

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.



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year C 17th April 2022

BISHOP MICHAEL'S EASTER MESSAGE 2022



We Saw Jesus

The content of the Christian faith is founded on the witness of those hundreds of disciples who saw Jesus in his glorified body after he rose from the dead. Without that beginning, we could not seek or make sense of the personal faith that God gives to those who ask and receive. Since Jesus ascended to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit among us, it is only through faith now that we meet him in prayer, scripture, sacraments, the faces of the poor and, together, as the community that bears his name.

But the Church began because of witnesses who boldly proclaimed "We saw Jesus." That is why I was immediately struck by an entry in our annual Catholic schools Easter art exhibition displaying the words *Hear our voices. We saw Jesus*. Looking more closely, and reading the explanation of the artist, Keira Hauville, we see that the witnesses depicted are women. They were the first to discover the empty tomb, and hear the words of the angel "Why are you seeking the living among the dead?" And then, the one who went back to the tomb, his close friend Mary of Magdala, was the first disciple to meet the risen Lord.

The picture is entitled *The Women In Jesus' Life*, and invites us to consider the ways that Jesus respected and valued women, against the conventions of his time and culture, in which their witness was not accepted as reliable.

Of course, even the men who proclaimed "We saw Jesus" were not always believed. The picture could also be read as pointing to the courage of Christians, female and male, who would not be silenced, in the face of mockery or worse persecutions, from announcing that Jesus is alive and forgiveness and eternal life can be found in him.

May the new life of Easter fill you with faith, hope and love; and a voice to speak about Jesus.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



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Baptisms: We welcome to the Parish community

David Edward Howden

and

Kurt Walter Howden

children of *John & Melinda*



**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 23rd/ Sunday 24th April 2022**

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	B. Peterson	A. Myles
First Reader	I. Byrne	N. Whitmore
Second Reader	K. Newman	J. Scelzi
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A. Baker	R. Croake
Counter	Tues 19th	L.Nicholson

Saturday 30th April / Sunday 1st May 2022

Commentator	D. Cunningham	L. Croake
First Reader	S. Walker	R. McKeown
Second Reader	B. Slatter	E. de Vries
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	J. Vros	P. O'Brien

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
24 Apr	D. Kelly	M. Bannister	R. Saliba
1 May	E. Donnelly	E. Donnelly	R. Saliba
8 May	R. Saliba	B. Toole	M.&E Carney

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 18th April

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 19th April

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 20th April

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 21st April

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 22nd April

GOOD FRIDAY

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 23rd April

10.00am Baptism - Mudgee

11.00am Baptism - Mudgee

6.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY - 24th April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass -Gulgong

11.00am Mass - Rylstone

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.

Pope's Universal Prayers 2022 April

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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.*

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Anthony Furney, Robert Simpson, Fr Reg Callinan.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Michael Azar, Clem Robinson, Gael Hundy, Ciro Spedaliere, Ted Micallef, Sharon Frost, Peter McDonnell, John Fitzpatrick, Lyn Wakeling, Barbara Muller.

We also pray for:

Varega Family, Kiddle Family, Kim Stevens, Val Adams, Charlie Cojuangco, Mary Dimmock, Greg Toohey (Narromine), Owen Milton, Malcolm Whiteley, Bradley Quinn, Philip Gaffney, Bede O'Brien, Janine Wishart nee Lawson.

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

Audrey Stocks, 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, Mary Canon, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

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.

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. Safe Church Awareness Accreditation is only valid for three years. Anyone who did the course in 2019 are now due to renew their accreditation this year.

Please contact the Parish office 6372 2122 to register.

Thank you...

to everyone who has volunteered to help with a ministry in our parishes over the Easter period.

Congratulations to...

Ken & Dianne Brown on 59th years of marriage, on 20th April.

WORD and *Faith* Group

Will be returning on Monday, 2nd May at 5pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Fools Rush In

Living in a family is a great way to learn that people's biggest fault is typically just the flip side of their best virtue. The person who is quick to give but gives to a fault. Or the one who is honest – but sometimes brutally so. Or even the one who usually has great advice – whether you want it or not.

Throughout the gospels Peter showed himself to be brash, impetuous, and quick to put his foot in his mouth. He also proved to be quick to rush toward belief, even if he was stumbling his way there. That's how he acted on the first Easter morning. Others may have arrived at the tomb first, but Peter was the first to enter a place that Jewish law said would make him unclean.

He showed what we all need to know, that to really come to believe in the Resurrection, we need to follow Jesus into the tomb. We need to follow his way of the Cross, even if it takes us where we are most afraid to go. And he also teaches us that God can even use our most troubling faults to get us there. So don't worry so much about your troubling faults; focus on following Jesus. The rest will all work out.

The Commissioning

The risen Spirit of Jesus is with us as we leave this place: **Renewing our worship, binding us in Christian community, encouraging us to use our varied gifts, calling us to stand up and be counted.** In the spirit of Christ, everything is possible! **Fear and death are defeated. Alleluia!**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Easter - Year C

Acts 5:12-16

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

Jn 20:19-31



First Reading: [Acts 10:34. 37-43](#)

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)

(R): *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Col 3:1-4](#)

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 24:1-12](#)

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: ‘Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.’

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was ‘Apostle to the Apostles’ because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ’s body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ’s victory over death. Alleluia!



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



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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.