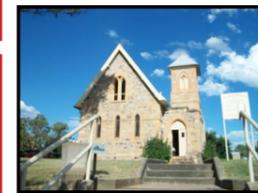
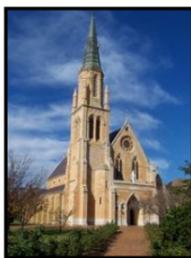


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Pentecost Sunday - Year B 23rd May 2021



First Reading: [Acts 2:1-11](#)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30](#)

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Gal 5:16-25](#)

The fruit of the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 20:19-23](#)

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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Deacon Charles Applin

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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

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

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 24th May

Our Lady, Help of Christians

9.15am Mass 200yrs Catholic Education - SMCS Hall

12 Noon Angelus

12pm 200yrs Catholic Education Mass - Gulgong

TUESDAY - 25th May

9.30am Mass Mudgee

11.30am Funeral Donald Lincoln (Gulgong)

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 26th May

9.30am Mass - Yr8 SMCS

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

2.00pm Funeral Gregory Roberts (Kandos)

THURSDAY - 27th May

9.30am Mass - Yr3 First Holy Communion Retreat

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm All Hallows School Mass Years 2, 3 and 4. All Welcome.

FRIDAY - 28th May

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.00 Noon Funeral Anne Cluley Sally's Flat

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 29th May

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

4.15-4.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 30th May

The Most Holy Trinity

Last 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.

RISE
YOUTH FESTIVAL

Over the next couple of weekends, the children that are attending the Rise Youth Festival will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds to contribute to the cost.

Raffle Prizes include:

1st Prize - Two nights Accommodation for Two people at Barella Cabins

2nd Prize - Full Day Wine Tour for Two people with Mudgee Tourist Bus and other prizes, such as hand made rugs, wine and a mens gift pack.

If you would like to support them, raffle tickets will be sold after mass in Mudgee and Rylstone and next weekend in Gulgong, Mudgee and Kandos.

GULGONG NEWS

All Hallows School Mass, Thursday 27th at 12.30pm. Years 2, 3 and 4.

All Parishioners welcome.

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

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

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.

Your life is as good as your mindset.



Baptisms: We welcome to the Parish community of Mudgee

Charlotte Amanda Elizabeth Flynn
daughter of Timothy and Lucinda

and in Rylstone

Willow Grace Kane

daughter of Matthew and Amanda

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Mario Giusti, Anne Cluley, Leo Egan
Gregory Roberts, Donald Lincoln

We remember the anniversaries of

Mervyn Costello, Norman McVicker,
Bill Hensley, Kristie Smith, Sydney Day,
Yvonne Kelly.

We also pray for June Wade,

Raymond Williamson

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

Helen Roberts, Ivan Brec, John Cross,
Tomislav Glavacevic, John Vros,

Cherylanne Adamson, 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.



NATIONAL MASS COUNT will

take place this 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

Mudgee Roster Saturday 29th/ Sunday 30th May 2021			
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	St. Matthews		St. Matthews
First Reader	St. Matthews	M. McLean	St. Matthews
Second Reader	St. Matthews		St. Matthews
Special Ministers of Communion	J. Newman		R. McKeown
Altar Servers	M. English		B. Newman
Welcomers			
Counter	Mon 31st	L. Nicholson	

Saturday 5th/ Sunday 6th June 2021		
	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	K. Fitsimmons	L. Croake
First Reader	C. Furney	M. Barrett
Second Reader	I. Byrne	M. Dunnachie
Special Ministers of Communion	G. Hennessy	R. Croake
Altar Servers	L. Merchant	E. Littler
Welcomers	K. Newman	Help Needed
Counters	Mon 7th June	L. Nicholson

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
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
20th June	D. Kelly	K. O'Brien	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn

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.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Divine Energy and being Catholic

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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

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.

Upcoming Workshops....

Christology Through Art

Birth, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost

Facilitated Rev Dr Elio Capra, this workshop will explore the two central foci of Christology through art: the theology of the Incarnation (Birth) and the Paschal Mystery (Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost). This will be explored using both classical and contemporary art. The workshop will:

- expand your awareness of the importance of the Paschal Mystery to the life of the Church, to Christians, humanity, and the whole creation
- reflect on the interaction/intersection between art and Scripture

Dates

Monday 21st June - St Brigid's Parish Hall (for Dubbo)

Tuesday 22nd June - St Joseph's House, Perthville

from 9.30am - 3.00pm

More Information about this workshop:

<https://formationformission.bth.catholic.edu.au/christology-through-art.html>

or contact Karen Burke on 6338 3000

Seven Steps to Mystery

Facilitated by Dr Dan White, this presentation utilises the metaphor of the 'seven steps' or courtyards of the 'Second Jewish Temple', and endeavours to immerse those involved in Catholic education with a journey of reflection, acknowledging all participants, students, staff and families, are at different points along the journey of faith and life.

The workshop will run from 9.30am - 3.00pm and will:

- engage with a number of scriptural narratives that provide insights into how the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth can be modelled in a Catholic school today
- be given the opportunity to reflect deeply upon their own spiritual journey and their personal ministry as members of Catholic faith community.

Dates

Thursday 3rd June: St Brigid's Parish Hall, Dubbo

Friday 4th June St Joseph's House, Perthville

For more information, venues and to register please visit:

<https://formationformission.bth.catholic.edu.au/seven-steps-to-mystery.html>

or contact Karen Burke on 6338 3000.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHINA

On 14th March 2021, the President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, Cardinal Charles Bo, issued a call for a week of prayer for the Church and the peoples of China. This is to be held from 23rd to 30th May 2021.

More information can be found at:

www.globalprayerforchina.org,

Prayer to Our Lady of China

Hail Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Mother of all nations and all people. You are the special heavenly Mother of the Chinese people.

Teach us, your way of total obedience to God's will. Help us to live our lives true to our faith. Fill our hearts with burning love for God and each other. Stir up in our youth an unconditional giving of self to the service of God.

We call on your powerful intercession for peace, reconciliation, and unity among the believers, and conversion of the unbelievers in China and throughout the world for God's mercy is our only hope.

*Our Lady of China, Mother of Jesus, hear our petitions and pray for us.
Amen*



4-Day Heart Healing Retreat at Shalom

Thursday 10th June 2021 5:00pm to Monday 14th 2:00pm.

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. The retreat will focus on healing childhood wounds such as attachment difficulties, family dysfunction, abuse, bullying and trauma.

It is presented in a group format with a maximum of 8 participants completing therapeutic activities on an individual basis. The retreat facilitator, Di Frost is a registered psychologist who has been working in the trauma field for over 15 years.

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins St Carcoar, NSW

Cost: \$500 (\$125/day includes materials, accommodation & meals)

Max number participants: 8

Bookings enquiries: Ph:02 63673058 or email:

shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

*It is not enough to say we are Christians.
We must live the faith, not only with our words,
but with our actions.*

Pope Francis

Year of St Joseph

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