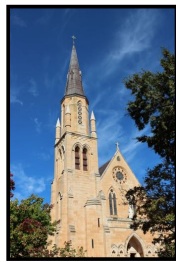


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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 LENT - YEAR A 26TH MARCH 2023



First Reading: [Ez 37:12-14](#)

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 22 R. v.1](#)

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Rom 8:8-11](#)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [Jn 11:1-45](#)

I am the resurrection and the life.



Project Compassion

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.



Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Gulgong Roster

	2nd April	9th Apr	16th Apr
Commentator	J. Thatcher	P. Leotta	E. Donnelly
Reader	B. Toole	C. Leotta	J, Ritar
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M & E Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
Leader	R. Saliba		D. Kelly

**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd April 2023**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	S. Abbey
First Reader	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	C. Furney	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	K. Isbester	S. Walker
Offertory	Williams Family	M. Gilbert
Counter	Mon 27th Mar	E. Goodlet

**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 8th/ Sunday 9th April 2023**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	<p>Easter</p> <p>Please see roster at the back of the church.</p>	
First Reader		
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Minister of Communion		
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer		
Offertory		
Counter	Mon 3rd Apr	M. Walker

IMPORTANT...

We need more people to take on ministries in our Parish. Please complete a Ministry Volunteer Form and return ASAP.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 27th March

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 28th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 29th March

10.40am Mass - SMCS Secondary Campus - Year 12 and Prayer Partners

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.20pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 30th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee SMCS Yr5

12.00 Noon Angelus

12.30pm Mass - Gulgong All Hallows Years 1 and 2. All Welcome

FRIDAY - 31st March

10.30am Funeral - Mudgee Anne Mead

There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament due to funeral.

Reconciliation available on request.

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Anointing Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 1st April

11.00am Baptisms

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY - 2nd April

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Communion Service

11.00am Kandos - Mass

Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.

Daylight-Saving ends

on Sunday 2nd April.

Saturday Night Vigil Mass in Mudgee will remain at 6pm until after Easter.



Baptism

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:



Portia Lee Rusten
daughter of Holly

Alesia June Macready
daughter of Melissa

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Anne Mead, Lon Schreck.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Judith Furbank, Jan Baillie, Balbina Alsua, Jose Gomez, Anthony 'Andy' Furney, Lindsay Page, Emilio Anson, Michael McAuliffe, Blanche Adams, James Milton, Alan Hundy, Gerald Wall, Beryl Hickey, Joan Campbell, Hazel Lynch, Wyatt Harris, Mary Navin, Francis Gaffney, Victoria Holland, Barry Chapman, William Marskell, Michelle Morrisey, Max Bulinski, Emily Kearns, Anthony Hammond

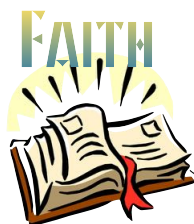
For the deceased, especially:

Juan Gomez, Michael Azar, Max Rohr, Anna Menegatos.

Prayers requested for:

Nancy Gallagher, Lynne Daly, Francis Saliba, Ruth Hyde, Joe Saliba, Jackie Cummins, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Roland Barros, Vikki Treves, John Carney, Debra O'Loughlin, Eleni Roberts, Dennis Petersen, Geoffrey Munn, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Word &



The group meets on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Parish Centre in Mudgee. All welcome.

Pope's Intentions for March...

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

MUDGE NEWS

**Children's Liturgy
Volunteers Needed**

We are seeking willing volunteers to assist with the Children's Liturgy ministry at Sunday 9.00am mass. It will run during school terms only. Script and resources will be provided and there will be two people running each session.

This is an important ministry that helps grow the faith of children within our parish. It would be a shame if we are unable to run this ministry.

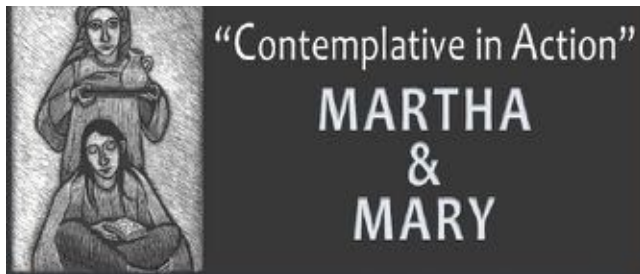
Please contact the parish office on 6372 2122 if you would like to participate or have any questions.

**Parish Ministries
'Let us share our gifts'**

Thank you to all who have filled in and returned a Volunteer form or who have contacted the Parish Office or spoken with the Ministry Coordinators in your Parish. We still need more volunteers. If you volunteered last year and would like to continue this year, please fill in a form or call the Parish Office. We also encourage anyone who is volunteering for the first time or looking at a different ministry, there will be training provided for some of the ministries and plenty of support from the Parishes and the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

Ministries include but not limited to:

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion*
- Reader (Lector)*
- Musicians*
- Altar Servers*
- Commentator*
- Liturgy Group*
- Hospitality*
- Sacramental Preparation Team*
- Catechists/Helpers*
- Pastoral Council*
- Offertory - Gift Bearers*
- Welcomers*
- Bell Ringers*



"Contemplative in Action"

Martha & Mary

31 March – 2 April

Why not refresh, renew, and revive the richness of your Christian spirituality on a weekend retreat at Shalom.

Sometimes we are Martha - burdened and overwhelmed when our desire is to be Mary - sitting at the feet of the Lord.

In this retreat, we explore what hinders us in our journey to sit at the feet of the Lord. This retreat is for Men and women who need some time out.

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer,
7 Collins Street, Carcoar

Cost: Suggested Donation of \$300 (includes all meals and accommodation)

To Register: Ph:02 63673058 or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Fr Michel Remery Seminar

HOW TO GROW IN FAITH: A life changing course to explore faith and how to share it

Are you a parish worker, school teacher, SRE teacher, youth minister or youth group leader? Are you looking for more engaging resources? Then this 'train the trainer' seminar is for you.

Fr Michel, author of social communications for youth and catechesis will share his experiences and teaching based on his seminal work Tweeting with GOD.

Entry is free.

Registration: admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au

Date: 8 May 2023,

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Venue: Conference room, The Chancery, 118 Keppel St Bathurst



**Conversations about
Dying,
Death and
Bereavement**

All of us experience in our lives moments of loss and grief; times when we are reminded of the reality of death and how we respond.

Our Parish has been selected to be part of a pilot group program run in conjunction with Centacare, where, over a cuppa, in a relaxed environment, guided and gentle conversations can flow to inform and share about experiences of the death of someone we love and the bereavement and grief that follows.

These conversations will last about an hour once a month for 4 months, either on a Thursday or Saturday. If you would like to discuss the program more or express your interest in being part of these conversations, please give Kristie a ring at the Parish office.

HSC PRAYER PARTNERS 2023

Thank you to all parishioners who have volunteered to support the students in prayer during this year.



The students invite you to join them for Mass in the School Chapel, Secondary Campus on Wednesday 29th March at 10.40am. Morning tea will be provided after the Mass to give you an opportunity to meet and greet the students.

Please collect your invitation and personal note from your nominated student on the table at the back of the church.



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: Have you arrived in :
: St. Mary's Parish in :
: the past year? :
: OR :
: Do you know :
: someone new to :
: our Parish? :
:.....

If so, we invite you to provide your name and contact details to the Parish Office Phone St. Mary's Parish office on 6372 2122 Or email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au as St. Mary's Parish Is planning a Welcome Function for New Parishioners

Reading for Next Sunday: PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - YEAR A
Is 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 27:11-54

Holy Week and Easter Services

Tuesday 4th April

6.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgee

Wednesday 5th April

11.00am Anointing Mass - Kandos

Thursday 6th April

5pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Rylstone

6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Mudgee

Good Friday 7th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross - Mudgee

11.00am Stations of the Cross - Rylstone

Easter Saturday 8th April

5.00pm Easter Vigil - Gulgong

6.30pm Easter Vigil - Mudgee

Easter Sunday 9th April

7.30am Mass- Mudgee

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

9.00am - Mass Kandos

10.30am Mass Mudgee



Parish Council

The Parish Council AGM and General meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd April. Our Parish Council members are:

Annette Fergus - President

Russell Croake - Vice President

Krista O'Brien - Secretary

Barry Petersen

Matthew Cooper

Anne Williams

We congratulate all our members, who will work with Fr Owen, Parish Staff, Ministry groups and School Representatives to continue with the Mission of our Church.

Items discussed in the General Meeting:

- Prayer Partner Program
- Bereavement Group
- Hospitality - Rostering for after Sunday Mass
- Plenary Council
- Church Life Survey
- Church Cleaning



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

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St Matthews Catholic School

**BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PLAYGROUP**



Four consecutive Wednesday mornings:

24th May, 31st May, 7th June and 14th June

for 1 hour play sessions.

Session Times: 9.20am - 10.20am, 10.30am - 11.30am or 12.20pm - 1.20pm

Location: St Matthews Catholic School

Open to all children who will be beginning school in 2024

Cost: Free

All new and existing families are welcome

Registrations open: Monday, 27th March



Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos/Rylstone

PALMS NEEDED....

Palm Sunday is next weekend. If you have any palms that can be donated to the Church, please contact the Parish Office or drop to the Parish Office by Thursday afternoon.