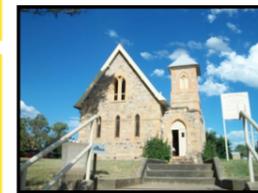
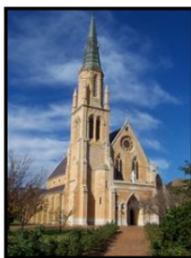


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Second Sunday of Easter - Year B 11th April 2021

First Reading:

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading: **1 Jn 5:1-6**

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: **Jn 20:19-31**

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.



Sing ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb:

'Whoever sings well prays twice over'.

GIRM 39

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 12th April
NO SERVICE

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 13th April

9.30am Communion Service

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 14th April

9.30am Communion Service

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 15th April

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 16th April

11.00am Mass Kanandah (Residents only)

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 17th April

12 Noon Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 18th April

Third Sunday of Easter

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Word & Faith Group

Anointing/ Home Communion:

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

The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in.

- Peter Marshall

GULGONG NEWS

ANZAC DAY falls on a Sunday this year. Mass will be moved to 10.00am on Sunday, 25th April.

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

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.

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 We remember the anniversaries of

Joan McKerchar, Mavis Whale, Joan Gallagher, Pat Morrison, Jane Drummond, Konrad Keibel

We also pray for Margaret 'Peg' Leonard, Jan Bailie, Barry, Ally & Esma Woods, Anges Robinson, Fairy & Ervine McDermott, Gael & Russell Hundy.

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

Cherylanne Adamson, John Vros, 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.



Baptisms: We welcome to the Parish community

Isabelle Mae Kurtz

daughter of Matthew and Emma

Charles Kevin Priest

son of Benjamin and Tasha

William John Sluyter

son of Brian and Brinkley

Hunter, Piper and Elsie

Donaldson

children of Matthew and Emily

Pope's Universal Prayer for April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

Acts 3:13 - 15. 17-19

Ps 4:2:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

1 Jn 2:1-5

Lk 24:35-48



**KNITTING
KNOTTING
& UNKNOTTING**
A WEEKEND RETREAT

Knitting, Knotting, Unknotting - is a contemplative spirituality weekend for anyone who works with threads or yarn.

Come along and bring your knitting, spinning or your weaving of any description including basketry. It will be a quiet working and prayerful weekend, with good food and company in the beautiful surrounds at Shalom and historic Carcoar.

WHEN: Fri 30th April 2021 at 6pm to Sun 2nd May 2021 after lunch

WHERE: Shalom House of Prayer, 7-11 Collins Street, Carcoar

COST: \$260 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

BOOKINGS: Ph [02 63673058](tel:0263673058) or book online at shalomcarcoar.com

Note: We have all new Retreat protocols to keep us COVID Safe.



**A PILGRIM'S
WALKING
RETREAT**

COME & 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.

FOR BOOKINGS
PH: 63673058
EMAIL: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com
ONLINE: www.shalomcarcoar.com

**THE CARCOAR
CAMINO**

14th MAY 6pm
to
16th MAY 3pm

\$260
Includes all meals and
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SHALOM HOUSE
OF PRAYER
CARCOAR

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th April 2021

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	C. Furney		M. Matthews
First Reader	D. Cunningham	P. Wilkinson	A. Myles
Second Reader	I. Byrne		M. Dunnachie
Special Ministers of Communion	A. Baker		K. Scott
Altar Servers	M. English		S. Hannigan
Counter	Mon 19th	D. Donnelly	

Saturday 24th / Sunday 25th April 2021

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	K. Fitsimmons		S. Abbey
First Reader	L. Ryan	R. McKeown	R. Disher
Second Reader	J. Newman		J. O'Brien
Special Ministers of Communion	G. Hennessy		P. O'Brien
Altar Servers	E. McKid		
Counter	Mon 25th		

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
18th Apr	S. Parnell	R. Saliba	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
25th Apr	D. Kelly	D. Hudson	C. Holland
2nd May	P. Leotta	S. Parnell	R. Saliba

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. 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 has been lifted
- 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.

Thank you

We extend our appreciation to all who assisted with the preparations during Easter, and to all who assisted with the various ministries at the Masses.



Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

Current Positions advertised by Centacare

- To assist in meeting the growing demand for our well established clinical services, Centacare is currently seeking a **Part Time Psychologist / Social Worker / Counsellor** to join our existing Dubbo team. Reporting to the Manager of Clinical Services, the successful candidate will provide therapeutic counselling services to individuals, adults, couples, children and families. At Centacare you will be supported with career mentoring, workplace flexibility, individual development, generous salary packaging and exceptional opportunities to contribute to community. Apply today via <https://www.seek.com.au/job/51758742>
- Providing mental health support to students within a school setting is just part of the rewarding and excellent development opportunities available at Centacare. The School Wellbeing Team in Dubbo are currently seeking a **Counsellor** to join their team of experienced clinicians. If you are an agile, proactive, team player with excellent communication skills; a genuine passion for the sector and an understanding of one's contribution to the bigger picture – we'd love to hear from you! Please visit <https://www.seek.com.au/job/51745891>
- Centacare are currently seeking Coordinator (Orange) and Educators for both Bathurst and Orange to support the **Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)** program. Centacare are seeking individuals who will support the wider organisational values, ethos and mission whilst maintaining and child-centred focus within role and service. For more information, or to apply, please visit <https://www.seek.com.au/job/51887028>
- HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngster)** is a free, two-year, home-based early childhood learning program that empowers parents and carers to be their child's first teacher. To drive the delivery of one of our exceptional early childhood learning programs, we are currently seeking a Coordinator (Parental Leave Secondment) to join our Dubbo team. The successful candidate will plan, lead, deliver and evaluate; to provide continuous improvement and community connections and community support activities to meet community needs. Please visit <https://www.seek.com.au/job/51643451>

A DAY ART and PRAYER

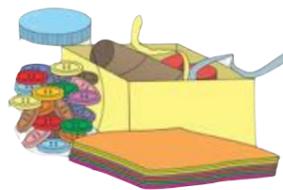
AT SHALOM
HOUSE OF PRAYER
7 COLLINS ST CARCOAR

**SATURDAY
24TH APRIL**
9:00AM TO 3:00PM
COST: \$75
(Includes art materials, lunch,
morning and afternoon teas.)

This retreat will give you a path throughout the day, to feel and see your world; Your outer world & your inner world. You will be led in a day of input about the "God Tree". Your prayers will become your art, your art will connect you deeper to yourself, others and God.
Your facilitator will be Kate Thornley, an experienced Uniting Church Chaplain, Spiritual Director & qualified Art Therapist.

FOR BOOKINGS
phone:63673058
shalomcarcoar@gmail.com
or online at:
shalomcarcoar.com

(No experience of art making is needed)



St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

are having a
Craft Sale



on 17th April

9.00am and 1.00pm

in the St Mary's Church Grounds.

