

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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR B 18TH FEBRUARY 2024



LENT 2024

Recalled to renewal

Each year, the season of Lent recalls us to renewal: to recentre our lives in love of God and neighbour.

In the Gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus shows us three ways we can answer this call.

First, with prayer. Most of us could spend more time in prayer: Lent reminds us to have another go at turning good intentions into reality.

Second, by going without some things we enjoy but don't really need. It might be food or drink, or something else. And the money we save could go to the third way to answer the Lenten invitation.

Third, by giving time and money to those in need. Most people on our planet have far less than we do in terms of food, water and shelter: many are actually homeless and even starving. Project Compassion is a very practical way to give.

May Lent truly be a time of renewal for each of us.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst
Ash Wednesday 2024

First Reading: [Genesis 9:8-15](#)

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10](#)

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: [Mark 1:12-15](#)

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	25th February	3rd March
Commentator	C. Gaudry	D. Kelly
Reader	C. Golino	M. McGregor
Sacristan	E. Donnelly/G. Ausburn	C. Holland
Leader		R. Saliba

MUDGEES ROSTER		
Saturday 24th / Sunday 25th February 2024		
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
First Reader	P. Cannon	M. Cassidy
Second Reader	C. Furney	O. O'Brien
EMOC	A. Fergus	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	Mrs S. Walker
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Ross & Mel
Sacristan	L. Nicholson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	19th Feb	R. Croake

Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd March 2024		
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	St Matthews	M. Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	L. Nicholson	K. Cassidy
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	St Matthews	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Nerida & Carolyn
Sacristan	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	26th Feb	E. Goodlet
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed- J. Cooper Thu- J. Cooper Fri - R. Gawthorne Sat - Fr Owen Sun - R. Gawthorne	

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS... WE NEED YOUR HELP

Thank you to everyone who has filled in a Ministry form and committed to a ministry for another year. Your contribution is valued by us. We are still in need of volunteers for most of our ministries.

We also encourage everyone to volunteer for a ministry. Whether it be 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 Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

To recommit for another year or volunteer for any ministry, please fill in a Ministries form which can be found at the back of the church.



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Nancy Comer

We remember the anniversaries of:

Eric Robison, Barrymore Lennox, Christina Page, Elaine Hibbert, James Barry, Norma Blackburn, Kim Stevens, Douglas Murray, Joseph Polanetz, John Robinson, Raymond Power, Lorraine Smith, Michael Gibbins, Robert Moritz, Isabella Waterton, Bruce Eastburn.

For the deceased, especially:

Maureen Hutchison, David Allan, Ivo & Marija Birtic, Ivo & Neda Erceg, Anthony & Ivica Covic, June Potts, Kathleen Meers, Ante Poplasen, Sara Roche (Gilgandra), Richard Loneragan, Joe Turner, Jackie Johnson, Fr Pat Ruane, Maggie Swientek.

Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Horace Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan (QLD), Angela Marakovic, Tony Spina, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Eleni Roberts, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Iris McBeath, Tracy Donnelly, Josephine Debattista, Elizabeth Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

February - For the Terminally Ill...

We pray that those who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 19/2	Week 1 of Lent
	Parish Office opens at 10am
1.00pm -3.00pm	SMCS O'Connor Day There will be a liturgy at St Mary's followed by and celebration in the church grounds.
Tues, 20/2	Week 1 of Lent
9.30am	Communion Service - Mudgee
12 Noon	Angelus
Wed, 21/2	Week 1 of Lent
12 Noon	Angelus
1.00pm	Funeral: Gulgong Graveside - Nancy Comer
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 22/2	The Chair of St Peter, apostle, Feast
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Kindergarten
12 Noon	Angelus
Fri, 23/2	Week 1 of Lent
10.00am	Opening Mass - All Hallows Catholic School
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and the Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 24/2	Week 1 of Lent
11.00am	Baptisms
5.20pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 25/2	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone

Year 12 Prayer Partner Program



As school returns this week and Year 12 enter the final terms of their schooling, we call on parishioners to become Prayer Partners for these students.

Prayer Partners journey with the Students from the beginning of the year through to HSC exam time. This program will give opportunities to not only pray for them but to also meet with them and get to know them over the year.

If you would like to be a part of this program, please fill in a Prayer Partner form at the back of the church.

Sacraments 2024 Important Dates Mudgee

If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for your child in 2024, 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.

SAVE THESE DATES

Confirmation

From Year 6 onwards

Thursday 7th March 12:30pm or

Tuesday 12th March 6.30pm

First Holy Communion

From Year 3 onwards

Thursday 25th July 12:30pm or

Tuesday 30th July 6.30pm

*** Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 ***

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) including registration, which is open now.

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

Kandos

Please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122 or via email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Gulgong

If your child is at All Hallows, information regarding sacraments will be available via the school. If your child is not at All Hallows, please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122.

Parish Secretary (Casual position, 3.5hrs per week) Dunedoo Parish

The secretary assists the Parish Priest in providing efficient and effective communion and administration.

The position requests the successful applicant to:

- Prepare weekly bulletins and prayers of the faithful.
- Maintain Parish records, written and computer records.
- Other administrative duties as required.

This position can be performed from the Mudgee Parish Office with some travel to Dunedoo on occasions.

For more details and a Job description, please contact Mudgee Parish Office on 6372-2122.

GULGONG NEWS

The Catholic Women's Group are appealing for new women to join our group. We meet at the Convent at 2pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. We are usually finished by between 3 and 3.30. We are in danger of folding because of lack of numbers. This would be a great pity because the group has been in existence for many years. We are open to all women and do not do a great deal of work, it's just to keep the parish ticking.

Please consider joining us and having a cuppa and a chat. If interested please just turn up at the convent or talk to one of the ladies. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th March.

AGM meeting - 7th March at 2pm in the Convent

Deacons Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha to be ordained priests

Bishop Michael McKenna has announced he will ordain Deacon Cong Van Hoang and Deacon Duong Van Ha as priests.

The ordination will take place on Friday 12th April 2024, during 6.00pm Mass in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Mother Ignatius Hall (in the Cathedral Precinct). The Mass will be livestreamed and details of that will be available on our Diocesan website - bathurst.catholic.org.au - closer to the date.

Please keep both men in your prayers as they continue their ministry as deacons in the Mudgee and Orange Parishes, and in particular as they now make their final preparations for ordination to the priesthood.



SAVE THE DATE
Safe Church Awareness Workshop

When: Saturday, 16th March

Where: St Mary's Parish Centre

Time: To be advised

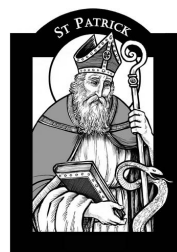
This workshop is for anyone who volunteers for a ministry in our Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos / Rylstone. Whether you are a Commentator, Reader, Welcomer, Minister of Holy Communion, Choir, Collectors, Cleaner, Sacristan or anyone who has contact with vulnerable or young people in our churches, this workshop is for you.

Topics covered include:

- duty of care, codes of conduct,
- protecting vulnerable people
- how to run a safe church

Everyone who attends the workshop will be issued with a Certificate which is valid for three years. This workshop is free for anyone who is a member of our Diocese.

To RSVP, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.




SAVE THE DATE
St Patrick's Feast Day

17th March 2024

More details to follow



World Day of Prayer
Friday, 1st March 
6pm at St John's Anglican Church
*"I Beg You...
Bear With One Another In Love"*
Ephesians 4:1-3

Defibrillator in the church

Please note that we now have a defibrillator at the back of the church for emergencies. We would like to thank **NSW First Aid** for their donation of this important equipment to our church.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

A rainbow is a symbol of diversity in harmony. In a rainbow, the individual colours are unique, but they blend together and form a beautiful unity. Being a 'Rainbow People' means we are a people of diversity who live together in harmony.

Can you think of people who are different from you yet live in the harmony of friendship with you? How are they different from you? How are these differences a blessing to your friendship?

A rainbow is a symbol of faithfulness. Have you ever broken a promise? Has anyone ever broken a promise to you? Have you ever had an experience of unfaithfulness in a friendship? What happened?

God said the rainbow was a sign of the covenant between God and the earth. How is your relationship to our planet earth and all of its life? What are some of the problems human beings are creating for other forms of life, and what are some things you can do to help solve those problems.

Resist the Temptation

Place ticks ✓ next to what you think are the right things to do. Place crosses ✗ next to the things you would be tempted to do.



You see money lying on the ground at school

What do you do?

- You pick it up and take it to a teacher.
- You use it to buy icecreams and chocolate for all your friends.
- You leave it where it is.



You forget to do your homework

What do you do?

- You tell the teacher that you left it on the bus.
- You pretend to feel sick so that you can get out of class.
- You tell the teacher that you forgot to do your homework.

Joke Corner...

Q: Which animal is the best pet?

A: A cat, because it's purrrr-fect!



Reading for next Sunday: **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Ps 115:10, 15-19, R. 114:9

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10