

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.



The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year B

Sunday, 13th May 2018

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OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:
Principal: Mr Jason Hanrahan Ph 02 63721742

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.



Ascension

Responsorial Psalm 46

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. **Res.**

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. **Res.**

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. **Res.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Oz Rosary 2018



The Mudgee Rosary Prayer Group will pray the rosary after Mass at St Mary's this Saturday 12th at 7.00pm and Sunday 13th May beginning 10.00am
All welcome to participate.



We Pray for Mothers

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love.

For new mothers with new responsibilities; For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and family; For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who raise children on their own; For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For those who selflessly place their child for adoption; For those who adopt a child into their family; For those who have lost a child; For those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home;; For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good.

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The Year of Youth 2018

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th May 2018

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 14th May

Feast of St Matthias
NO SERVICE
3.30pm First Holy Communion lesson for the Government school children. Parish Centre.

Tuesday, 15th May

9:00am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yrs 11 & 12.
2.00pm Gulgong Catholic Women's Group meeting.
5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting.

Wednesday, 16th May

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
4.00pm Holy Hour
5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 17th May

8.50am Morning Prayer
9.10am Mass Mudgee
10.30am Gulgong - AH Kinder Yrs 1 & 2

Friday, 18th May

10.30am Mass Kanandah Nursing Home
11.45am Rosary - Church
12-12.15 Reconciliation
12.30pm Mass

Saturday, 19th May

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 20th May

Pentecost Sunday
9.00am Mass - Mudgee
10.30am Gulgong Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest

Commentator	L. Schreck	A. McLean
Readers	P. Cannon G. Brymora	M. Barrett R. McKeown
Special Ministers of Communion	S. Walker D. Cunningham	B. Murphy K. Baker M. Gilbert
Gospel Procession	M.Keightley	S.Roberts
Offertory Procession	C & S Geddes	N.Goodlet M. Cavanagh- O'Byrne
Welcomers	T.Richards	R.George
Altar Servers	J. Wilkinson S. Hawes C. Wilson	A. Disher B. Hanrahan O. Portelli H. Portelli
Counters	L. Nicholson 14/5	G. Robinson 21/5

Gulgong Liturgy Roster Leader	20th May 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	20th May 2018
	R. Saliba		
Commentator	E. Holmes	Leader	
Reader	L. Hope	Readers	K. Gade T. Ryan
Offertory	D. Germon family	Intercessions	T. Doorey
Special Minister of Communion	J. Thatcher M. Carney	Special Minister of Communion	L. McPherson
Sacristan	E & M Carney	Sacristan	A.Krusvar

Pope's prayer Intention for May

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity
That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

SOMETIMES

**IT TAKES A GOOD FALL
TO REALLY KNOW
WHERE YOU STAND.**

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Siobhan Woods (Gulgong) and Min Mealy (Hervey Bay), David Parker.

We remember the anniversaries of David McLean, Margaret Pike, Bepi (Joe) Specich, Milan Flego, Mary Byrnes, Gerald Gomez, Fr Leo Mahon, John O'Hare

We also pray for Jim Betts, Specich Family, Flego Family, Katalin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, Bill & Nancy Gaffney,

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Fr Tim Cahill, Liam Potts, Darren Tuxford, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Jan Kirkman, Dennis Donnelly, 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.

LITURGY

from Mudgee Liturgy Group

- Next week we celebrate **Pentecost** and we encourage everyone to wear **RED** highlighting the significance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Pentecost is recognised as the birthday of the Church. We will celebrate with Morning Tea after Mass on Sunday.
- A call for Ministers of the Word and Special Ministers of the Eucharist and all other ministries in our Parish will take place in July.
- Our Parish will participate in the Diocesan celebration of **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** on the 1st July.

MUDGEE NEWS

First Holy Communion preparation for State School students will continue this **Monday 14th May at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

VOLUNTEERS

Helpers needed to assist with the morning tea after Mass next Sunday.

We would be grateful if you could bring a cake/slice for sharing as we celebrate Pentecost.

St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group thank you most sincerely for your support of the morning tea and sale last Wednesday. results of the raffle will be printed next week.

DESK FOR SALE

The parish has a large office desk in new condition for sale. If interested please contact the Parish Office.

GULGONG NEWS

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group May meeting this Tuesday 15th May, 2.00pm in the Convent.

First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass Sunday 27th May, 10.30am (Parish Mass and morning tea).

World Youth Day 2019 - Panama

The theme for World Youth Day 2019 is: **"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."** (Lk 1:38)

Bishop Michael is inviting our young people to join him for WYD in Panama in January 2019. See the invite and further informayion at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Panama is bounded by Costa Rica to the west, Colombia to the east, the Atlantic Ocean to the north, and the Pacific Ocean to the south. Panama City's unique location has made it a hub of trade and immigration, and is well known for the Panama Canal. Panama has a tropical climate. WYD'19 will be held during January, which is in the middle of Panama's dry season. Low temperatures in the evening average 24°C and reach an average high of 29°C during the day.

A PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT - THE CARCOAR CAMINO

Friday 18th May 6pm to Sunday 20th May at 3pm

Come and enjoy a 2-day retreat following the way of the pilgrim walking the shalom labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar valley

This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises.

Cost: \$190 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

For bookings Phone:63673058
email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com
online: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events>



Thank you from Mudgee St Vincent de Paul

Mudgee St Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who donated to their Winter Appeal last weekend. Please be assured that all this money will go to assist local families in need. At this time \$2,800.00 has been collected. There are envelopes at the back of the church for those who still wish to support this cause. Donations are also being accepted at the Centre.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in the NAPLAN testing regime across our schools next week.

Many of our students are also participating in the Gulgong Eistedfod over the next few weeks in dance, music and speech. We wish them all well.

Hospital Visitation - Anyone who has a loved one in the Hospital and would like Fr Owen to visit please contact the Parish Office. Please be aware that due to privacy laws he is unable to visit hospital patients unless requested by the family .

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Acts 2: 1-11 Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30 Galatians 5:16-25 John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

SHINE JESUS SHINE

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,
 In the midst of the darkness shining,
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
 Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
 Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,
 Fill this land with the Father's
 glory.
 Blaze, Spirit blaze,
 Set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river flow,
 Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
 Send forth Your word,
 Lord and let there be light.



IN FOCUS

Time to Go

“Time to go”. We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we’re entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour. Sooner or later, though, we’re going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say that last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they’re gone. For a moment, there’s an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Elsie and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who have just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he’d spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it. And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us when we take leave of our loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence. They’re not here but are hardly gone for good. You can’t kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room.

How do you keep Jesus close even when he may seem absent?

“TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND DRINK FROM IT”

We have introduced the opportunity to receive Holy Communion as the Body of Christ and the Precious Blood from the Chalice for those who wish to, as a further expression of Jesus’ words **‘Take and eat, Take and drink.’**

Please take care to consume the Sacred Host before moving to receive from the Chalice. Currently the regulations covering the reception of Holy Communion do not allow for the dipping of the Host into the Chalice and then consuming it. Once the Sacred Host is placed in the hand it is to be consumed, then move to drink from the Chalice.

Some of the situations that may arise from not following this process:

* Dropping Precious Blood on floor or clothes.

* Sweat and germs from hand into chalice.

* Particles of wheat from the Sacred Host in the Precious Blood effecting those who are Gluten free and are only able to receive Communion from the Chalice.



Some people may believe that ‘dipping the host’ is a more hygienic way of receiving the precious blood than drinking from the Chalice. In fact, more germs are probably spread by communicants dipping bread that they have handled into the cup from which others will drink. The practice also introduces particles of wheat into the consecrated wine, endangering those coeliacs who cannot tolerate any gluten and who can receive the Body and Blood of Christ only from the cup.



*** The Sacred Host will be distributed by the two ministers at the centre isle.**

* If you would like to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice after receiving the Sacred Host, then you would proceed to the ministers holding the chalice at either side of the Sanctuary.



If you choose not to receive the Precious Blood simply return to your seat as usual.

