

*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 Easter - Year C 8th May 2022 Good Shepherd Sunday

**First Reading:** [Acts 13:14, 43-52](#)

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3](#)

**(R):** *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

**(R.)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**(R.)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

**(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Rv 7:9, 14-17](#)

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

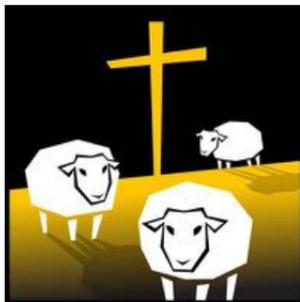
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Jn 10:27-30](#)

*I give my sheep eternal life.*



## REFLECTION

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

by Dianne Bergant CSA

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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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[www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au)

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



*Scarlett Anne Kowalski*

daughter of Sean and Rebekah

Congratulations to:

*Walter Millard*

and

*Anna Johnson*



who will celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

**Parish Community Prayer for the Confirmation Children**

We pray for the young children in our parish community as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Help us to show witness and example to them as they learn more about you and our church through our community.

Amen

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 9th May**

12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 10th May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 11th May**

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

11.30am Funeral - Mary Karn (The Lawson Room)

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 12th May**

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.45pm Confirmation Enrolment and Commitment Parent Session with Mass

**FRIDAY - 13th May**

11.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)

12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 14th May**

10.00am Baptism - Mudgee

11.00am Baptism - Mudgee

**4.15pm** Reconciliation

**5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee**

**SUNDAY - 15th May**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass -Gulgong

11.00am Mass & Baptism - Kandos

**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 14th/ Sunday 15th May 2022**

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	M. Matthews
<b>First Reader</b>	I.Byrne	L. Croake
<b>Second Reader</b>	P. Wilkinson	M. Dunnachie
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	J. Vros	R. Croake
<b>Offertory</b>		Children's Liturgy
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mon 9th</b>	D. Donnelly

**Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd May 2022**

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	B. Petersen	A. Myles
<b>First Reader</b>	D.Cunningham	N. Whitmore
<b>Second Reader</b>	K. Newman	J. Scelzi
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	B. Slater	M. Gilbert
<b>Offertory</b>		Children's Liturgy
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mon 16th</b>	P. O'Brien

**Gulgong Roster**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
<b>8 May</b>	R. Saliba	B. Toole	M.&E. Carney
<b>15 May</b>	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
<b>22 May</b>	D. Kelly	P. Leotta	C. Holland

**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.

## CONFIRMATION 2022

**Confirmation completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.**

You have the joy of being the first educators of your children in the gift of faith and our Parish offers support to your families, at this important time.

If you intend for your child to be Confirmed you are invited to attend a Commitment Mass followed by an information session where you may commit and enrol your child in the Confirmation 2022 programme. The Commitment Mass and sessions are on the following dates:

**FINAL SESSION  
THURSDAY 12th May**

**Commitment Mass 5.45pm, followed by a Confirmation Enrolment and Commitment Parent Session**

**RSVP TO EITHER SESSION NOW**  
<https://forms.gle/sGsP8RGHkGqhxzcu9>

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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Lesley Wolfe, John Boyd-Skinner, Jenny Barclay, Peter Rayner, Marj Curran, James Bulinski, Mary Cannon, Mary Karn

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Bob Goard, Fay Quirk, Judith Fitzgerald, Joyce Fleming, Beau Drewe, Shyla Akers, John O'Neill, Norman Smith, Gwendoline Keech, Gus Marshall, Leo Mahon, Mary Corner

**We also pray for:**

Dorothy Betts, Miriam Byrns, Anthony Furney, Robert Simpson, Katlin Dalmay, Millie Isbester.

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

Anthony Walsh, Audrey Stocks (Bathurst), Bernard Norris,, Paul Power, Graeme Warren, Tony Harris, Marjorie Curran, Cherylanne Adamson, Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, John Cross, Sue Kearins, Alicia Knights, Tony Dimmock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Barry Slater, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins, Eleni Roberts, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

**Pope's Universal Prayers 2022 May**

**Faith-Filled Young People**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

**A Prayer for Mother's Day**

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.

For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are part of your story.

For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but mothers to us.

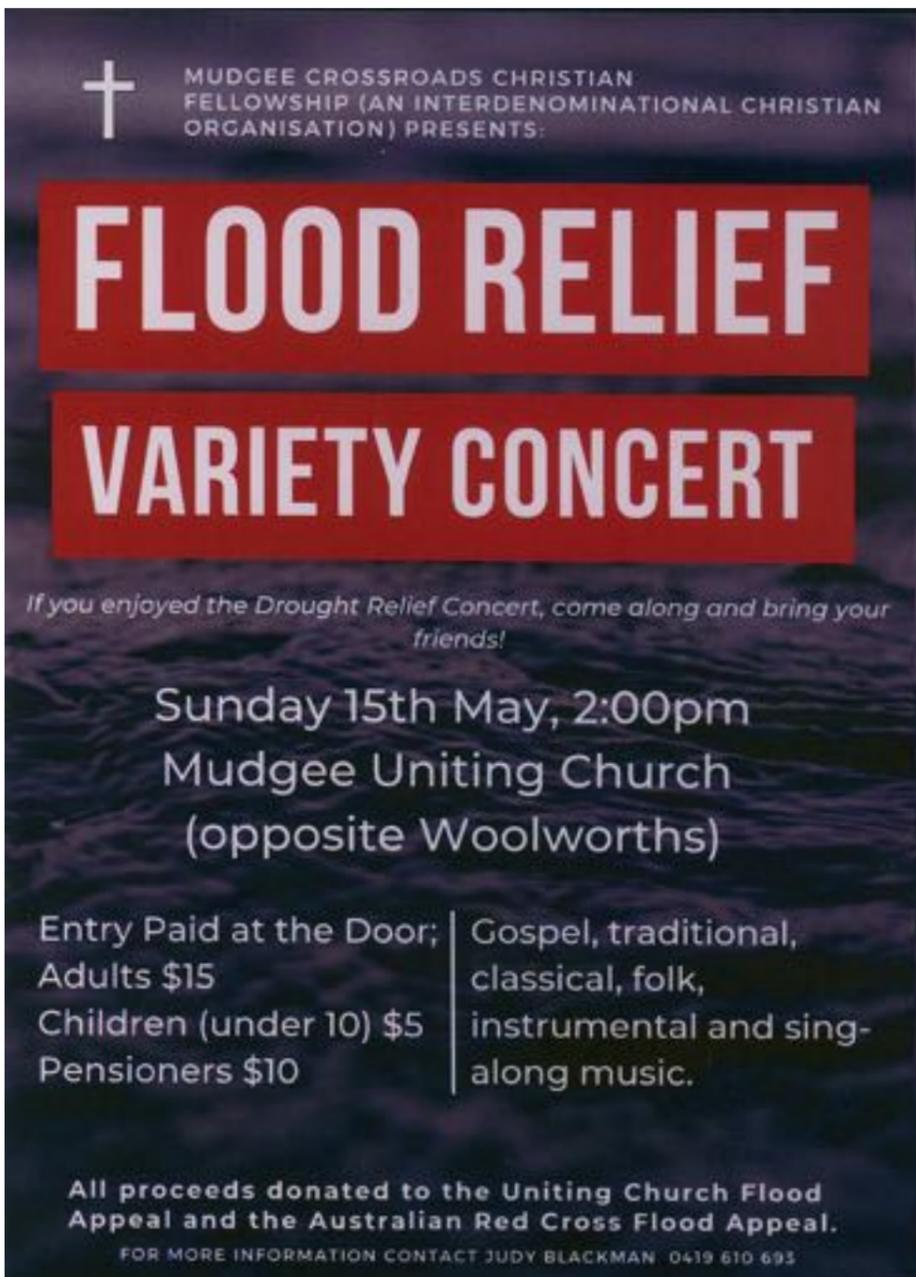
For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.

For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Clair Schoepp



MUDGE CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION) PRESENTS:

# FLOOD RELIEF VARIETY CONCERT

*If you enjoyed the Drought Relief Concert, come along and bring your friends!*

Sunday 15th May, 2:00pm  
Mudgee Uniting Church  
(opposite Woolworths)

Entry Paid at the Door;	Gospel, traditional,
Adults \$15	classical, folk,
Children (under 10) \$5	instrumental and sing-
Pensioners \$10	along music.

All proceeds donated to the Uniting Church Flood Appeal and the Australian Red Cross Flood Appeal.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JUDY BLACKMAN 0419 610 693

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C**

**Acts 14:21-27**

**Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1**

**Rv 21:1-5**

**Jn 13:31-35**

## Good Shepherd Sunday Meet the Seminarians



My name is **Cong Hoang**. I grew up in Vietnam. I have four sisters and one brother. I am the oldest of six children in the family. Our family grow rice and prawns as our main ways of living. Since my high school, I started thinking of becoming a priest. That desire became stronger during my time in university, where I got my bachelor of English. I was trained to become an interpreter. However, before my graduation, I decided that I wanted to become a priest.

My motivation for priesthood at that time was my gratitude to God. I realised that I was very blessed in this life, so I wanted to dedicate my life to God by serving His people. Then, I was introduced to bishop Michael McKenna. I had an 'interview' with him over the phone and was accepted to the diocese of Bathurst. I arrived in Australia in 2016, staying in Bathurst and then in Coonabarabran for six months. After all the first Aussie experiences in these areas, I started the priesthood formation in the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. I am in the sixth year now. I like playing tennis, soccer and the violin in my spare time.

My name is **Joseph Dai Van Pham**. I grew up in Phu Xuan Parish, Vinh Diocese, Vietnam. I am the fifth child in my lovely and blessed family.

We all have our vocation, according to God's call, in different ways. When I was in Vietnam, God called me to follow a priestly vocation by sending me to a foreign country, Australia. I was unsure whether I could serve the Church in Australia because I knew nothing about it. I thought of the challenges I may face, such as cultural and language differences. However, through prayer and discernment, I realised that it might be a sign from God for me to serve His Church, no matter where I go.

When I arrived in the Diocese of Bathurst, I lived in Wellington Parish for a year to adapt to culture and language and to discern my vocation further. The love and concern from many people, together with my prayers, have strengthened me to be more determined to serve the people of God in the Diocese of Bathurst as a priest in the future. Now, I am in the second year at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd to continue my training on this chosen journey. There are many difficulties on the path I have been following. In God's grace, instead of feeling fearful, I find joy and happiness in serving God and others in my consecrated life.



Hi, my name is **Duong**. I am a sixth-year seminarian for the Diocese of Bathurst.

I was born and raised up in Vietnam in a family of 8 children, and I'm number five. I had a desire to become a priest in my early age, however, after I had finished high school, I was not sure where to start. It was truly providential that I met Bishop Michael McKenna in Vietnam in 2015 and was asked by him to be a candidate for Diocese of Bathurst. I came to Australia in 2016. I was first sent to the community of St Joseph's Parish in Gilgandra, where I stayed with Fr Martin to learn a bit of Australian slang, flavoured with a lilting brogue. I am deeply indebted to the people of St Joseph's Parish for adopting me into the community and for their constant support since my arrival.

In 2017, I started the Seminary Formation at the Good Shepherd Seminary located in Homebush. In 2021, I did my pastoral placement in Dubbo. I am sincerely grateful for the community of St Brigid's Parish, with whom I had a wonderful pastoral year. I am now back to the seminary for further studies and hopefully I will finish all the required courses in two years time. Thank you all for your continuing supports and prayers. Please be assured of our prayers for you all.

My name is **Ha Tran**. I am 32 years old, I have five sisters and one brother. I am currently a fourth-year seminarian in the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. I grew up in a devoted Catholic family, mum and dad are faithful Catholics with a great love of God and the Church. They are very active in the parish; I rarely see them missing daily mass. They are good role models for myself and my siblings.

I decided to discern the priestly vocation when I was at Uni. After graduating in 2011, I went home to enrol in my local diocesan seminary, but I was not accepted. I was very disappointed by this and questioned whether God was really calling me to become a priest. In 2017, after more than a year of study English in Saigon I had a chance to meet Bishop Michael in Vietnam. It was from that meeting that I found my true path.

I arrived in Australia in 2018 and started my pastoral placement with Fr Laurie in Cowra. This time with the very welcoming community of Cowra has allowed me to learn the Australian culture, improve my English and in particular, to understand Diocese of Bathurst. It was during this time that I saw how great the love that God has given me truly is. Now every time I reflect on my vocation journey, I constantly give thanks God for His love.



My name is **Kieu van Le**. I am training my third year at the Seminary of Good Shepherd. I have a good family: five sisters and a big brother and a mum and a dad who took care of me and provided for all my needs. The dream of becoming a priest came to me when I was fifth or sixth grade as a question from my father after mass one day. He asked me, "Son! Do you want to become a priest when you grow up?", I answered without thinking: "Yes, daddy." Since then, the thought of studying to be a priest was always with me. After graduating from university, I didn't know what kind of religious order I would go to. However, God guided me to take my first steps in the journey of my vocation when He gave me the opportunity to meet Bishop Michael. After two months, the Bishop sent a letter inviting me that to become a seminarian.

I was very happy. I went to Saigon to learn English. You know, my English is very bad! At school, English is the subject that I fear the most. But I think Australia is the place God wanted me to serve, I knew he would not abandon me. After three months, I passed my English test. In March 2018, I left my parents, brothers and sisters to begin my vocational journey. Even though I was in a completely new country, I felt a surge of happiness. My journey to the priesthood was beginning. I have had some difficulty from cultural and language differences as well as missing my parents and siblings. We are very, very close, so living away from home is difficult. But I know God works in all things for good.