

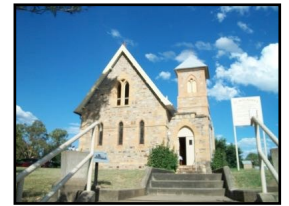
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent—Year B 17th March 2024

First Reading: [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)
The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps. 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12](#)
(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt,
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Hebrews 5:7-9](#)
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [John 12:20-23](#)
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

Saturday, 23rd March

5.20pm: Mudgee - Confessions, 6.00pm: Mudgee - Mass

Sunday, 24th March, Palm Sunday

9.00am: Mudgee - Mass Ecumenical Blessing of Palms at St. John's Anglican Church, with Procession to St. Mary's to continue Mass
10.30am Gulgong - Mass - *Anointing for Easter*
11.00am Rylstone - Communion Service

Monday, 25th March

5.45pm: Cathedral Bathurst - Chrism Mass
With Blessing of oils for Baptism, Confirmation & Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday, 26th March

6.30pm: Mudgee - Second Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 27th March

5.20pm: Mudgee - Confessions, 5.45pm: Mudgee - Mass

Thursday, 28th March, Holy Thursday

5.00pm: Rylstone - Mass of the Lord's Supper
6.00pm: Mudgee - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, 29th March, Good Friday

10.00am: Mudgee - Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: Gulgong - Passion Liturgy
3.00pm: Mudgee - Passion Liturgy

Saturday, 30th March, Holy Saturday

5.00pm: Kandos - Easter Vigil Mass
**PLEASE NOTE* 7.00pm: Mudgee - Easter Vigil Mass
*TIME of 7.00pm**

Sunday, 31st March, Easter Sunday

7.30am: Mudgee - Mass
9.00am: Mudgee - Mass
10.30am: Gulgong - Mass

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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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:
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www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/

All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:
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GULGONG ROSTER		
	24th March	31st March
Commentator	R. Saliba	D. Kelly
Reader	M. McGregor	J. Thatcher
Sacristan	M.&E. Carney	TBA
Leader		
MUDGE ROSTER		
Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th March 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	A.Myles
First Reader	M. Dorney	
Second Reader	K. Barker	A. McLean
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Nicko & Hannah	Arlo
Music		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	J. Goodlet	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Kathryn/Matthew
Sacristan	A. Baker	R. Gawthorne
Counter	19th March	D. Donelly
Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st March 2024		
Commentator	TBA	TBA
First Reader	TBA	TBA
Second Reader	TBA	TBA
EMOC	TBA	TBA
Altar Server		
Music	TBA	TBA
Welcomer	TBA	TBA
Offertory	TBA	TBA
Children's Liturgy		
Sacristan	TBA	TBA
Counter	2nd April	R. Croake
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:

Cohen Emery Fergus
 child of Mark and Samantha
 and
Walter Thomas Lewis
 child of Daniel and Amy



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 Merilyn 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:

Peg Leonard, Anne Mead, Lon Schreck 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:

Esme, Barry & Ally Wade, 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 Donnelly, Tracy Donnelly, 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.....

Where do monkeys hear rumours?
 On the apevine!

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 18/3	Week 5 of Lent
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 19/3	Week 5 of Lent
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
10.20am	Year 1 Retreat
12 noon	Angelus
Wed, 20/3	Week 5 of Lent
10.30am	Assembly - SMCS Secondary
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
6.30pm	Synod on Synodality - Parish Centre
Thu, 21/3	Week 5 of Lent
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee SMCS Year 6
12 noon	Angelus
5.30pm	Parish Council AGM
Fri, 22/3	Week 5 of Lent
9.30am	Year 5 Retreat Day
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and the Rosary
12.30am	Mass - Mudgee - Anointing Mass for Easter
Sat, 23/3	Week 5 of Lent
5.20pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 24/3	PALM SUNDAY
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee - Ecumenical Blessing of Palms at Anglican Church and Procession to St. Mary's
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong - Anointing Mass for Easter
11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone

PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Where: St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council
 Date: Thursday 21st March 2024
 Time: 5.30PM




SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

There will be a meeting at the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 20th March, 6.30pm** to reflect and discuss aspects of the report from Pope Francis' *Synod on Synodality*, held at the Vatican in October 2023, where parishioners from around the world discussed important issues for our Church.

All welcome to attend.

PALM SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE:
Palm Sunday Mass, 24th March, 9.00am will begin over at St. John's Anglican Church at 9.00am for an Ecumenical Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of the Palms and Procession back to St Mary's to continue Mass.



ST. MATTHEW'S "BRIGHT BEGINNINGS" PLAYGROUP SESSIONS

We invite all families with children who are commencing school in 2025 to attend our playgroup sessions. Our program will run for 4 weeks, on a Wednesday (29th May, 5th, 12th and 19th June). Bookings will open on **Monday, 25th March 2024.**


Please book via:
 Our school website <https://stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/>
 or on the post on our Facebook page.

Parents are invited to tour the school at any time. Please make an appointment with the office staff.




THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST INVITES

YEAR 10 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO	YEAR 6 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO
RISEN	RISE
TEAM FORMATION	YOUTH FESTIVAL
22 - 24 MARCH	11-12 JULY
SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER	BATHURST GOLDFIELDS



2024

CONTACT DEACON JOSH for any questions
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Info & Rego 



Deacon Cong Van Hoang warmly extends this invitation (below) to all parishioners of:
St. Mary of the Presentation Mudgee,
St. John the Baptist Gulgong,
St. Dominic's Kandos and St. Malachy's

Father Cong will celebrate his first Mass with us at St. Mary's on Sunday 14th April at 9am, followed by refreshments.



Details for Father Cong's first Masses at Gulgong and Kandos/Rylstone to be published a later date.



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

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 to meet with 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, from the back of the church.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 16TH & 17TH MARCH

Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.



Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

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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