

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 A 30TH APRIL 2023 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2023

In the Gospel for Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus says

I am the gate of the sheepfold...

*They who enter through me will be safe...
They will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture...*



We have one Shepherd and he is Jesus Christ.

Through Baptism, every Christian is given a share in this ministry, each in their own particular way, as the Good Shepherd calls them.

Today, we thank God for the ministry of our priests, who give their lives to serve the Church in a particular way.

The priest represents Christ in bringing us the Eucharist. From this flows his service of the other sacraments, Gospel teaching and pastoral leadership.

Please pray for your priests and support them in every way you can.

We have been blessed with many devoted and loving priests in the Diocese of Bathurst and are grateful that today we have five young men training in the seminary and more on the way.

Keep them in your prayers too, as they walk the sometimes rocky road of formation and discernment.

In the old days, the expenses of educating seminarians were met by their families. These days, we accept that this is a responsibility to be shared by the whole local church.

May I urge you to support generously this year's annual Good Shepherd appeal, which needs to recover ground after the setbacks of the days of Covid.

And today, may you truly listen to the Good Shepherd who is calling you (yes, you...) to a particular service and is waiting for your response.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



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IMPORTANT...

Saturday Mass Time

The Saturday night Vigil Mass will change to **5pm** on the **6th May**.

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

Gulgong Roster

	7 May	14 May	21 May
Commentator	P. Leotta	C. Gaudry	S. Parnell
Reader	K. Ritar	M. Golino	D. Hudson
Sacristan	M. & E. Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland
Leader		J. Thatcher	

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 6th/ Sunday 7th May 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	A. McLean	M. McLean
First Reader	G. Brynora	M. Matthews
Second Reader	G. Brymora	M. Barrett
EMOC	D. Cunningham	M. Gilbert
Altar Server	Nicko W	Jonathon P Haddie L
Music		Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S Walker	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	C. Carberry	Cassidy Family
Counter	Mon 1st May	D. Donnelly

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 13th/ Sunday 14th May 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	S. Abbey
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
EMOC	C. Furney	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Violet F Willow F	Alyra K
Music		Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	St Matthews	St Matthews
Offertory	St Matthews	St Matthews
Counter	Mon 8th May	P. O'Brien

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 1st May

Parish Office opens at 10am.
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

TUESDAY - 2nd May

St Athanasius, bishop, doctor - Memorial
9.30am Mass - Mudgee
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

WEDNESDAY - 3rd May

Sts Philip and James, apostles - Feast
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli
5.20pm Reconciliation
5.45pm Mass - Mudgee

THURSDAY - 4th May

9.30am Mass - Mudgee
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli
12.30pm Mass Gulgong - All Hallows. All welcome

FRIDAY - 5th May

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Reconciliation available on request.
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli and Rosary
12.30pm Mass - Mudgee
2.00pm Funeral - Mudgee - Elaine Libertis

SATURDAY - 6th May

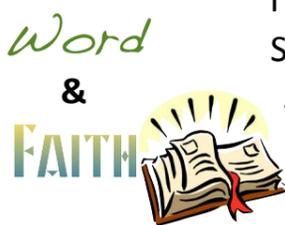
11.00am Baptism
5.15pm Reconciliation
5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY - 7th May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00am Mass - Mudgee
10.30am Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am Mass - Kandos

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 call the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.



The group meets on Sunday evenings at 5pm in the Parish Centre, Mudgee. All welcome.

Pope's Intentions for April...

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Susan Morgan, Elaine Libertis, Yvette Smith

We remember the anniversaries of:

Jacqueline Pithie, Janice Martyn, Thomas Rheinberger, Jean Lee, Therese Billmon, Siobhan Woods, Leslie Wolfe, Joyce Gallagher, John Denlay, Edmund Fitzgerald, Rae Hopkins, Maureen Consadine, Allan Dickie, Taidyn Roberts, Mary Carn, Barry Simpson, Minnie Mealy, Raymond Williamson.

For the deceased, especially:

Brain Meere, Mary Barry, Russell & May Hundy, Anne Mead, Debra O'Louglin, James Winter, Patrick Power, Lon Schreck.

Prayers requested for:

Lynne Daly, Frances Saliba, Joe Saliba, Jackie Cummins, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Ruth Hyde, Roland Barros, Vikki Treves, John Carney, Eleni Roberts, Dennis Petersen, Geoffrey Munn, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes. Masses for Special Intentions, Thanksgivings and for all the Holy Souls.

Happy *60th* Wedding Anniversary to

Ken and Diane Brown



and

Ray and Angela Krusvar



Congratulations to:

*Michael Davis
and
Rebecca Gillis*

and

*Justin Camilleri
and
Kirsten Vile*

and

*Lachlan Smith
and
Alice Spies*

who all celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

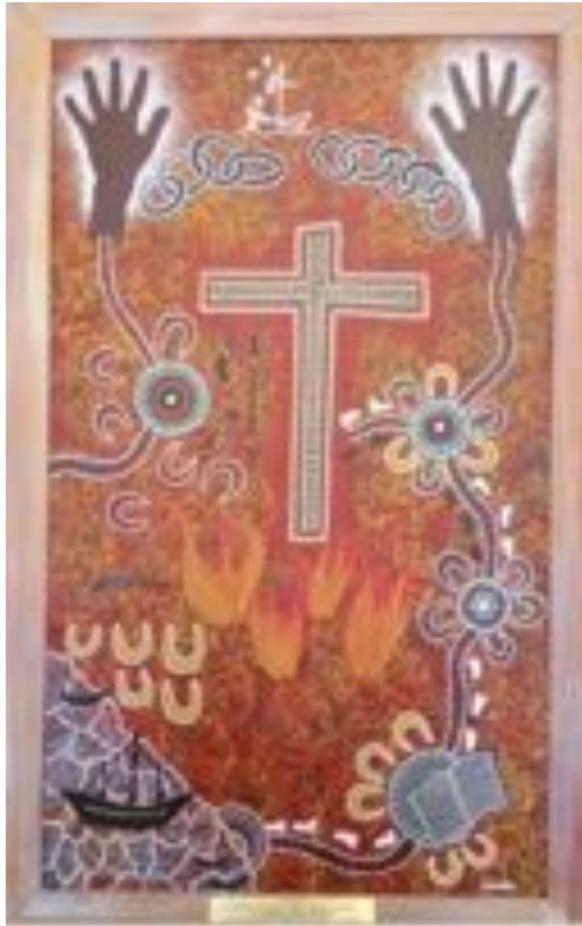


Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"Do good; seek justice."

(cf Isaiah 1:17)

Learn to do good - Seek justice - Rescue the oppressed - Defend the orphan, plead for the widow



"Invasion" by artist John "Munnari" Hammond A'Hang ©

St Mary's will host the Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, 28th May 2023 at 2.30pm

ART EXHIBITION

LOCAL ART SCENES FOR SALE

Friday 5th May - 5.30pm until late Saturday 6th May St Marys's Paris Centre

Painted by a wide range of local and visiting artists

Painters@mudgee

12 Step Group

Eleni Roberts is running a General 12 Step group for people with mental health or addiction issues on Thursday's at 5.30pm at her home. Topics covered include self-esteem, codependency and mental health. Eleni is a trained yoga teacher and the meeting concludes with a relaxation exercise and a cup of tea. For further details, phone Eleni on 6372-0531.

Women's Eucharistic Retreat

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20. Financial assistance is available.)

Doors open at 9:30am for a 10am start. Saturday 3 June 2023 10AM - 4PM

LOCATION

Cathedral School 98 George Street, Bathurst NSW 2795

REGISTRATION

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1035789>

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Reading for Next Sunday: *FIFTH Sunday of Easter- YEAR A*

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R. v.22

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

First Reading: [Acts 2:14. 36-41](#)

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1](#)

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Pt 2:20-25](#)

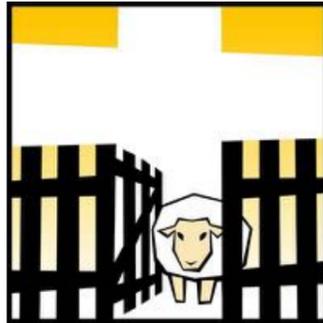
You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 10:1-10](#)

I am the gate of the sheepfold.



Reflection by Michael Tate

The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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The Regina Caeli



Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia:

**For He Whom you did merit to bear,
alleluia,**

Has risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mudgee Hymn

Song of Joy

Come, sing a song of joy
For peace shall come, my brother
Sing, sing a song of joy
For men shall love each other
That day will dawn just as sure
As hearts that are pure
Are hearts set free
No man must stand along
With outstretched hands before him

Come, sing a song of joy
For peace shall come, my brother
Sing, sing a song of joy
For men shall love each other
Reach out and take them in yours
With love that endures
Forever more
Then sing a song of joy
For love and understanding

Come, sing a song of joy
Of freedom, tell the story
Sing, sing a song of joy
For mankind in his glory
One mighty voice that will bring
A sound that will ring
Forever more
Then sing a song of joy
For love and understanding



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