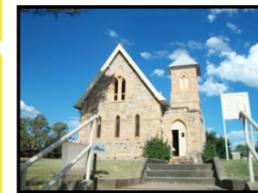
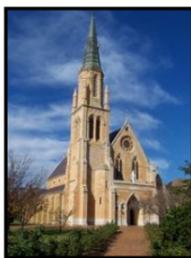


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## The Ascension of the Lord - Year B 16th May 2021



### **First Reading:** [Acts 1:1-11](#)

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

### **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6](#)

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**



### **Second Reading:** [Eph 1:17-23](#)

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

### **Gospel Acclamation:** [Mt 28:19. 20](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** [Mk 16:15-20](#)

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons

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Fr Dong Van Nguyen

**Parish Deacon**  
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

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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

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**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 17th May**

**NO SERVICE**

12 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 18th May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 19th May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Parish Council

**THURSDAY - 20th May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 21st May**

10.30am Mass - Kanandah (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 Companions of the Sisters of St Joseph

**SATURDAY - 22nd May**

12 Noon Angelus

4.15-4.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 23rd May**

**Pentecost Sunday**

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am 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.



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

All are welcome! We will meet once a month in the Parish Centre at 1pm. Our first meeting is next Friday 21st May.

Josephite Companions are men and women who identify with the charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Woods, co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph. We offer mutual enrichment and support in friendship, prayer and service.

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.

**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.

**MUDGEE NEWS**

**Parish Council Meeting** is Wednesday 19th May at 6.00pm in the Parish Centre.

The last **7.30am Sunday Mass** will be held on 30th May 2021. Please look at the Day by Day for other Mass times.



**NATIONAL MASS COUNT**

will take place over the next two 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.

**Wear Red next weekend at Mass to celebrate Pentecost.**



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

*Sebastian Fredrick Skinner*

son of Mathew and Abigail

and

*Monet Pearl Skinner*

daughter of Philip and Candace

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

**For the recently deceased especially**

June Wade, Raymond Williamson

**We remember the anniversaries of**

Moya Robin, Carol Anderson,

David McLean

**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, Ivan Brec (Orange),

Tomislav Glavacevic, 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.

**Cleaner Needed...**

We are currently looking for a cleaner for the St Mary's Church and the Parish Centre.

If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the Parish Office on 6372 2122.

Must have own ABN and Insurance.

The whole of history since the Ascension of Jesus into heaven is concerned with one work only: the building and perfecting of this City of God.

~ Augustine of Hippo

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*Acts 2:1-11*

*Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30*

*Gal 5:16-25*

*Jn 20:19-23*

**Mudgee Roster**  
**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	D. Donnelly	

**Saturday 29th/ Sunday 30th 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	R. McKeown	St. Matthews
<b>Second Reader</b>	St. Matthews		St. Matthews
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	J. Newman		R. McKeown
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. English		B. Newman
<b>Counter</b>	Mon 31st	L. Nicholson	

**Gulgong Roster**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>
23rd May	D. Kelly	J. Thatcher	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
30th May	P. Leotta	F. McConville	C. Holland
6th June	C. Gaudry	B. Toole	R. Saliba
13th June	S. Parnell	C. Leotta	M. & E. Carney

**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

**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate  
Resurrection for the whole cosmos  
Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.  
Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.  
At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.  
The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.  
We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

**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 times.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING REMINDERS...**

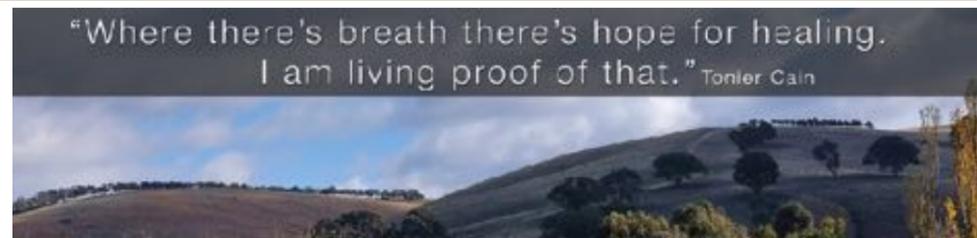
As we are still in a time of pandemic, we are still required to maintain our social distancing. Please be aware of this when sitting, kneeling or moving around the church.

**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.



This 4-day Healing Retreat is designed for adults wanting to heal the unresolved emotional and/or spiritual wounds of difficult or traumatic events that have occurred in their lives.



**TIME:** Starts Thursday 10th June 2021 at 5pm and finishes Monday 14th June 2pm after lunch.  
**LOCATION:** Shalom House of Prayer, 7-11 Collins Street, Carcoar  
**COST:** Suggested Donation \$500 (\$125/day includes all meals, materials and accommodation)  
**BOOKINGS:** Please Phone 02 63673058 or Email shalomcarcoar@gmail.com first prior to booking online.

### What to expect

The retreat will focus on healing childhood wounds such as attachment difficulties, family dysfunction, abuse, bullying and trauma which have been identified as the root causes of many mental health issues.

It is presented in a group format with a maximum of 8 participants completing therapeutic activities on an individual basis. There are opportunities to share experiences with the other group members if you wish but there is no pressure or expectation to do so.

**The Facilitator, Di Frost** is a registered psychologist who has been working in the trauma field for over 15 years. She has worked across a range of sectors including with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. She works with child, adolescent and adult survivors of childhood trauma, helping them connect with their creativity and inner resources for healing. She works both individually and with groups in a retreat format that enables deeper connection with childhood wounds through creative arts and writing for healing.



Please note we have all new Retreat protocols to keep us COVID Safe.

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

NEWS FLASH...  
 Early bird offer has been extended to 31st May.  
 Don't miss out...

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE...

For more information about our Parish, events and sacraments. log on to...

[www.mudgee.catholic.org.au](http://www.mudgee.catholic.org.au)



"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Registration:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)  
**Program:** Available from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

*At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven,  
 and He keeps the door open for humanity.*  
 Oswald Chambers

## Year of St Joseph

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