



*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 owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Sunday, 22nd April 2018

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**Monday**  
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## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

### First Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

### Responsorial

**Psalm 117: 1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29.R. v. 22:**

**R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the lord than to trust in princes. **Res.**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **Res.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **Res.**

### Second Reading: St John 3:1-2

*We shall see God as he is.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, I am the Good Shepherd says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### Gospel: John 10:11-18

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

### Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.



There will be a leaving collection today to help support our seminarians with their material needs as they continue their education and training in readiness for their vocation to priesthood.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION:

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

© Fr Michael Tate

**Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th April 2018**

**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday, 23rd April**

NO SERVICE - Mudgee

**Tuesday, 24th April**

9:00am Mass

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting

**5.30pm - Pastoral Council, Liturgy Group and Finance Council : "Pea soup and planning" – an unpacking of the NCLS survey and melding with Parish Plan for 2018.**

**Wednesday, 25th April**

**ANZAC DAY - LEST WE FORGET**

**MASS 9.00AM**

**Thursday, 26th April**

**8.50am Morning Prayer**

9.10am Mass

**Friday, 27th April**

11.45am Rosary - Church

12-12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

**Saturday, 28th April**

Baptisms and Marriage Mudgee

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 29th April**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am - Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos.

<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	M.Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	B.Carrigan J.Unsworth	J.Keipert M.Dunnachie
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	L.Nicholson E.Biddle	R.Gawthorne K.Baker
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	D.Bennett C.Carberry	M.Dunnachie G.McDermott
<b>Organist</b>		R.Newman
<b>Welcomers</b>	K.Wall G.Roberts	Mr Sandy Walker
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Counters</b>	J.Potts 23/4	J.Cavanagh 30/4

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster Leader</b>	<b>29th April 2018 S.Parnell</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>29th April 2018</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	R.Saliba	<b>Leader</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	M.McGregor	<b>Readers</b>	K.Gade M.Chadwick
<b>Offertory</b>	L.Hope S.Ellery	<b>Intercessions</b>	M.Turner
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	E.Holland J.Thatcher	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	Sr Kath A.Krusvar
<b>Sacristan</b>	R.Saliba H.Seymour	<b>Sacristan</b>	Sr Kath



We welcome in Baptism this weekend at St Mary's **Isabelle Rose Minahan** daughter of Anthony and Adelle; **Ruby Maree Brindley** daughter of Joseph and Sarah; and **Hamish Charles McInnes** son of James and Grace.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for April**

**For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters:** That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**Please Note:** St Vincent de Paul Mudgee will hold their Annual Winter Appeal on the weekend of the 5th & 6th May. Please contribute generously.



**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**

**We pray for the recently deceased especially**

Joseph (John) Hawkins and Judith Furbank.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Lyn Wakeling, Kevin Byrnes, John Fitzpatrick, Lillian Munro, Marion Sheehan, Peter Byrnes, Leo Tobin, Alice and Geoffrey Boyd-Skinner.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Liam Potts, Darren Tuxford, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Jan Kirkman, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes.

For those seeking SPECIAL INTENTIONS.



ASK JESUS  
WHAT HE WANTS  
FROM YOU AND  
BE BRAVE

Pope Francis

### MUDGE NEWS

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL: PLEASE NOTE

Our regular monthly meeting falls on Anzac Day which is a public holiday. On Tuesday 24 April at 5.30pm Pastoral Council members are invited to join the liturgy group for **"Pea soup and planning"** – an unpacking of the NCLS survey and melding with Parish Plan for 2018. We will have a facilitator for the evening to maximise the information and plan for this year.

**Anzac Day Mass** - 9.00am 25th April.

**First Holy Communion** Second parent meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 3rd May at 1.30pm and repeat session 7.00pm.

**First Holy Communion** preparation for State school students will begin Monday 7th May at 3.30pm Parish Centre.

#### Mudgee Parish Pastoral Council news

We are delighted to welcome Kristie Newman to Parish Council. We are still seeking further nominations to join Parish Council for a term of 3 years. Ideally, we should have 8 members which would enable us to maintain a strong core team when some of our current team finish their term each year. I personally would encourage you to consider the skills and talents you might be able to contribute to Parish Council and our local church community. Julie Keipert, President

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#### KANDOS PARISH

**Congratulations** to Ray and Angela Krusvar celebrating their 55 wedding anniversary. Married in Yugoslavia on 27th April 1963. A special blessing was given to Ray and Angela by Bishop Michael on his recent visit.

**Liturgy Roster:** A new roster is being prepared for Kandos/Rylstone parish. We are in need of another sacristan to assist for Kandos Church. If you would like to assist with any of the ministries please contact Sr Kath.

#### Mudgee Liturgy Ministry

**Roster** has gaps because of people's changed circumstances. If you have participated in a ministry in the past, or you would like to take on a ministry, please let us know. Training and commissioning will be available so that you can be included on the roster.

A new roster will be drawn up in a few weeks time.

### GULGONG NEWS

**GCWG Street Stall:** Congratulations to the ladies who raise \$948.20 at the stall last Friday.

**Prize winners: Raffle:** 1st Carolyn Holland; 2nd Marilyn Gorrie.

**"100" Club - No 1** 1st: Fr Owen; 2nd Lesley Hope; 3rd Marea Leotta.

**"100" No 2.** 1st David Woods; 2nd Tim Lewis; 3rd Carmel Doherty.

**GCWG NEXT MEETING:** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP TO TUESDAY 15TH MAY 2.00PM in the Convent.

**DELIVERY OF MASS SUITCASE:** CAN WE PLEASE ORGANISE A ROSTER OF PEOPLE TO COLLECT THE MASS CASE FOR GULGONG FROM THE PARISH OFFICE ON A FRIDAY SO IT IS DELIVERED IN TIME FOR MASS/SUNDAY SERVICE EACH WEEK.

#### St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

**Sale and morning tea.**  
**Wednesday 9th May from 9.30am.**

Come and support the ladies.  
Proceeds from the raffle and morning tea go to support Can Assist.

#### Mudgee Josephite Associates

Next meeting Saturday 5th May at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

The group recently attended the annual Josephite Associates Workshop in Wellington attended by groups from the Bathurst Diocese.



#### Results of National Church Life Survey

are now available. Details available on website, [www.2017ncls.org.au](http://www.2017ncls.org.au) Mudgee Parish profile no: NG8EV7.

Watch this space for some interesting facts.

take time  
TODAY  
to appreciate  
SOMEONE  
who does  
SOMETHING  
you take for  
GRANTED

#### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Acts 9: 26-31

Psalm 21: 1, 26-28, 30-32, R. v.26

St John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8



## Good Shepherd Sunday 2018

Today is the *World Day of Vocations*.

Pope Francis tells us:

*We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.*

God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

### Pope Francis – Message for 2018 World Day of Vocations

*'It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now.*

*'We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.'*

### A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.



Dear Friends in Christ,

*"The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for the sheep."*

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we thank God for the gift of our priests and seminarians. This is a gift to us from both God and them. God calls, but the one called must answer. In gratitude for their generosity, we should be generous too. We can do this with our willingness to work together in true Christian service as members of the Church. We can do this by supporting our priests and seminarians spiritually and materially.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders, through which God gives us priests, is a marvellous gift to the Church. Like any gift, it is sometimes not appreciated and lies unused. Sometimes, it is used badly. The world does not understand this gift. Even for people of faith, including priests themselves, it is a mystery that we only begin to grasp.

The first letter I wrote to the priests of our Diocese was about St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. It concluded with these words:

*Vianney was not thought to have great human gifts, an evaluation he probably shared. He was as aware as anyone of the "dirty clothes" of the Church. But he knew that the Church was more than she appeared to be. He acted out of faith that the power of God's love in word and sacrament, by which and for which he was a priest, was the source of any good he might do. Connected to that source, he did great things and so can we.*

+Michael McKenna

**Bishop of Bathurst**

**Our Bathurst Seminarians - Please pray for them.**



*Mary Most Holy,  
as a young woman  
living in obscurity  
you nurtured with loving care  
the Word of God made flesh.  
Please protect and accompany  
all young men and women,  
especially from our parish,  
who are called to a vocation to  
the priesthood or religious life.  
Amen*

