



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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — YEAR C 1ST JUNE 2025

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

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

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 24:46-53**

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

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 Cong Hoang

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Gulgong Roster			DAY BY DAY	
	8th June	15th June	Mon, 02/06	7th Week of Easter
Commentator	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Reader	M. McGregor	P. Leotta	Tue, 03/06	Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs—Memorial
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba	9.30am	Mass—Mudgee
Mudgee Roster			12 noon	Regina Caeli
Saturday 7th June / Sunday 8th June			Wed, 04/06	7th Week of Easter
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. Myles	9.30am	St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
First Reader	C. Furney	M. Bodycote	10.40am	Mass— SMCS Secondary Yr 9
Second Reader	M. Barrett	W. Bodycote	12 noon	Regina Caeli
EMOC	I. Byrne	R. McKeown	5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
Altar Server			5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	M. Dunnachie	Thu, 05/06	St Boniface, bishop, martyr—Memorial
Offertory	M. Dorney	Children's Liturgy	9.30am	Mass—SMCS Kindy
Sacristan	I. Bowne	R. Gawthorne	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Counter	Mon 2nd June	E. Goodlet	Fri, 06/06	7th Week of Easter
Saturday 14th June / Sunday 15th June			10.30am	Mass—Opal Nursing Home
Commentator	D. Cunningham	G. Myles	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Reader	SMCS Leaders	SMCS Leaders	12 noon	Regina Caeli and Rosary
Second Reader	SMCS Leader	SMCS Leaders	12.30pm	Mass—Mudgee
EMOC	C. Furney	M. Cassidy	Sat, 07/06	7th Week of Easter
Altar Server			10.00am	Baptism
Welcomer	K. Isbester	R. McKeown	12 noon	Regina Caeli
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy	4.30pm	Reconciliation
Sacristan	L. Nicholson	L. Browne	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Counter	Tues 10th June	K. O'Brien	Sun, 08/06	PENTECOST SUNDAY
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne	9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
			10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
			11.00am	Mass—Kandos Farewell Cuppa for Fr Owen
			12 noon	Regina Caeli
			5.00pm	Word and Faith Group

Confirmation Trivia

Question: Who is the ordinary minister of the sacrament of Confirmation?

Answer: Bishop

Question: How does the Bishop confirm?

Answer: The Bishop holds his hand over those to be confirmed and prays they may receive Holy Spirit. He then Anoints forehead of the candidate with Holy Chrism in form of cross. This reminds us of first Pentecost.

Question: What is Chrism?

Answer: Perfumed oil blessed by Bishop prior to Easter.

Gospel Focus

A message for all people

One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to *all* nations – even to the ends of the earth!



E Safety Information

As a part of the ongoing work with Safeguarding for our Diocese, we have three books available for you to read, borrow and return to the parish. The books are:

- ESafety—Early Years—online safety for under 5's
 - Online Safety—A Guide for Parents and Carers
 - Online Safety for Grandparents and Carers
- These books are available at the back of your church.

GULGONG NEWS

RCIA

Des and Ann McCaffrey will be received into the full communion with the Catholic Church on the 8th June 2025. Please keep them in your prayer.

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

KANDOS NEWS

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

MUDGEES NEWS

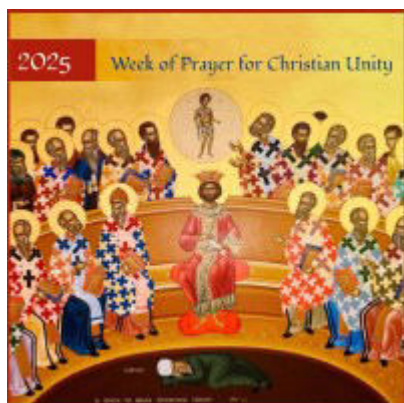
Flower Committee

Do you have a flare for decorating? Do have a green thumb? Would you like to regularly help decorate our beautiful church? The parish would like to form a Flower committee to source and arrange the flowers in our church. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service will be held at next Sunday, 8th June at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church. We will join with other Christian to pray together for closer unity. Followed by a cuppa tea. All welcome.

"Do you believe this?" (John 11:26).



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.



Ignite Conference is an event of Ignite Youth. This Conference is dedicated to gathering, raising up and sending out a new generation of Catholics who are on fire for Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, formed in the faith and centred in the Eucharist.

Experiences of prayer, worship, conversation and learning help young people to live out their Catholic faith with dynamism and passion.

Duration This is a four day event

Facilitators Ignite Youth and Emmanuel Worship

Cost A \$100 deposit that is refunded when you attend the Conference.

Date 10-13 July 2025 (The middle weekend of the holidays)

Venue Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

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Students of St Matthews can see Ms Redden for more information.

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the recently deceased especially:

Graham Hodgins.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Timothy Hundy, Lois Pilley, Marcus Bryant, Dot Davidson, Barry Rayner, Pat Barber, Noel Hodges, Tom Deasy, James Burnett, Anita Denniss, Patricia Onslow, Joyce Corner, Robert Reen, Rodney Upton.

For the deceased:

Margaret O'Reilly, Mervyn Morgan, 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

Please place your name on the list at the back of the church if attending Fr Owen's farewell celebration - if you could also indicate the type of food you wish to contribute i.e. savoury or slice so as we can supplement the food accordingly. We are intending to serve a variety of hot savoury food (chicken wings & legs, quiche, sausage rolls, party pies etc., and slices. For further information please contact Louise 0407 752 425 or Patti 0418 517 330.

If possible, please RSVP by Monday 23rd June for catering, but all are welcome to attend.

Planned Giving

As we approach the end on another financial year, we express our sincere gratitude to all parishioners who have supported our parishes financially over this past year.

Without your financial support, we can not continue to do what we are called by God to do—look after the pastoral life and outreach of our parishes which is our most important ministry.

To do this we must pay the everyday running cost of electricity, rates, salaries, the increasing insurance cost and attend to the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking you to commit to or re-commit to Planned Giving. We are asking for everyone to fill in a new Giving Card. The Planned Giving helps the parish plan for maintenance and repairs of our beautiful buildings and grounds. New Giving cards are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Statistics

Number of people registered for Planned Giving:

Gulgong	23
Kandos	20
Mudgee	104

Expected amount pledge to date (26/05/2025):

Gulgong	\$13,539.62
Kandos	\$11,551.15
Mudgee	\$67,246.15

Amount Given to date (26/05/2025):

Gulgong	\$12,521.00
Kandos	\$12,955.65
Mudgee	\$63,430.00



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
or call the parish office at (02) 6331 3066
Fee: \$20

Questions: sydney@op-tn.org



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
Saint Cecilia
Founded in 1860 - Nashville



nashvilledominican.org
[dominicansistersaustralia.org](https://www.dominicansistersaustralia.org)

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



ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

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Reading for next Sunday: **PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR C)**

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Rom or 1 Cor ?????

John 14:15-16, 23-26