

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 14TH MAY 2023 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY MOTHER'S DAY

First Reading: [Acts 8:5-8. 14-17](#)

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1](#)

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Pt 3:15-18](#)

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 14:15-21](#)

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Gospel Reflection

Greg Sunter



Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

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Gulgong Roster

	21 May	28 May	4 Jun
Commentator	S. Parnell	D. Kelly	E. Donnelly
Reader	D. Hudson	E. Donnelly	H. Tran
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba	R. Saliba
Leader	J. Thatcher		P. Leotta

**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 20th/ Sunday 21st May 2023**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	I. Bryne	M. Cassidy
Second Reader	I. Bryne	A. McLean
EMOC	G. Hennessy	R. Croake
Altar Server	Michael W	Arlo S
Music	Marriane & Jerry	Choir
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	D. Bennett	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 15th May	E. Goodlet

**Mudgee Roster
Saturday 27th/ Sunday 28th May 2023**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	L. Croake
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
EMOC	G. Brymora	R. McKeown
Altar Server	Layla W Steph R	Eleanor D Elie M
Music	Rue & Barry	Choir
Welcomer	St Matthews	St Matthews
Offertory	St Matthews	St Matthews
Counter	Mon 22nd May	M. Walker

Pope's Intentions for May...

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 15th May

Parish Office opens at 10am.
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

TUESDAY - 16th May

9.30am Mass - Mudgee
11.00am Funeral - Mudgee - Laurel Barrow
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

WEDNESDAY - 17th May

10.40am Mass - St Matthews Secondary Campus - Yr 10
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli
5.20pm Reconciliation
5.45pm Mass - Mudgee

THURSDAY - 18th May

9.30am Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 3
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli
12.30pm Mass - Gulgong - All Hallows Yr 3

FRIDAY - 19th May

10.30am Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home
11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation available on request.
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli and Rosary
12.30pm Mass - Mudgee

SATURDAY - 20th May

4.15pm Reconciliation
5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY - 21st May

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9.00am Mass - Mudgee
10.30am Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am Mass - Rylstone
12.00am Baptism - Rylstone

Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home

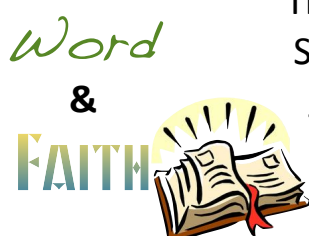
Communion: If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please call the office.

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

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.

Annual Mass Count

During the Month of May, the Diocese will be hold our annual mass count. This will happen during the weekend mass.



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

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Colby Jace Anset

son of David and Chantelle



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Laurel Barrow, Matthew Prowse

We remember the anniversaries of:

Donald Lincoln, Gregory Roberts, Carol Anderson, Lynette Pumpa, James Freeman, John O'Hare, Kingsley Walsh, Enid Sheath, Elizabeth Jervis, Isabel Cluff, Uneta Bromka, Mary Robinson, Brian Ward, Hubert Woodhouse, David McLean.

For the deceased, especially:

Bob Prowse, Susan Morgan, Katalin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, Elaine Libertis, Miriam Byers, Yvette Smith, Michael Azar.

Prayers requested for:

Meryl Hennessy, Lynne Daly, Frances Saliba, Joe Saliba, Ruth Hyde, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Jackie Cummins, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, 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.

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

St Mary's will host the Prayer for Christian Unity on

Sunday, 28th May 2023

at

2.30pm

**St. Mary's Parish
Welcome Dinner for
New Parishioners
Friday 23rd June 2023 at 6pm**



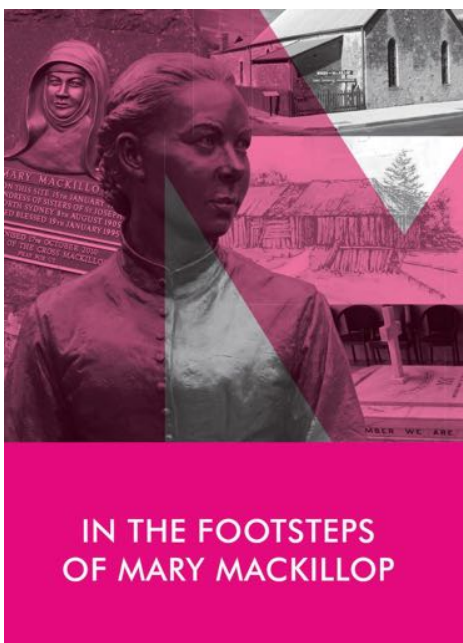
It's time to welcome
new people to our parish.
Have you arrived in our Parish
in the past year
OR

Do you know someone new
to our Parish?

Please advise parish office of names and
details as Fr Owen & the Parish Council
wish to invite our new parishioners to a
welcome dinner.

Phone St. Mary's Parish office on 6372
2122

Or email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF MARY MACKILLOP**

An Australian Pilgrimage

An opportunity for prayer and reflection
is a significant part of the Pilgrimage
which is led by the Sister of Saint
Joseph & the inaugural Director of the
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
Melbourne.

For an application form or further
information telephone Annie Bond rsj
02 8912 4818. Applications close 8th
September 2023.

Living the Gospel

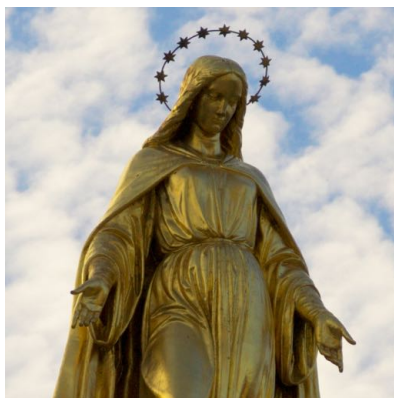
Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

SOMETIMES
WE KNOW WHAT WE
HAVE TO DO
but we lack the
courage
to do it.

LET US LEARN FROM MARY
HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS
TRUSTING IN THE LORD.

Pope Francis



From the perspective of ...

The disciples

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

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: *ASCENSION OF THE LORD- YEAR A*

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v.6

Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Traditionally, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, you are encourage to pray the Regina Caeli or the Rosary and offer flowers to her. These activities show our great desire to have a spiritual Mother who would be there to protect us and comfort us when we are in danger and suffering.

The entire month of May falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical colour white — the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

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.

A Prayer for Mothers

All loving God

We give thanks and praise for *Mothers* young and old.

We prayer for young *Mothers*, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed with **PATIENCE** and **TENDERNESS** to care for their families and themselves with great **JOY**.

We pray for our own *Mothers* who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide in **STRONG** and **GENTLE** ways

We remember *Mothers* who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the **LOVING EMBRACE** of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for *Women* who are not *Mothers* but still love and shape us with **MOTHERLY CARE** and **COMPASSION**.

We remember *Mothers, Grandmother* and *Great Grandmothers*

who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their **LOVE**.

Amen



RISE YOUTH FESTIVAL

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST INVITES YEARS 6 TO 9 STUDENTS

RISE

2023

THURSDAY 6 & FRIDAY 7 JULY

ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL

65 LLOYDS RD, SOUTH BATHURST

CONTACT DEACON JOSH for any questions & Rego: mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au or Mob: 0458 261 513

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Register here   

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

ST MARY'S MUDGE



We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

From Year 3 onwards

School Term 2

Tuesday 20th June 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

or

Thursday 22nd June 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Further information is available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) including booking to attend one of the above Parent/Carer Information sessions.

All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Please pass this message on to anyone you feel would be interested.