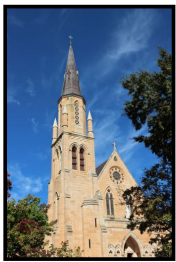


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C - 3rd April 2022

First Reading: [Is 43:16-21](#)

*I am doing a new thing and I will
give drink to my people.*



Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 125. R. v.3](#)

(R): *The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Phil 3:8-14](#)

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless
in order to gain him.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: [Jn 8:1-11](#)

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 April**



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.



With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities *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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Baptisms: We welcome to the Parish community

Benji Andrew Freeman

child of *Luke & Elise*

and

Charlotte Mae Woods

child of *Adam & Stacey*



DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 4th April

12.00 Noon Angelus
5.00pm Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre

TUESDAY - 5th April

9.30am Mass Mudgee
12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 6th April

9.30am Church Cleaning - St Mary's Mudgee
10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group
12.00 Noon Angelus
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 7th April

9.30am Mass Mudgee
12.00 Noon Angelus
6.00pm Parish Council AGM - Parish Centre Mudgee (All welcome to attend)

FRIDAY - 8th April

11.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament St Mary's Mudgee
12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)
12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 9th April

11.00am Baptism
12.00 Noon Angelus
5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)
6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 10th April

PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C

9.00am Mass Mudgee
10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Mass Rylstone
12.00 Noon Angelus



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.

**Mudgee Roster
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
Counter	4th April	L. Nicholson

Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th April 2022

Commentator	Easter Weekend Please see roster at the back of the church.	
First Reader		
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		
Counters	Tues 20th	D.Donnelly L.Nicholson

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
10 Apr	C. Gaudry	O. O'Brien	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
17 Apr	S. Parnell	D. Hudson	C. Holland
24 Apr	D. Kelly	M. Bannister	R. Saliba

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

St Mary's, Mudgee need bell ringers to help with ringing the bell for the Angelus each day. Training will be provided.

If you are available to help, please contact the Parish office on 6372 2122.

RETURN OF MINISTRIES

Offertary 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 ministries, please call the Parish office on 6372 2122.

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.

St Mary's Mudgee Pastoral Council

AGM will be held on **Thursday 7th April at 6pm** in the Parish Centre.

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

WORD and *Faith* Group

Word and Faith Meeting will be moving to Monday's at 5pm, this change will be from 4th April 2022.

The group meets in our Parish Centre, all are welcome.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact the Parish office on 6372 2122.

SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

As the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council approaches, Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) will deliver the third and final 'conversation,' as part of its exploration of Light from the Southern Cross Report. The online event, Accountability & Transparency will be held on 4 May 2022.

TIME 11.00am to 2.45pm (AEST)

FORMAT Online via Zoom 11.00am to 12.00pm
Exploratory lectures 12.00 – 12.45pm Break 12.45pm to 2.45pm Exploratory discussion

SPEAKERS & TOPICS Adj Prof Susan Pascoe AM, University of Western Australia Claire Victory, President of the National Council of Australia, St Vincent de Paul Society

EVENT DETAILS Visit CRA website

REGISTRATION Free online registration

HOW TO REGISTER <https://www.trybooking.com/BXQGV>

ENQUIRIES secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au or by phone: 02 9557 2695



Living the Gospel – *Forgiven, not forgotten*

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Philip Gaffney, Bede O'Brien, Janine Wishart nee Lawson.

We remember the anniversaries of:

James Milton, Olive Milton, Ivy Sproule, Joseph Hawkins, Ivan Dinjes, Gloria Norris,

We also pray for:

Kim Stevens, Charlie Cojuangco, Val Adams, Mary Dimmock, Greg Toohey (Narromine), Owen Milton, Malcolm Whiteley, Bradley Quinn.

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, Marjorie Curran,

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.

REFLECTION

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 50:4-7

PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14 - 23:56

MUDGE NOTICES

CHURCH CLEANING:

THIS WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 9.30am, **helpers are needed** to clean the Church.

PALM SUNDAY

Parishioners are invited to assembly at the front of St Matthews Catholic School at 8.30am, for the blessing of the Palms. We will then process to St Mary's Catholic Church. We are asking for volunteers to wave the Palms as we process. Please wear red.

EASTER NOTICES

EASTER LITURGIES:

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Welcomers are needed, those able to assist please place your name on the sheets available at the back of the church. Separate sheets are available for the various liturgies.

If parishioners are able to assist with the tidy up after each of the Easter services it would be very much appreciated.

EASTER DUES: Envelopes for Easter Dues are available at the back of the church

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH: If you have suitable flowers that can be used in the church for Easter it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave at the Sacristy after the Good Friday Liturgy or early Holy Saturday morning.

EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

Wednesday 13th April at 9.30am, **helpers are needed** to give the church a **thorough** clean in preparation for Easter.

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education at St Michael's Dunedoo

Saturday 30 April 2022: Welcome, Blessing of Centenary Garden, digging up the 1988 time capsule, cutting of the centenary cake, afternoon tea

Sunday 1 May 2022: St Michael's Centenary Mass, burying 2022 time capsule, BBQ lunch

During the weekend our classrooms will be open for all visitors. Photos and memorabilia will be in the school hall as well.

All are welcome to the Sports Club, Bowling Club or Dunedoo Hotel on Saturday night to chat with old schoolmates, old friends and new friends.

We are looking forward to celebrating this achievement with you and the St Michael's community.

Please RSVP to St Michael's School 02 63 751387 or stmichaelsdunedoo@bth.catholic.edu.au by 26 April 2022 for Sunday's catering.

HOLY WEEK & 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

11.00am Stations of the Cross Rylstone

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

9.00am Mass Kandos

10.30am Mass Mudgee

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.

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.

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.