



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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A 28TH MAY 2023



First Reading: [Acts 2:1-11](#)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30](#)

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 20:19-23](#)

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reflection

Fr Michael Tate

The Bush Fire of Pentecost

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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St Mary's is hosting the Prayer for Christian Unity Sunday 28th May at 2.30pm. Please join us as we prayer with members of other church who will be joining us. Cuppa to follow.

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Gulgong Roster		
	4 Jun	11 Jun
Commentator	E. Donelly	J. Thatcher
Reader	H. Tran	B. Toole
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M.&E. Carney
Leader	P. Leotta	

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 3rd/ Sunday 4th June 2023
Confirmation

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	A. McLean	M. Matthews
First Reader	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	J. O'Brien
EMOC		
Altar Server	Violet F Willow F	Eleanor D
Music	Choir	Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	Mr S. Walker
Offertory		
Counter	Mon 29th May	R. Croake

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 10th/ Sunday 11th June 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	R. Petersen	M. Barrett
Second Reader	R. Petersen	E. de Vries
EMOC	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	Maeve K	Portelli's
Music	Choir	Rachel
Welcomer	K. Isbester	Mrs S. Walker
Offertory	Williams Family	A. White
Counter	Mon 5th June	K. O'Brien

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	
Mon, 29/05 Memorial	The Bless Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
	Parish Office opens at 10am.
12 Noon	Regina Caeli
Tues, 30/05	Week 8 of Ordinary Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Year 6
11.00am	Funeral - Mudgee - John Orth
12 Noon	Regina Caeli
Wed, 31/05 Feast	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.40am	Mass - SMCS Year 8
12 Noon	Regina Caeli
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 1/06	St Justin, martyr - Memorial
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Regina Caeli
12.30pm	Mass - All Hallows Years Kinder, 6 & 5
Fri, 2/06	Week 8 of Ordinary Time
10.30am	Mass - Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Reconciliation available on request.
12 Noon	Regina Caeli and Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 3/06 Memorial	Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
11.00am	Baptism
4.20pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee - Confirmation
Sun, 4/06	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
11.00am	Mass - Gulgong - Confirmation
11.00am	Communion Service - Kandos



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

MUDGEE NEWS

Church cleaning will be on Wednesday 31st May for the Confirmation Weekend.

If you are able to help, please meet in the church at 9.30am.

IMPORTANT - MASS CHANGE FOR KANDOS AND GULGONG

Due to Confirmation, there will be a change in the mass roster for Gulgong and Kandos parishes. Mass will be celebrated at Gulgong on Sunday 4th June at 11am and at Kandos on Sunday 11th June. We will return to the normal mass roster after this date.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Noeline Nicholson, David Power, Sr Camel Sheridan, Anthony Lynch.

We remember the anniversaries of Ellen English, Pamela Ruming, Patricia Barber, Barry Rayner, John Dunnachie, Vincent Archer, Florence Winter, Lewis McKenzie, Stefan Orłowsky, Ethel Morley, Alma Warner, Edward Phollips, Ernest Johnston, Colin Campbell, Janik Melville, Nancy Ryan, Ian Carter, Noel Hodges, Leslie Sampson, Dorothy Davidson, Heather Graham.

For the deceased, especially: Patricia Scott, John Carney, Laurel Barrow, Matthew Prowse, Elaine Libertis.

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, 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.



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

Mudgee - Sunday Mass Recessional Hymn

By Your Kingly Power, O Risen Lord

Antiphon

By your kingly power O risen Lord.
All that Adam lost is now restored:
In your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
Sound it to the souls in prison,
Shout our triumph to the sky:
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Antiphon

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
Let all times and peoples listen:
Death has no more victory,
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Antiphon

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Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass at 9.00am to
Reopen Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,

which has been undergoing renovations and refurbishment.

The day will also be a celebration of **Grandparents and Older Friends Day;** and the Bishop will **Bless the new Classrooms** at St Brigid's School.

That will all be followed by **Morning Tea**
and everyone is most welcome!

A SHALOM LONG LUNCH

SUN JUNE 11TH 12-3PM

'Restorative & Regenerative Agricultural Practice'

Speaker: George King

George King is the Managing Director of the Whitney Pastoral Company and a Board Member of Cattle Australia. George lives at Coombing Park just out of Carcoar. He is an avid aviator and is involved in many community groups in the district and beyond.

In this talk George will outline how agricultural practice has developed in the last 50 years or so. Furthermore, George will explain how vital a healthy agricultural sector can lead to better outcomes as we confront climate change.

LUNCH: Featuring a beautiful beef based main & other delicious offerings.

COST: \$60 pp (BYO Drinks)

BOOKINGS: Scan QR code or ph 63673058

Booking & payment for the long lunch is required prior to the day as places are limited.



Thank you to everyone who donation flowers and spend time arranging them in to poses for Mother's Day. You made Mother's Day extra special for many people.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh,

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary....

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.



Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish community:

Hallie Sage Taylor

daughter of Timothy & Courtney
and

Angus Timothy Mark Flynn

daughter of Timothy and Lucinda



and in the Gulgong community

Elaska Grace Alexander

daughter of Kyle and Melissa

Reading for Next Sunday: **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A**

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Through the Holy Spirit, all Christians are given the gifts and bear fruits that guide our compassion, our morals and our virtues. We Catholics believe that we are given the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Baptism, which are then strengthened at Confirmation, to enable us to bear the fruits of the Spirit more abundantly.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

Wisdom - The gift of knowing right from wrong.

'To accept my life from God and learn to grow through all that happens.' St Mary's Confirmation Program

Understanding - The gift to make sense of the teachings of the church and how we can help others.

'To listen, to think things through, to be able to put myself in other's shoes.'

St Mary's Confirmation Program

Counsel - The gift of Right Judgement. This gift helps us to make the right choices to live our lives faithful to God.

'Using the gift of free will to be able to act as we know God would want us to.' St Mary's Confirmation Program

Fortitude - This is the gift of strength and courage. The strength to stand up for our faith and the courage to follow God.

'To accept challenges and difficulties, cheerfully and steadfastly.' St Mary's Confirmation Program

Knowledge - This Gift helps us to gain information and knowledge to grow in our faith.

'To willingly learn about and develop my relationship with God and other people.'

St Mary's Confirmation Program

Reverence - This gift gives us the ability to be devoted to God and live a decent and sin free life. The Holy Spirit enables us to pray to our Father in heaven with child-like trust and confidence.

Fear of the Lord - The gift of Awe and Wonder. To be amazed at the works of God, the beauty of nature, the kindness of humans and awesomeness of the universe around us.

'To be in awe and wonders of God and what God has done for me, including the awesomeness of nature, our lives and the universe.' St Mary's Confirmation Program

Sources: <https://www.scripturecatholic.com/the-fruits-and-gifts-from-the-holy-spirit/>, <https://www.compassion.com/christian-faith/fruit-of-the-spirit.htm>, St Mary's Confirmation program.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

Love - The love for God and love for others, family, friend or foe. This is Selfless love. Love without expecting an reward.

'But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.' Rom 5:8



Joy - Through the Holy Spirit, we are given true happiness. Happiness that is not from material possessions but from knowing and following Jesus Christ.

'The joy of the Lord is your strength.' Nehemiah 8:10

Peace - The Holy Spirit provides us with inner peace in uncertain times and helps us spread peace throughout the world.

'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.' Phil 4:6



Patience - Patience can be hard to find in our busy modern world. Through the Holy Spirit, we can have tolerance for others.

'With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.' Eph 4.2

Kindness - The ability to treat others how you would like to be treated.

'Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.' Eph 4:32



Goodness - This is a gift of action. Doing good things and doing good thing for others.



'So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.' Gal 6:10

Faithfulness - Being faithful to God, even through the toughest of times when God seems to have abandoned you. Believe that God is there, walking beside you, guiding you.



'Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.' Jas 1:12



Gentleness - Using kind and gentle words to others, especially in others are using unkind words or manners.

'A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.' Prov 15:1

Self-control - The Holy Spirit helps us control our negative impulses.



'For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and