35*

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Gospel Reflection—Greg Sunter

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.



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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Gulgong Roster			DAY BY DAY	
	25th May	1st June	Mon, 19/05	
Commentator	P. Leotta	D. Kelly	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Reader	D. Hudson	M. Golino	Tue, 20/05	5th Week of Easter
Sacristan	M & E Carney	TBA	9.30am	Mass—Mudgee
Mudgee Roster			11.00am	Funeral—Mudgee: Margaret O'Reilly
Saturday 24th May/ Sunday 25th May			12 noon	Regina Caeli
Commentator	C. Furney	A. McLean	Wed, 21/05	5th Week of Easter
First Reader	M. Dorney	K. Cassidy	9.30am	St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
Second Reader	F. Chauraya	P. Cassidy	12 noon	Regina Caeli
EMOC	L. Nicholson	R. Croake	5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
Altar Server			5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Welcomer	L. Robinson	R. Pereira	Thu, 22/05	5th Week of Easter
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy	9.30am	Mass—SMCS Year 4
Sacristan	E. Potgieter	R. Gawthorne	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Counter	Mon 19th May	L. Hawkins	Fri, 23/05	5th Week of Easter
Saturday 31st May / Sunday 1st June			11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Commentator	A. McLean	R. McKeown	12 noon	Regina Caeli and Rosary
First Reader	D. Delahunty	L. Croake	12.30pm	Mass—Mudgee
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	O. O'Brien	Sat, 24/05	Our Lady, Help of Christians—Solemnity
EMOC	L. Robinson	M. Dunnachie	9.00am	Mass—Mudgee
Altar Server			12 noon	Regina Caeli
Welcomer	C. Carberry	A. Blazevic	4.30pm	Reconciliation
Offertory	G. English	Children's Liturgy	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sacristan	A. Baker	L. Browne	Sun, 25/05	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Counter	Mon 26th May	R. Croake	9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne	10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
			11.00am	Mass—Rylstone
			12 noon	Regina Caeli
			5.00pm	Word and Faith Group

Bible Trivia

In John 13:31-35, according to Jesus in this passage, how will people know that you are His disciples?

Answer: By loving one another. Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gospel Focus

God's Love

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.



BAPTISMS



We welcome to our Parish:

Oliver Luke Moules
Son of Christopher and Erin

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.

MASSSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the recently deceased especially:

Margaret O'Reilly, Mervyn Morgan, Jean Kelly, Allan Cole

We remember the anniversaries of:

Peter An Honag, John Orth, David Power, Norma Andrew, Sydney Day, David McLean, Donald Lincoln, William Hensley, Gregory Roberts.

For the deceased:

Tony Treacy (Broome), Charlie & Rita Saliba, Pope Francis, Gabrielle Burke (Canberra), Sr Moira Sullivan RSM, Miriam Byers, Tyson Perry, Annie Powell, Barry Price (Canberra), Irene Inder, Hilton 'Boof' Morgan.

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), Catrina McGhee, Keiran Micallef, Donna Pilati, June Ritar, Ron Muscat, Charlie Perrotto, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, Iris McBeath, Elizabeth Donnelly, Josephine Debaksta, Lynne Daly, Dean Pilati and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Living the Gospel – Love is all around

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing 'love' used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of 'love', the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It's easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God's love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

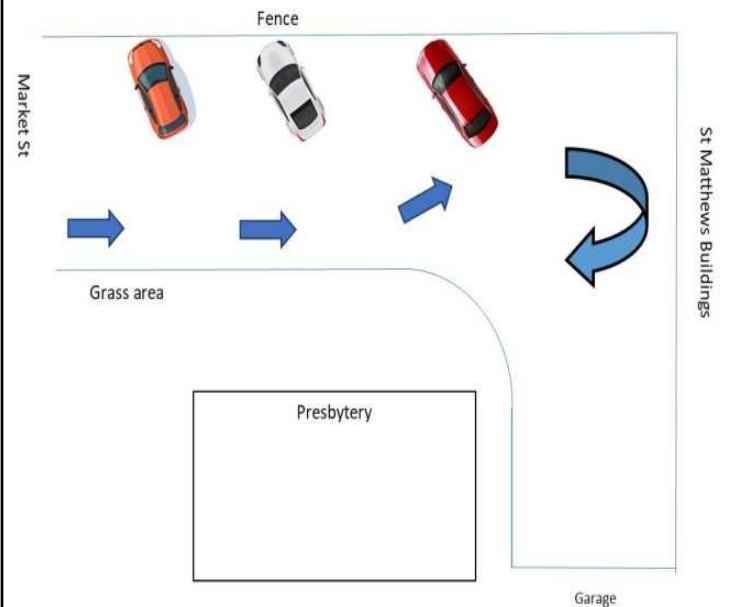
MUDGEES NEWS

LADIES LUNCH

Friday 30th May 2025, following 12.30pm Mass, in the Parish Hall. Please contact Parish Office on 6372 2122 to advise attendance.

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

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.



YOUTH REFLECTION

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus, Love's Best Teacher

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Love one another'.

This reading from Acts continues to trace the steps of Paul and Barnabas as they proclaim the Good News. Here we see them returning to some of the places where they had earlier established Christian communities to encourage the believers and help them stay steadfast in faith. They do not tell them that things will be easy, but that faith in Jesus will help them get through the tough times. The disciples also help the young churches choose leaders to stand on their behalf when they have to move on. They return home to their first community to share the exciting news of how much the young church has grown. They do not celebrate their own deeds, but the actions of God working through them.

Psalm 144 is a hymn of both praise and thanksgiving. God is described as gracious, merciful, even-tempered, kind and compassionate. Through all creation and the works of our own hands, we are to praise God. The second part of the psalm describes God's kingly virtues – mighty and glorious, with an everlasting Kingdom. Our God is both mighty and compassionate. All creatures great and small are called to love and praise our God.

The writer of the Book of Revelation describes a whole new world unlike anything we can imagine. In this totally new creation, good will never be overcome by evil and the new Jerusalem will fulfil all hopes for peace and happiness. God dwells in this new city and makes all things new.

Jesus gives us a new commandment in today's Gospel reading: Love one another. In this leave-taking message, Jesus tells us that being Christian means living in loving relationships with others – like the relationship Jesus has with the Father. People should be able to tell we are Christians by the way we love one another.

This mission of love is not just for Jesus' Apostles but for all of us to live. We look to the life of Jesus to learn how to respect each

Jesus tells us to love each other as he loves us. How did Jesus show us that he loves us?



"By this love ...
everyone will
know that you
are my disciples."

John 13:35



READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

A chance to gather and pray with the upcoming
Sunday Readings. TUESDAYS 5.15PM-6PM via ZOOM
Register via QR code or go to bathurst.catholic.org.au



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

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29