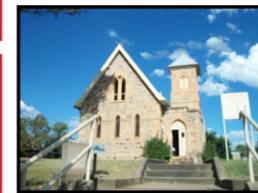
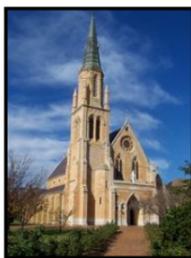


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B 28th March 2021



First Reading: [Is 50:4-7](#)

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v. 2](#)

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Eph 2:4-10](#)

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [Jn 3:14-21](#)

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Women and War



Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 29th March

NO SERVICE

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 30th March

COMMUNION SERVICE

12 Noon Angelus

1.00pm Funeral - Margaret 'Peg' Leonard

6.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation Mudgee

WEDNESDAY - 31st March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

11.00am Mass Kandos Anointing Mass

12 Noon Angelus

2.30pm Funeral - Jan Bailie (Kandos)

THURSDAY - 1st April HOLY THURSDAY

10.20am Way of the Cross St Matthews School. All Welcome

10.30am Mudgee Grove Mass (Residents only)

12 Noon Angelus

12.40pm Way of the Cross St Matthews School. All Welcome.

5.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper Rylstone

7.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper Mudgee

FRIDAY - 2nd April GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am Stations of the Cross - Rylstone

11.00am Stations of the Cross - Mudgee

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion - Gulgong

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion - Mudgee

SATURDAY - 3rd April EASTER VIGIL

5.00pm Easter Vigil Mass - Gulgong

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY - 4th April EASTER SUNDAY

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Kandos

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

Anointing/ Home Communion:

Please ring and make an appointment, Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and we can visit you at home.

GULGONG NEWS

Cuppa after Mass on Sunday 28th March. Please do not bring any food. Covid Restriction apply.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (GULGONG ONLY)

If your child is in Year 6 or above and has completed the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion, they are eligible to enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the following dates will be important to you.

Wednesday 28th April

3.30pm Parent / Carers Information Meeting

Sunday 2nd May

10.30am Confirmation Enrolment Mass

Sunday 6th June

10.30am Confirmation Mass

KANDOS NEWS

Anointing Mass - Wednesday 31st March at 11am. Lunch has been cancelled due to a Funeral.

MUDGEE NEWS

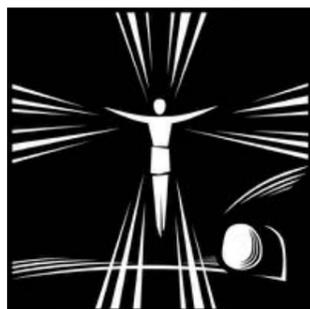
Second Rite of Reconciliation - Tuesday 30th March at 6.30pm.

Easter Dues Envelopes



Available at the back of the church.

Easter Time: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultations one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter... GNLYC 22-24



EASTER TRIDUUM MINISTRIES MUDGEE

If you will be available to assist with the ministries over Easter weekend could you please contact the Parish Office via email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au or by phone 63722122.

MUDGEE ROSTER IS ON THE WHITEBOARD AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. IF THERE ARE GAPS, PLEASE FILL IN TO ASSIST WHERE YOU CAN.

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 10TH / Sunday 11TH April 2021

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham		S. Abbey
First Reader	L. Nicholson	M. McLean	L. Croake
Second Reader	J. Newman		H. Rodgers
Special Ministers of Communion	J. Vros		L. Rodgers
Altar Servers	F. Swift		S. Keaton

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
11th Apr	C. Gaudry	K. Ritar	M.&E. Carney
18th Apr	S. Parnell	R. Saliba	E. Donnelly R. Saliba
25th Apr	D. Kelly	D. Hudson	C. Holland
2nd May	P. Leotta	S. Parnell	R. Saliba

**Pope's Universal Prayer for March
Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021

“Parish Based, Family Centred and School Supported”.

We will again be offering our parish families the opportunity to celebrate the sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and First Reconciliation.

It is the wish of Bishop Michael that parishes celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation within the weekend Parish Masses.

One parent information session is planned for each of the sacraments - Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation.

The first of the sacraments to be celebrated this year will be **First Holy Communion**. The parent session is to take place shortly, two sessions are offered on this day either the day session from 1.30 -2.30pm or evening session 7.00pm - 8.00pm. The session is for parents/carers only, candidates do not attend.

Families of students in Year 3 are invited to register their **intention** to have their child **receive the sacrament** via an **online form** provided by the parish staff and available on the parish website. The enrolment form will follow at a later date, once the information session has taken place.

St Matthews students will be prepared by their teachers during RE lessons and supported by the Parish Sacramental Team. Children in the State schools will attend after school lessons in the Parish Centre - dates to be confirmed.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS VIA OUR EMAIL: office.mudgee@cdob.org.au or Ph 63722122.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Margaret ‘Peg’ Leonard, Jan Bailie

We remember the anniversaries of

Jean Price, Jim Page, Gloria Norris, Judy Furbank.

We also pray for Nikola Marakovic, Varga & Blazavic Families.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

Karen Freebody, Bev Darby, Stasia Rozenblatt, Carmel Thompson, John Carney (Rooty Hill), Mike O’Shea, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Elizabeth Taylor (Newcastle), Allen Fenwick (Newcastle), Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Julie Collins, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

Just a remember.....

Daylight saving ends next weekend.



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation’s longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.



You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Church Cleaning for Easter:

Wednesday 31st March after Mass. All help gratefully accepted.

“Life is full of Ups and downs. Glorify God during the ups and fully trust in him during the downs.”



St Matthews Catholic School



St Matthews “Bright Beginnings” Playgroup Sessions

Four consecutive Wednesday mornings 26th May, 2nd June, 9th June and 16th June for 1 hour play sessions.

* Session Times: 9:30-10:30 am, 11:30- 12:30 pm and 1:00-2:00 pm

* Held near the Midford School Uniform shop.

* Open to all children who will be beginning school in 2022

* Cost: Free

* All new and existing families are welcome

* Registrations open 29th March 2021

Please contact Bernie Atkinson via email b.atkinson@bth.catholic.edu.au for further information

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Monday 29th March

5.45pm Chrism Mass Bathurst Cathedral

Tuesday 30th March Communion Service

6.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgee

Wednesday 31st March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

11.00am Anointing Mass Kandos followed by lunch.

EASTER TRIDUUM MUDGEE PARISH

Holy Thursday 1st April 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 2nd April

11.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday 3rd April 6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 4th April

7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass

GULGONG PARISH

Good Friday 2nd April 3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday 3rd April 5.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

KANDOS PARISH

Holy Thursday 1st April 5.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St Malachy's Rylstone

Good Friday 2nd April 11.00am Stations of the Cross St Malachy's Rylstone

Easter Sunday 4th April 9.00am Mass St Dominic's Kandos



COVID restrictions from Monday 29 March:

- The number of people allowed in a place of worship is still limited to 1 person per 2 square metres. The current number of people allowed in churches will not change from Monday.
- While there is no upper limit on the number of people attending a funeral or wedding, if the service is held within a place of worship (a building), the number of people able to attend is still restricted by the 1 person per 2 square metre rule.
- Restrictions on singing in places of worship will be lifted as of this Saturday.
- All organisations must continue to ensure they keep accurate records of all attendances, including through [QR Codes](#), to enable fast contact tracing in the event of any community transmission.
- It is critical everyone continues to practise COVID-safe behaviours, practising social distancing, staying home if unwell and getting tested if suffering from the mildest of symptoms.



Way of the Cross

St Matthews Catholic School invites you to participate in the Way of the Cross Pilgrimage

Thursday 1st April 10.20am and 12.40pm

The pilgrimage will commence in the school grounds and conclude in St Mary's Church.

To participate, please sign in at the school office.

Parishioners and parents are reminded to maintain social distancing and to stay at home if displaying cold and flu like symptoms.



GOOD FRIDAY

SPECIAL HOLY LAND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP ON GOOD FRIDAY.

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will place on Good Friday, April 2nd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday Resurrection. *Gnly18,19*

