

*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.



## Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B 9th May 2021



**First Reading:** [Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48](#)

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2](#)

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R.)**



**Second Reading:** [1 Jn 4:7-10](#)

*God is love.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Jn 15:9-17](#)

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Cornelius, Catholics and Love*

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons

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Fr Dong Van Nguyen

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Deacon Charles Applin

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**Parish Office Hours**

Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

Ph 02 6372 1742

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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 10th May**

**NO SERVICE**

12 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 11th May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr9

12 Noon Angelus

1.30pm Parent/Carer Confirmation Meeting (Mudgee) Church

**WEDNESDAY - 12th May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

7pm Parent/Carer Confirmation Meeting (Mudgee) Church

**THURSDAY - 13th May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr1

11.00am Funeral

Raymond Williamson

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass (Gulgong) - AH YrK-6

**FRIDAY - 14th May**

10.30am Mass - Whiddon

(Residents only)

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

1pm Parish Luncheon

**SATURDAY - 15th May**

12 Noon Angelus

4.15-4.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 16th May**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

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.



*St Mary's Parish Luncheon*

**CHANGE OF DATE**

Our next Parish Luncheon will be after our 12.30pm Friday Mass on May **14th**.

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 63722122.

**GULGONG NEWS**

**Bottle Collection** is still happening. If you have any 10c refundable bottle and would like to donation them to the church, please place them in the bin at the back of the Convent.



**Companions of the Sisters of St Joseph**  
(Formerly Josephite Associates)

Josephite Companions participate in the life and mission of the church by living out the Josephite charism through friendship, prayer and service enriching your life as well as the lives of others by "doing the ordinary with a Josephite heart".

Our first gathering will be at 1pm, Friday 21st May in the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining the group or would like to know more, please contact **Patti 0418517330**.



**NATIONAL MASS COUNT**

will take place over the next three weekends. This gives us valuable data about our parishes and helps us plan for our future. We appreciate your help and patience at this time.

*Pope's Universal Prayer for May ....*

**The World of Finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



**Baptisms:** We welcome to the Parish community

*Aurora Helena Leonard*

daughter of Ryan and Heidi

and

*Caitlin Charmine Harris*

daughter of Benjamin and Sally

**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**

**For the recently deceased especially**

Raymond Williamson

**We remember the anniversaries of**

Moira Robbin, Mary Comer, Bob Goard, Fay Quirk

**We also pray for** Katlin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, Daphne Cooper, Rachel Killer, Miriam Byers, Leo Egan

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

Helen Roberts, 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

**Welcomers**

We are looking for parishioners who would like to be part of our welcoming ministry. This involves saying hello and welcome as people come in to weekend Masses. If you would to be a part of this important ministry, please contact the office.

*Make hospitality your special care'. Romans 12:13*

**"I think of you, Dear Mothers: How much you pray for your children, without getting tired.**

**Continue to pray.**

**To entrust your children to God; he has a great heart!"**

Pope Francis

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Ascension of the Lord - Year B**

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 16:15-20

**Mudgee Roster**  
**Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th May 2021**

	<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sun 7.30am</b>	<b>Sun 9.00am</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	St Matthews		St Matthews
<b>First Reader</b>	St Matthews	Help Needed	St Matthews
<b>Second Reader</b>	St Matthews		St Matthews
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	A. Baker		Kylie Scott
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A & H Portelli		M. Freebody
<b>Counter</b>	Mon 17th		

**Saturday 22nd/ Sunday 23rd May 2021**

	<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sun 7.30am</b>	<b>Sun 9.00am</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	K. Fitzsimmons		S. Abbey
<b>First Reader</b>	L. Ryan	P. Wilkinson	R. Disher
<b>Second Reader</b>	J. Newman		J. O'Brien
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	G. Hennessy		P. O'Brien
<b>Altar Servers</b>	F. Swift		R. George
<b>Counter</b>	Mon 24th		

**Gulgong Roster**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>
16th May	R. Saliba	O. O'Brien	M & E. Carney
23rd May	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
30th May	P. Leotta	F. McConville	C. Holland
5th June	C. Gaudry	B. Toole	R. Saliba

**Collections and Tap and Go**

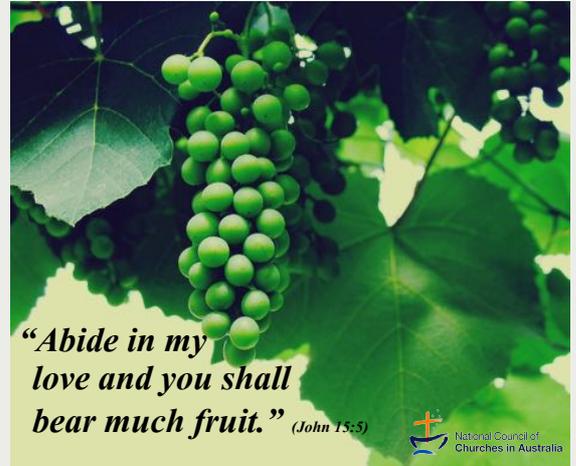
Due to covid, St Mary's are not taking collections during the Mass at this time. If you would like to support our beautiful parish, we have collection boxes located at the back of the church.

Alternatively, we have Tap and Go Credit Card facilities. Many of us no longer carry cash and this is a very convenient way to donate to the parish. Donations are in \$10 or \$20 lots - if you wish to donate more than \$10 or \$20 just re tap your card for the amount you wish to donate.

The machine is located at the back of the church during Mass

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

16-23 May 2021



*“Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.” (John 15:5)*



**Ecumenical Celebration**

**When:** 2pm, Sunday 16th May 2021

**Where:** St Mary's Catholic Church

Followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Hall.

*The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family.*

**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 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.

## NAM DINH LE TO BE ADMITTED AS CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION



Bishop Michael McKenna has announced that Seminarian, Nam Dinh Le will be admitted as a Candidate for Ordination during Mass of the Vigil of the Ascension, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, at 5pm in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst.

"In this step, Nam will publicly declare himself ready to prepare for the call to Ordination and the Church will accept his declaration. This begins the final stage of discernment, on his part and ours, in the long journey of listening for the Lord's will", said Bishop McKenna.

Please pray for Nam, as well as our current candidates, Diep and Thao; and for all our seminarians: Cong, Duong, Ha, Kieu and Dai, who have offered themselves to serve Christ and his people in this part of the Vineyard.

# RISE YOUTH FESTIVAL



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



## Happy Mother's Day



### WHAT IS A MOTHER?

It takes a Mother's **LOVE**  
to make a house a home,  
a place to be remembered,  
no matter where we roam ....

It takes a Mother's **PATIENCE**  
to bring a child up right,  
and her **COURAGE** and her **CHEERFULNESS**  
to make a dark day bright .....

It takes a Mother's **THOUGHTFULNESS**  
to mend the heart's deep 'hurts',  
and her **SKILL** and her **ENDURANCE**  
to keep the household bright.

It takes a Mother's **KINDNESS**  
to forgive us when we stray .....

To sympathise when we're in trouble  
and bow her head in prayer ....

It takes a Mother's **WISDOM**  
to recognise our needs  
and to give us reassurance  
by her loving words and deeds ....

It takes a Mother's **ENDLESS FAITH**,  
her **CONFIDENCE** and **TRUST**.

To guide us through our selfishness and mistrust  
and that is why in all this world  
there could not be  
another who could fulfil God's purpose as  
completely as a **MOTHER!**



"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

Ruyard Kipling

## Year of St Joseph

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