

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C - 27th March 2022

First Reading: [Jos 5:9-12](#)

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.



Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 33:2-7.](#)

[R. v.9](#)

(R): Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [2 Cor 5:17-21](#)

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [Lk 15:1-3. 11-32](#)

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
26 & 27 March



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.



With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/stmaryofthepresentationmudgee>

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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:

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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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Baptisms: We welcome to the Parish community

Axel Jake Woods-Smith

child of Jake & Natalie



DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 28th March

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 29th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 30th March

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

10.30am Mass All Hallows

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 31st March

9.30am Mass Mudgee - St Matthews Year 3

12.00 Noon Angelus

1.30pm Funeral - Mudgee Bede O'Brien

FRIDAY - 1st April

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Anointing Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr1

5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Mudgee

SATURDAY - 2nd April

11.00am Baptism

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 3rd April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12.00 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre

Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who would like Anointing/ Home Communion, please ring the office.

Fr Owen and Fr Thao are available, and can visit at home or in hospital.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE.

*God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of the Ukraine to you.*

*Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.*

*You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 2nd/ Sunday 3rd April 2022**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	L. Ryan	L. Croake
First Reader	I. Byrne	R. McKeown
Second Reader	B. Slater	E. de Vries
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	J. Vros	M. Gilbert
Counter	28th March	D. Donnelly

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th April 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	L. Nicholson	M. Matthews
Second Reader	L. Ryan	A. Myles
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	G. Hennessy	M. Dunnachie
Counters	4th April	L. Nicholson

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
3 Apr	P. Leotta	K. Ritar	M.&E. Carney
10 Apr	C. Gaudry	O. O'Brien	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
17 Apr	S. Parnell	D. Hudson	C. Holland

Pope's Universal Prayers 2022 March

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

*We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges;
may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life
with prayer and action.*

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Philip Gaffney, Bede O'Brien, Janine Wishart nee Lawson, Mary Dimmock, Greg Toohey (Narromine).

We remember the anniversaries of:

May Casey, John Mahon, Peg Leonard, Don, Brian & Gloria Carberry & Family, Lesley & Robert Wicks & Family, Jean Price, Jim Page, Emily Kearns, Barry Chapman, William Marskell, Michelle Morrissey, Judy Furbank,

We also pray for:

Kim Stevens, Charlie Cojuangco, Val Adams.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Robert Simpson, Bernard Norris, Lesley Wolfe, Paul Power,

Graeme Warren, Tony Harris, Cherylanne Adamson, Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, John Cross, Sue Kearins, Tony Dimmock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Barry Slater, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins, Alicia Knights, Eleni Roberts, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

RETURN OF MINISTRIES

Offertory Processing and Altar Serving will be returning to all parishes and Children's Liturgy will be returning to St Mary's Mudgee. If you would like to assist with these ministers, please call the Parish office on 6372 2122.



St Matthews Catholic School



St Matthews "Bright Beginnings" Playgroup Sessions

Four consecutive Tuesday mornings

24th May, 31st May, 7th June and 14th June for 1 hour play sessions

Session Times: 9.30-10.30am, 11.30-12.30pm and 1.00-2.00pm

Held near Milford School Uniform shop and Parish Centre.

Open to all children who will be beginning school in 2023.

Cost: Free

All new and existing families are welcome

Registrations open Monday, 28th March 2022

St Mary's Mudgee Pastoral Council

We are looking for enthusiastic parishioners who are keen to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world.

If you or someone you know are interested in the Pastoral Council, please contact Parish Office on 6372-2122 or email: office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Have you thought? The Prodigal

Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word prodigal is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father's money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father's extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace and love.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Ps 125. R. v.3

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

Holy Week and Easter 2022

Tuesday 12th April

6.30pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Mudgee

Wednesday 13th April

11.00am Anointing Mass Kandos

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday 14th April

5.00pm Lord's Supper - Rylstone

6.00pm Lord's Supper - Mudgee

Good Friday 15th April

11.00am Stations of the Cross - Mudgee

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3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion - Mudgee

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion - Gulgong

Easter Saturday 16th April

5.00pm Easter Vigil Gulgong

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mudgee

Easter Sunday 17th April

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Kandos



Save the Date

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart NSW extend a warm invitation to attend the **Sesquicentenary Mass** celebrating the arrival of the Sisters in NSW from Adelaide, SA.

Saturday 16 July 2022

10.30 am

Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst

Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna

Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall following Mass.

Everyone is very welcome

Priests, Parishioners, Friends, Companions and all those with a connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

The Perthville Heritage Centre will be open for visitors from 2pm
RSVP for catering purposes to follow

Day Light Saving ends...

next weekend, Sunday 3rd of April.

Turn your clocks back 1 hour.

Safe Church Awareness Workshop

Safe Church Workshops are informative, engaging and interactive and are designed to raise everyone's understanding and awareness of Christian foundations of safe ministry, duty of care, vulnerable people protection (abuse prevention), due diligence in recruiting and supervising church leaders, and risk management. This program is for everyone who participates in a ministry in our Parishes. The accreditation is for three years. Our next workshop will be held in Mudgee towards the end of July.

Please contact the Parish office 6372 2122 to register.



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God

Nam Le warmly invite the parishioners of the parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos & Rylstone to his

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Friday, 29th April 2022 during 6.00pm Mass in

the Cathedral of St Michael & St John

William Street, Bathurst

Followed by light refreshments in the Mother Ignatius Hall (In the Cathedral Precinct)

If you would love to attend and want to have an official invitation, please contact parish office

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COVID RESTRICTIONS

As it is important that we protect vulnerable people in our communities, and to ensure everyone feels protected when they come to worship, please continue to socially distance where possible inside the church and where this is not possible, please wear a mask.

Please also continue to use the hand sanitisers provided at the church entrances.