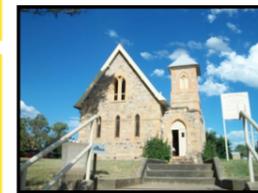
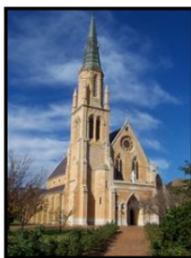


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Third Sunday of Easter - Year B 18th April 2021

First Reading:

[Acts 3:13-15. 17-19](#)

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

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 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! **(R.)**

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

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

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

Second Reading:

[1 Jn 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: [Lk 24:35-48](#)

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



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 19th April

NO SERVICE

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 20th April

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

1.30pm First Holy Communion Parent Session (in Church)

7.00pm First Holy Communion Parent Session (in Church)

WEDNESDAY - 21st April

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 22nd April

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 23rd April

10.30am Funeral Service - Robert Wakeling (Mudgee)

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Memorial Mass - Janelle Hartnett (Mudgee) All welcome.

SATURDAY - 24th April

12 Noon Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 25th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ANZAC DAY

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.00am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Rylstone

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm 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.

Cardinal Edward Cassidy

5th July 1924 ~ 10th April 2021

Cardinal Cassidy, who was baptised at Goolma, passed away in Newcastle on 10th April 2021.

Cardinal Cassidy was a talented canon lawyer and diplomat, serving in many parts of the world. From many years Cardinal Cassidy was the most senior Australian to work in the Vatican.



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.

*The first of the sacraments to be celebrated this year will be **First Holy Communion**. The parent session is to take place on Tuesday 20th April, two sessions are offered on this day, either the day session starting from 1.30 or evening session starting at 7.00pm. 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.*

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

Robert Wakeling, Janelle Hartnett, John Fitzpatrick (Maitland)

We remember the anniversaries of

Clem Robinson, John Fitzpatrick (Mudgee), Barbara Muller, Lyn Wakeling, Kevin Byrnes, Sharon Frost

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

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

Mario Giusti, John Cross, Cherylanne Adamson, John Vros, Karen Freebody, 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 all those in our Nursing Homes.



Baptisms: We welcome to the Parish community

Abigail Maria Jones
daughter of Tim and Rebecca

Leonardo Ryder Hiller
son of Kurt and Emma

GULGONG NEWS

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

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

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Word and Faith Group

St Mary's currently has a Word and Faith group on Sunday's at 5pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to be part of the Group or would like to find out more information, please contact the Parish Office.

SOCIAL DISTANCING REMINDERS...

As we are still in a time of pandemic, we are still required to maintain our social distancing. Please be aware of this when sitting, kneeling or moving around the church.

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 be 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.

RISE YOUTH FESTIVAL

THURSDAY TO FRIDAY 1-2 JULY
EARLY BIRD PRICE \$110 BEFORE APRIL 30TH
PRICE \$120 AFTER APRIL 30TH

PHOTO: A group of young people, some wearing 'RISE' t-shirts, standing together in a room.

Mudgee Roster
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 19th		

Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd May 2021

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	K.Fitsimmons		L. Croake
First Reader	C. Furney	R. McKeown	M. Barrett
Second Reader	A. Fergus		M. Dunnachie
Special Ministers of Communion	I. Byrne		R. Croake
Altar Servers	B. Holden		E. Littler
Counter	Mon 25th		

Gulgong Roster

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

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Bathurst Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Bathurst Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal on **6334 6409** or email tribunal@bathurst.catholic.org.au



St Mary's Parish Luncheon

Our next Parish luncheon will be after our 12.30pm Friday Mass on May 7th.

For catering purposes, if you would like to attend, please write your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office on 6372 2122.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

From Saturday, 1st May, the vigil mass will be at **5.00pm**.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Ghosts, meals and humanity

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.



MILITARY DIOCESE LEAVING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Your donation or bequest to the Armed Services Catholic Diocese Revenue Fund will enable the Fund to achieve its objectives of providing for the care, comfort, benefit and welfare for members of the Australian Defence Force (including allied forces serving with Australian members). These objectives will be delivered principally through spiritual and general counselling services. In this context, your donation will ensure that the Catholic Military Diocese of Australia has the necessary resources and capacity to deliver services, such as:

- Training of Priests and Deacons for the Military Diocese.
- Training of Catholic Representatives (officially recognised lay leaders) for deployable units of the ADF.
- Support for women's programs and the work of the Episcopal Deputy for Women.
- Ensuring necessary organisational support for priests, deacons and lay staff working in the field delivering services to ADF members.

A donation to the Catholic Military Ordinariate is a meaningful way to fund the education of future priests and deacons and to support our clergy in providing spiritual guidance to our service men and women and their families. Thank you for your support.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Do you wonder why Pope Francis dedicated this year to Saint Joseph?

You are invited to discover more about Saint Joseph

Venue: St. Joseph's Conference Room, Perthville
Time: Session 1: 10.30am – 12.30am
 Lunch: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
 Session 2: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Date: Saturday 1st May 2021
Facilitator: Sr. Ann Morrison rsj
RSVP: Wednesday 28th April
Email: Perthville.Coodinator@[sosj.org.au](mailto:Perthville.Coodinator@sosj.org.au)
Mob: 0429186564



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

8th December 2020 ~ 8th December 2021

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

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.

Taking time to do nothing often brings everything into perspective.

A simple view