

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.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this note finds you as well as you can be at this time. We are all having to change and adjust in so many ways, hopefully keeping our sense of humour and optimism along the way.

As we journey through the great faith events of Holy Week we are one with the early disciples whose world changed before them; from the close friendship of the Last Supper meal ... through the shattering reality of Jesus' most cruel death, to, what seemed to them, the unbelievable good news of His resurrection. He was with them still. What a rollercoaster ride. Their world changed and the Risen Lord sent them out to change the world. As their heirs we continue their mission. May these Holy Days of prayer and devotion within our homes imprint in our minds and hearts the great Good News that Jesus overcame death and gives us New Life.

As we celebrate this Easter in a very different style of community prayer, we remember that we are the one body of Christ, called in word and action to bring his new life and hope to all we might encounter over this Holy Season of 50 days.

We hope to live stream from our Parish Church the major celebrations of the Easter Triduum i.e. Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 11.00am, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm and Easter Sunday Mass at 9.00am.

Easter celebrations are also being lived streamed from various Cathedrals and parishes, as well as TV (Prime 7 Good Friday at 3.00pm and Easter Sunday at 10.30am). Check the bulletin for more info.

I pray the Lord will bring us new life in many surprising and unexpected ways this Easter Season, as we pray and celebrate separately, but together as one family in faith.

Easter Blessings to everyone.

Fr Owen

P.S. Thank you for the many kind expressions of concern and thoughtfulness and Easter wishes I have received. They are greatly appreciated.



If you are exercising or passing St Mary's Church there will be a table at the front of the church with individual bottles of Blessed Easter Holy Water, Home Blessing and a small Easter Candle in individual sealed plastic bags, one per family for you to take and bless your home. They will be available from 10.00am to 11.00am each day this week from Easter Sunday morning.

EASTER 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Proclaiming the good news of Easter could not come at a better time.



Everyone is affected, some more severely than others, by the Covid19 pandemic. Even for most people, who will not get sick, the disruptions to our social and economic life are already here. There is fear of the unknown as we make our way through this emergency, unprecedented in our lifetimes.

I have written elsewhere about the practical cooperation we should give to our public health authorities, especially as it applies to the life of our parishes. In this message, I want to invite you sincerely to enter more deeply, through these events, into the good news of Easter: and into the reality of your faith in Christ and your relationship with him.

The Son of God entered a broken world, to save it from within. Our world is broken by the original sin that afflicts our relationships with God and one another, whether personal or social. Relations within creation are broken, too, as the outbreak of this virus and other natural calamities reveal again and again.

Our liturgical celebrations of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ will be restricted this year, but each person, each family can reflect on the story revealed in the Scriptures and the liturgical prayers. It is the good news that humankind and creation are being redeemed from sin and death. That each person who turns to Jesus Christ for forgiveness will find it. That each person who opens his or her life to him will be given the peace that is the fruit of forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

At the Easter Vigil proclamation, in the *Exsultet*, the deacon sings:

*This is the night that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.*

*This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.
Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.*

*O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!*

May this Easter be a celebration of this new life for you.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna

Bishop of Bathurst



We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Dong Van Nguyen to our three parishes of Gulgong, Mudgee and Kandos/Rylstone.

We look forward to Fr Dong ministering among us now as our priest.

We wish him every blessing in his ministry to us all.

We look forward to giving Fr Dong a formal welcome to each parish later in the year.



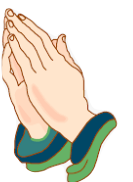
St Mary's will ring our church bell each day at 12 noon to call us to pray at this time as we journey through the coming months. Each and everyone is invited to join in the Angelus wherever you might be as we pray together for each other, our communities, our nation and our world.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary....



Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



If you would like to receive the sacrament of Confession/ Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion please call 63722122 - If unanswered please leave your number and

Father will call you back to arrange a suitable time.

EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: [Acts 10:34. 37-43](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)



Second Reading: [Col 3:1-4](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation [1 Cor 5:7-8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 20:1-9](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

CARELINE PROGRAM LAUNCHED FOR THOSE WHO NEED SUPPORT

As a community, we are facing an unprecedented challenge in the wake of COVID-19. The Diocese has launched a Careline program to help the elderly, vulnerable and those in need.

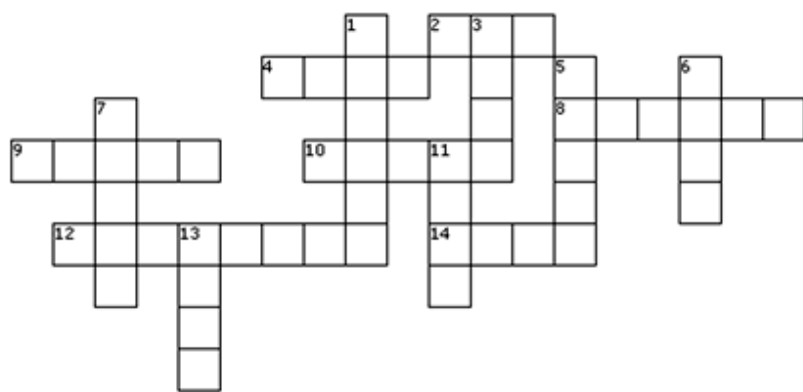
If you are in need of practical assistance
or known of someone else who is in need
please phone: **1800 231 118** or

email care@centacarebathurst.com.au

For further information, please contact CARELINE on 1800 231 118, email care@centacarebathurst.com.au or visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	



Our thoughts and prayers are with all the recently deceased, all whose anniversaries occur around this time and the sick in our communities.



Mass will be live streamed from St Mary's Mudgee each day beginning with Holy Thursday at 7.00pm, Good Friday Station of the Cross 11.00am, The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7.00pm and Easter Sunday morning at 9.00am. Daily Mass will be live streamed at 9.30am each day.

You can find us on Mudgee Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicmudgee/> or on our website at www.mudgee.catholic.org.au for all the updated information.

There are many resources to help at this time.

<https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/>

Sunday Mass is live streamed from the Cathedral of St Michael & St John Bathurst Sunday's at 10.00am on the address above.

On the right side of the Homepage about half way down on the right you will see '10am Sunday Mass' click on '**HERE**'. This will open up the Facebook page. Choose 'Videos' then click on 10am Sunday Mass. You will also see a video linking to daily Mass. You can also do this on SmartTV as well as computer.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY MASS WILL BE TELEVISED ON CHANNEL 7

Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

Dear Lord of Mercies,
grant us the gifts of your Spirit for our discernment,
right judgement and wisdom.
May we, who may be inconvenienced,
remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we, who have the option of working from home,
remember those who risk their lives every day,
on the frontlines of healthcare.
May we, who have the option of working from home,
remember the homeless.
May we who have had to cancel plans,
remember those who have no place to go.
May we, who are losing future dreams and investments,
remember those who have no future to dream of.
May we, in the works of Pope Francis,
'transmit the culture of life to the future generations
in an attitude of solidarity, care, and welcome'.
Lord, in this time of challenge around
our usual learning environment,
help us find ways to be the loving
embrace of God,
supporting our students and families,
until we are all resurrected to a new day.
Amen.



Being challenged in life is inevitable.
being defeated is optional.



For those who are able and wish to continue to assist the parish financially you can Direct Debit to parishes and return to envelope when this terrible situation has passed.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47;

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9;

John 20: 19-31