

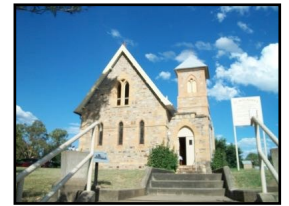
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 Lent—Year B 10th March 2024

First Reading: [2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23](#)
*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the
exile and liberation of his people.*

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps. 136. R. v.6](#)
(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. **(R.)**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs. **(R.)**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **(R.)**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth,
If I remember you not,
If I prize not Jerusalem,
Above all my joys! **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Ephesians 2:4-10](#)
When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [John 3:14-21](#)
*God sent his son into the world that we might be saved
through him.*



Dear Friends in Christ,

During the worst days of the Covid pandemic, I announced an exemption for Catholics in our Diocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. With this note, I am now informing you that the exemption will expire this coming 4th Sunday of Lent ("Laetare Sunday").

This Sunday obligation is a statement and reminder of the importance that the Church places on coming to Mass each week. As the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, "Some people have given up the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other..." (Hb 10:25)

I have often said that, if every Catholic realised what and who they are being offered in the Mass, we wouldn't have enough churches to hold them. But for those who do come, it is not only about what they receive, but about what they give to others with their presence.

Coming to Mass is a way of making a public witness of our faith, as we stand with our brothers and sisters to meet Christ in the community that bears his name; in his Word; in the ministry of his priest; and in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Yours in Christ,
+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons

Parish Deacons
Rev Cong Va Hoang
Rev Charles Applin

Parish Secretaries
Mrs Kristie Newman
Ms Krista O'Brien

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Parish Office Hours
Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm
Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:
Ph 02 6372 1742
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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:
Principal: Mr Bradley Toole
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Gulgong Roster		
	17th March	24th March
Commentator	E. Donelly	R. Saliba
Reader	M. Golino	M. McGregor
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M.&E. Carney
Leader	R. Saliba	
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th March 2024		
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	D. Delahunty	A. Myles
Second Reader	D. Delahunty	O. O'Brien
EMOC	A. Fergus	M. Gilbert
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	S. Walker
Offertory	C. Carberry	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Mel & Nerida
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Counter	11th March	E. Goodlet
Saturday 23rd / Sunday 24th March 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	A. Myles
First Reader	M. Dorney	B. Redden
Second Reader	K. Barker	J. Tioseco
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	J. Goodlet	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		
Sacristan	A. Baker	R. Gawthorne
Counter	19th March	D. Donelly
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne	

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish:

*Sophie Grace Condon
 Archie Thomas Condon
 Jack William Condon*

children of Timothy and Katherine



GULGONG NEWS

SACRITANS - Due to ill health etc we are appealing for people to come forward and assist as Sacristans, to help prepare the church for Mass.

Please consider helping with this ministry. Just give your name to Merylyn Carney or Carolyn Holland.

Training will be provided.

KANDOS NEWS

A Prayer meeting will be held in the back room of the Rylstone church every Monday at 10am during Lent. *Everyone is welcome.*

Donations are being accepted for a new organ for St. Malachy's church, Rylstone. Donations will be acknowledged. Please contact Fr. Owen or the Parish Office.

MASSSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:

Sharyn Lipka, Michael O'Shea, Belinda Holden, Pat O'Reilly, Maria Valentic, Nancy Comer, Stijepan (Steve) Knezevic

We remember the anniversaries of:

Mary Dimmock, David Kiddle, Rebecca Fletcher, Gavin Paine, Susan Melinz, Clifford Miller, Anna Menegatos, Richard Tompsett, Thelma Scott, Esther Boxx, Jean Croake, Gloria Windle, Shirley Mahon, Adriel Maloney

For the deceased, especially:

Ben Roberts, Michael Ellis, Maureen Hutchison, David Allan, Ivo & Marija Birtic, Ivo & Neda Erceg, June Potts, Anthony & Ivica Covic, Kathleen Meers, Maggie Swientek

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

Prayers requested for the sick:

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

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024

March - For New Martyrs...

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

JOKE JUNCTION.....

What type of monkey can fly?
 A hot-air baboon!

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 11/3	Week 4 of Lent
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 12/3	Week 3 of Lent
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
6.30pm	Confirmation Parent Information
Wed, 13/3	Week 4 of Lent
10.30am	Mass - SMCS Secondary
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee - <i>Confirmation Commitment</i>
Thu, 14/3	Week 4 of Lent
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee SMCS Yr1&5
12 noon	Angelus
12.15pm	Mass - Gulgong <i>All welcome</i> All Hallows Yr3/4
Fri, 15/3	Week 4 of Lent
11.00am	Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and the Rosary
12.30am	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 16/3	Week 4 of Lent
10.00am	Safe Church Awareness Workshop
11.00am	Baptism
2.00pm	Baptism
5.20pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass - Mudgee - <i>Confirmation Commitment</i>
Sun, 17/3	Week 5 of Lent
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee - <i>Confirmation Commitment</i>
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Rylstone

PARISH OFFICE - TEMPORARY REDUCED HOURS
 Parish office opening hours from 4th to 15th March:
 Monday 10am-2pm
 Tuesday to Thursday 9am-1pm
 Friday 9am-4pm

PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Where: St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council
 Date: Thursday 21st March 2024
 Time: 5.30PM

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST INVITES

YEAR 10 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO **RISEN** TEAM FORMATION
 22 - 24 MARCH
 SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO **RISE** YOUTH FESTIVAL
 11-12 JULY
 BATHURST GOLDFIELDS

CONTACT DEACON JOSH for any questions
 mrd@bathurst.catholic.org.au Phone: 0458 261 513

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SACRAMENT IMPORANT DATES 2024
CONFIRMATION

Mudgee: **Parent/Carer Information Session**
 From Year 6 onwards
 Tuesday 12th March 6.30pm

Further Information available on Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) including registration. 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 attends 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.

ST. PATRICK'S FEAST DAY DINNER

Come along and enjoy a fun night with traditional Irish music and sing-a-long.

SUNDAY, 17 MARCH 2024, 6PM
AT THE PARISH CENTRE.

Dinner: Nibbles, Main and Dessert
 *BYO REFRESHMENTS
 Cost: \$15 per person

RSVP: Please book and pay at St. Mary's Parish Office by Friday 15th March, 4pm.

YEAR 12 PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM

We are calling on parishioners to become Prayer Partners for our Year 12 students as they enter their final months of school. Prayer Partners journey with the Students from the beginning of the year though to HSC exam time. This program will give opportunities to not only pray for them but so 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.

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 year. This workshop is free for anyone who is a member of our Diocese. To RSVP, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.



Deacon Cong Van Hoang warmly extends this invitation (below) to all in the parishes of:

- St. Mary of the Presentation Mudgee,
- St. John the Baptist Gulgong,
- St. Dominic's Kandos and St. Malachy's Rylstone



The Catholic Diocese of Bathurst joyfully announces that **the Most Reverend Bishop Micheal McKenna** will ordain

Deacon Cong Van Hoang and Deacon Duong Van Ha to the Order of Priesthood

Mass at 6 PM on **Friday 12 April 2024** in the **Cathedral of St. Michael and St. John**, William Street, Bathurst

You are invited for light refreshments in the Mother Ignatius Croke Centre (Cathedral Precinct) after Mass



The Thanksgiving Mass of the newly ordained priests will be celebrated at 9AM on Saturday 13 April in the Cathedral of St. Michael and St. John

You are welcome to join Fr. Cong and Fr. Duong for refreshments afterwards in the Mother Ignatius Croke Centre

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 9TH & 10TH MARCH

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **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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Reading for next Sunday: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-23