

*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.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B**

**Sunday, 15th APRIL 2018**

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

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Mr Nam Le

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday**

10.00am - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 4.00pm

**Pastoral Council:** Mrs Julie Keipert (President)

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**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

**Principal:** Mr Jason Hanrahan Ph 02 63721742

**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Ms Katrina Isbester Ph 02 63741582

**First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

*You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm 4:2, 4 7,9. R.v.7**

**R: Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **Res.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **Res.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **Res.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **Res.**

**Second Reading: St John 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:**

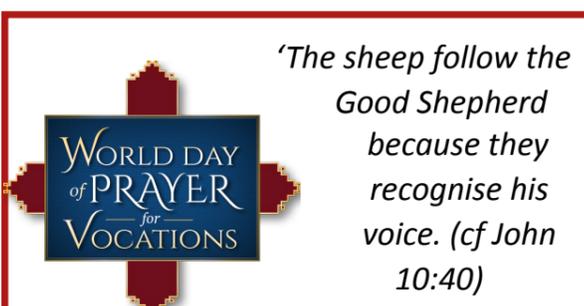
**Luke 24: 35-38**

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*



**Memorial Acclamation**

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



*'The sheep follow the Good Shepherd because they recognise his voice. (cf John 10:40)*

Next Sunday 22nd April is World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Good Shepherd Sunday.

We pray each day for our young people that they may hear God's call to priesthood and religious life.

There will be a leaving collection after Mass for the support and training of our seminarians.

Read the Holy Father's message at [www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com](http://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com).

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

© Fr Michael Tate

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd April 2018

DAY BY DAY

**Monday, 16th April**

NO SERVICE - Mudgee

**Tuesday, 17th April**

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

**Wednesday, 18th April**

10.00am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

**Thursday, 19th April**

**8.50am Morning Prayer - Psalter Wk3**

9.10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

**Friday, 20th April**

11.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
Kanandah Hostel.

12.30pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

**Saturday, 21st April**

3 Baptisms Mudgee

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 22nd April**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest  
Kandos.

Commentator	L.Schreck	Susie Bennett
Readers	s.Connor P.Cannon	J.O'Brien R.Disher
Special Ministers of Communion	S.Walker I.Byrne	Simon Bennett P.O'Brien K.Scott
Offertory Procession	S & S Connor	Disher Family
Organist		R.Newman
Welcomers	G & S Robinson	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters	D.Donnelly 16/4	J.Potts 23/4

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	22nd April 2018	Kandos Liturgy Roster	22nd April 2018
Commentator	D.Kelly	Leader	
Reader	P.Lenard	Readers	A.Krusvar M.Turner
Offertory	M & C Gaudry	Intercessions	T.Doorey
Special Minister of Communion	J.Thatcher R.Saliba	Special Minister of Communion	K.Morrissey
Sacristan	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	Sacristan	T.Doorey



We welcome in Baptism this weekend at St Mary's **Everly Belle Fyfe** daughter of Michael and Kathryn; **Bella Jane Croake** daughter of Mathew and Karla; and **Joshua Onen Bulinski** son of James and Grace.



Congratulations to **Michael Peter McGuiggan** and **Caitlin Marea Windle** who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage in St Mary's this weekend.



**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.



**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** Ciro Spedalire, Mario Zaccaria, Gael Hundy, Jane Drummond, Baby Victor and Max Bulinski.

**We also pray for** deceased members of the Goldspink family, David Kiddle.

**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.

**GULGONG NEWS**



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

**First Holy Communion** parent meeting 3.30pm at All Hallows on Thursday 3rd May. If you have children in the State school eligible for the sacraments this year. Please contact the Parish office 63722122.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated on Sunday 24th June, 10.30am Mass.



**MUDGEE 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. I would be very grateful if you could all attend this social/working evening.

Our next Parish Pastoral Council meeting date after this will be Wednesday 30th May.

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

**First Holy Communion** Second parent meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on 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.

**NALAG** — Centre for Loss & Grief - contact 0488225710. A wonderful local resource offering support for anyone experiencing a loss.

**KANDOS PARISH**

**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.



**NOTE FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Due to renewed Diocesan policy all Ministers to the Sick to the nursing homes and private homes must be registered with the Parish Office. We are updating our files so please contact the Parish Office.

We also require the names of all parishioners to whom you are taking Communion.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must sign the book available in the Reconciliation room before you leave to go to the Nursing Home/private homes. This is a Diocesan regulation.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**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 Mudgee 'Can Assist'



**Caritas AUSTRALIA**

**Thank you from Caritas Australia** for your generous support of Project Compassion 2018. If you have not returned your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes please return this week so we can finalise the figures for this year.

**PROCLAIM 2018** *Make your home in me...John 15:4*

Registrations are now open to attend this important Conference focused on parish renewal and transformation. Proclaim 2018 will engage parishes and faith communities in an ongoing conversation about: Leadership and culture change; engaging young people; belonging; parish renewal and evangelisation. **Date:** 12-14 July 2018.

**Cost:** Adult \$275 Student/Pensioner \$220.

**Where:** Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

For more information and to register:

[www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)



**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
- YEAR B**

Acts 4:8-12  
Psalm 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 1  
John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18



The following information aims to provide a quick snapshot of just some of the projects the Diocesan Pastoral Council working groups have been focused on recently. Further updates will be provided on a regular basis. Resources and more information is available on the website: [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

#### Hearing and Proclaiming the Word of God

The group is looking for ways to continue and encourage "Word and Faith" groups in the Parish. If your parish would like to commence a group and would like some material, please contact Sr Alice 0428 741 342.

#### Worshipping God in Prayer and Sacrament

A Lenten flyer – with an explanation of the meaning of Lent and prayer suggestions has been sent to each Diocesan schools aiming to help families understand what Lent is all about.

#### Building a Community of Love and Service

This group is looking for ways of raising awareness across the Diocese of needs of prisoners. The hope is to have materials for parishes detailing the ways we might assist. The Diocese of Bathurst has one of the largest populations of prisoners in NSW.

#### Participation of Indigenous Catholics

Fr Carl Mackander has authored an essay, *St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Fr Julian Tenison Woods, Fr Donald MacKillop SJ, Fr Duncan McNab and their ministries to Aboriginal Australians*. The essay gives a detailed insight to the atrocities Indigenous Australians experienced in the 1800s and the constant challenges Mary MacKillop and her colleagues faced to fight for the human rights of our Nation's first people. The essay is available on the Diocesan website at <https://goo.gl/bMKXNi>

#### Participation of Youth

An Instagram account has been created for RISE, and has been very popular. You can follow RISE on Instagram @risebathurstyouth.

A successful Year of Youth Forum was held in the Cathedral Parish earlier in April, with students from across the Diocese having the opportunity to raise important issues about their faith and the future of our local church with Bishop Michael and the priests of the Diocese.

#### The Domestic Church - Marriage and Families

Each parish is being invited to look at the possibility of conducting the Marriage Course in their parish. It is based on Alpha program and has been successfully trialled in a number of parishes. For more information please contact Deacon Josh at [ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

### Gospel Connection - Take the Stand and Witness

Witnesses to the Resurrection? Yeah, I've met them, especially in hospital.



There was the patient with extreme hip pain who prayed for the people with more serious medical problems. There was the older patient who almost died but said she doesn't fear death because Christ had comforted her in prayer. There was the patient with cancer who was looking for a parish to join because he always kept "Jesus in my heart" – even though he felt rejected by the Church in the past.

I look back on the faith of those people and I say, "Christ is risen!"

#### Are you a convincing witness to others?

That is this Gospel's challenge. Your faith might be the only "Gospel" that some people read. They'll read it in how you treat friends, family, and even enemies. They'll read it in your attitude towards poor people. They'll read it in how you use money and choose goals.

That's heavy stuff. We aren't perfect, and we mess up a lot. But don't worry. More than anything else, people will see the Gospel alive when you apologise, admit your failings, and start over.

You're a sinner. So am I. But we're still called to witness to the Resurrection by passing the Gospel with our generation down to the next generation. The Apostles took Jesus up on that. And the word has spread from generation to generation for two thousand years now. It's now partly on your shoulders. But God put it there because God has so much faith in you.

#### As I review what typically happens in my daily routine, where do I have opportunities to witness to the Resurrection by my faith in action?



Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

- Pope Francis -