



*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.



### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR C 25TH MAY 2025

#### Readings for this Sunday

**First Reading:** *Acts 15:1-2. 22-29*

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4*

*(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!*

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

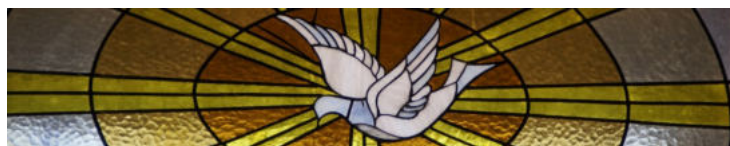
**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel:** *John 14:23-29*

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*



#### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

##### God's home is where the heart is

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel. 'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I will make our home with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

#### 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.



#### Priests

Fr Owen Gibbons  
Fr Cong Hoang

#### Parish Deacon

Rev Charles Applin

#### Parish Secretaries

Mrs Kristie Newman  
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#### Parish Office Hours

**Mon** 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri** 9.00am - 4.00pm

**Closed for Lunch** 1.00pm - 2.00pm

#### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

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**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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Gulgong Roster			DAY BY DAY	
	1st June	8th June	Mon, 26/05	St Philip Neri, priest—Memorial
Commentator	D. Kelly	C. Gaudry	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Reader	M. Golino	M. McGregor	Tue, 27/05	6th Week of Easter
Sacristan	TBA	C. Holland	9.30am	Communion Service—Mudgee
Mudgee Roster			12 noon	Regina Caeli
Saturday 31st May / Sunday 1st June			Wed, 28/05	6th Week of Easter
Commentator	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown	9.30am	St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
First Reader	D. Delahunty	L. Croake	10.40am	Mass—SMCS Secondary Campus—Yr 8
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	O. O'Brien	12 noon	Regina Caeli
EMOC	L. Robinson	M. Dunnachie	5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
Altar Server			5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Welcomer	C. Carberry	A. Blazevec	Thu, 29/05	6th Week of Easter
Offertory	G. English	Children's Liturgy	9.30am	Mass—SMCS Year 5
Sacristan	A. Baker	L. Browne	12.15pm	Mass—Gulgong—All Hallows Yrs 2 & 6
Counter	Mon 26th May	R. Croake	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Saturday 7th June / Sunday 8th June			5.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. Myles	Fri, 30/05	6th Week of Easter
First Reader	C. Furney	M. Bodycote	11.00am	Funeral—Mudgee Graveside -
Second Reader	M. Barrett	W. Bodycote	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
EMOC	I. Byrne	R. McKeown	12 noon	Regina Caeli and Rosary
Altar Server			12.30pm	Mass—Mudgee
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	M. Dunnachie	1.00pm	Ladies Lunch—Parish Centre
Offertory	M. Dorney	Children's Liturgy	Sat, 31/05	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Feast
Sacristan	I. Bowne	R. Gawthorne	9.00am	Mass—Mudgee
Counter	Mon 26th May	E. Goodlet	11.00am	Baptism
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne	12 noon	Regina Caeli
			1.00pm	Wedding
			4.30pm	Reconciliation
			5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
			Sun, 01/06	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
			9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
			10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
			11.00am	Mass—Rylstone
			12 noon	Regina Caeli
			5.00pm	Word and Faith Group

## Confirmation Trivia

**Question:** What is Confirmation?

Answer: Sacrament in which Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to enable us to witness to Jesus Christ both in word and deed as committed Christians.

**Question:** Who may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Answer: Every baptized person not yet confirmed can & should receive Sacrament of Confirmation.

### Gospel Focus – Advocate

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

## KANDOS NEWS

Congratulations to

*Doreen Wurth*

For her award for Senior Volunteer and  
for her 30 years of dedication to SVDP Kandos.

Congratulations Doreen we couldn't manage without you.  
You are amazing.

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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

## GULGONG NEWS

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

## MUDGEES NEWS

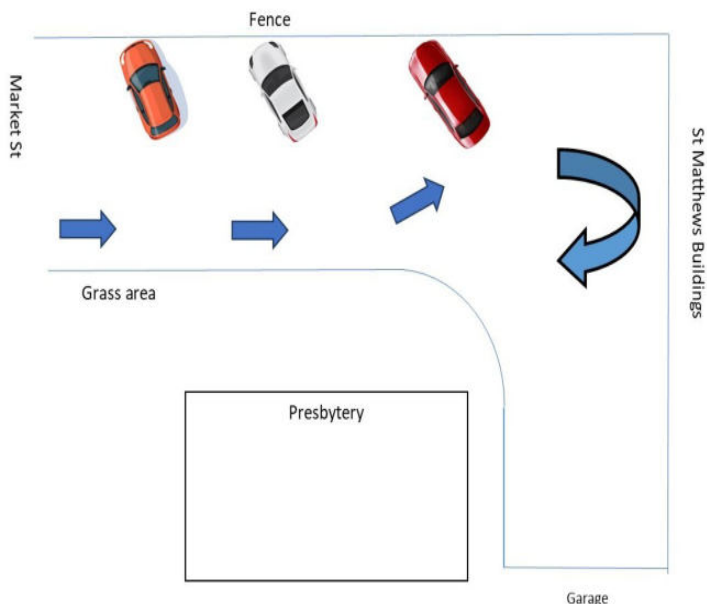
### LADIES LUNCH

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

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### 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.



## 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.

## Peace

(John 14: 23 - 29)



*We will come and make our dwelling place with you always.*

Christ's farewell gift to those he loves is peace. But what is this  
peace?

Jesus distinguishes between his gift of peace and what the world  
offers under the same name. Although he encourages his  
followers not to feel distress or fear, he is not peddling mere  
peace of mind. Jesus promises that the one who is true to his  
word out of love will know the indwelling presence of God. When  
we shake hands at the sign of peace during Mass, are we blessing  
each other with the hope that a holy peace may enliven us and  
penetrate the world through us? Are we inviting God's peace to  
dwell in us so that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives  
in me"?

Maybe we are not ready for this peace yet. Maybe there is still a  
war going on; that is, whether or not we want the Spirit of Christ  
to take up residence within us.

## MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

### **For the recently deceased especially:**

Graham Hodgins, Margaret O'Reilly, Mervyn Morgan.

### **We remember the anniversaries of:**

Ross Lloyd, Genevieve Newman, Thomas Warner,  
Heather Graham. Kristie Smith, Ian Carter, Ellen English,  
Margaret Casley, Mary Gardiner, Neville Ryan.

### **For the deceased:**

Jean Kelly, Allan Cole, Tony Treacy (Broome), Pope Francis,  
Gabrielle Burke (Canberra), Sr Moira Sullivan RSM, Miriam  
Byers, Tyson Perry, Annie Powell, Barry Price (Canberra).

### **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.



# Fr Owen's Farewell

**FRIDAY 27TH JUNE**  
**From 5.00PM**  
**In the Parish Centre**

Numbers required for catering. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office on 02 6372 2122.

## YOUTH REFLECTION

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

### Youth Stand Against Violence

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Peace, the gift of the Spirit'.

Today's first reading shows us that things were not always idyllic in the early church. Besides persecution from the outside, conflict and tension existed between the Jewish and Gentile Christians. In this case, the church in Antioch is confused about where Mosaic law and Christian practice overlap. They send representatives to the Apostles in Jerusalem for help and advice. The result is a peaceful compromise between Jewish and Gentile Christians. The Apostles are careful not to take the credit. 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit, and ours too,' they said. The Spirit guided the early church as it grew.





The psalm today asks the entire world and every nation on earth to praise God. The earth's many blessings are God's blessing to us, and we are to remember that we depend on the goodness of God. The first verse is a petition, asking God for blessings and forgiveness. Later, God is called our guide through life. We are asked to show reverence and respect and to approach God with wonder and awe.

The writer of the Book of Revelation views the new city of Jerusalem through the eyes of a jeweler, comparing it to the radiance of a precious gem. The number 12, a symbol of perfection, plays a key role here as the new and old are brought together: 12 tribes of Israel, 12 Apostles, 12 gates, 12 angels, and 12 stones in the foundation. The last part of the reading talks about God as temple. The new Jerusalem does not need a temple, because now God dwells directly among the people. We do not need a church to worship God. God's glory shines through the light of Christ, and we can praise God wherever we are.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus bids farewell to his disciples and promises to send them the gifts of peace and the Spirit. Jesus speaks again about the closeness of his relationship to the Father. Jesus' words come from the Father, and those who love Jesus love the Father. By promising to send the Holy Spirit, Jesus assures the Apostles that they will not be alone. The Father sends Jesus, who sends the Holy Spirit. The Spirit continues the teaching of Jesus and guides the Apostles in their ministry.

Jesus also gives the peace above all understanding. This is a peace no one can take from us.

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. Write down the things that the Holy Spirit can help you do for Jesus.



## Christ our Firm Foundation

A WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY WITH THE  
 DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

**28 June, 9:30AM - 4PM**

The Assumption Catholic School and Church  
 192 Mitre Street, Bathurst

Registration: [www.trybooking.com/DBRGP](http://www.trybooking.com/DBRGP)  
 or call the parish office at (02) 6331 3066  
 Fee: \$20

Questions: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)



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## Slow Stitch Weekend Retreat at Shalom

**Date:** Friday 13 June, 6:00pm – Sunday 15 June, 2:00pm

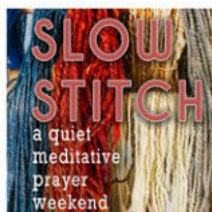
**Venue:** Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

The ancient desert mothers and fathers discovered the connection between slow handwork and deeper prayer. The *Slow Stitch* retreat invites participants to prayerful reflection through the slow, meditative work of their hands using threads, wool or fibre.

**To Book:** Scan the QR Code or

**Ph:** 0428 417 837 or

**email:** [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)



Reading for next Sunday: **ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)**

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

Eph 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53