

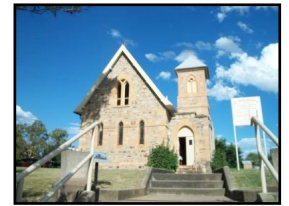
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD —Year B 24TH MARCH 2024

First Reading: [Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2](#)

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Philippians 2:6-11](#)

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above
all other names.

Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [Mark 14:1 – 15:47](#)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
16TH & 17TH MARCH**

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

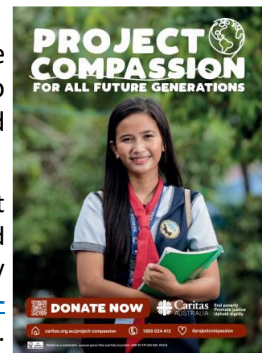
Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

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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Gulgong Roster		
	31st March	7th April
Commentator	D. Kelly	P. Leotta
Reader	J. Thatcher	K. Ritar
Sacristan	TBA	C. Holland
Leader		J. Thatcher

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 30th/ Sunday 31st March 2024

Commentator	Easter See roster at back of church.	
First Reader		
Second Reader		
EMOC		
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer		
Offertory		
Children's Liturgy		
Sacristan		
Counter	2nd April	R. Croake

Saturday 6th/ Sunday 7th April 2024

Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	St Matthew	St Matthew
Second Reader	St Matthew	St Matthew
EMOC	C. Furney	K. Cassidy
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer	F. Lupton	M. Gilbert
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		Nerida & Mel
Sacristan	L. Nicholson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	8th April	E. Goodlet

Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne	
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JOKE JUNCTION.....

Which cat discovered America?
Christopher Colum-puss.

KANDOS NEWS

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

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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.

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Save the Date
St Vincent de Paul thanksgiving Mass on 4th August at 11am at Kandos. Celebrating over 90 years of Caring in our area.

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:
Michael O'Shea, Belinda Holden,

We remember the anniversaries of:
James & Olive Milton, Ivy Sproule, Gazina Cass, June Price, David Lawson, Judith Furbank, Jan Baillie, Michael McAuliffe, Alan Hundy, Joan Campbell, Hazel Lynch, Gordon Hibberd, Wyatt Harris, Mary Navin, Victoria Holland, Peter Martens, Barry Chapman, James Loneragan, William Marskell, Michelle Morrissey, Max Bulinski, Emily Kearns, Anthony Hammond, James Winter, Patrick Power.

For the deceased, especially:
Judy Keightley, Owen Milton, Mal Whiteley, Dave Doyle, Bradley Quinn, Pat O'Reilly, Maria Valentic, Nancy Comer, Stjepan (Steve) Knezevic, Michael Ellis, Rita Ottley, Maureen Hutchison, Maggie Swientek.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:
Doreen Wurth, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan (QLD), Tony Spina, Angela Marakovic, Tracy Donelly, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Iris McBeath, Elizabeth Donelly, Josephine Debaksta, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Kim Barry, 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.

Project Compassion

Please return all Project Compassion envelopes by Friday 5th April.

Envelopes can be placed on the plate or handed in at the office.

Military items found in the grounds of St Mary's recently. Please contact the Parish office.

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 25/3	Holy Week
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Angelus
5.45pm	Chrism Mass—Bathurst Cathedral
Tue, 26/3	Holy Week
9.30am	Communion Service —Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
6.30pm	Second Rite of Reconciliation—Mudgee
Wed, 27/3	Holy Week
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass - Mudgee
Thu, 28/3	Holy Thursday
12 noon	Angelus
5.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper—Rylstone
6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper—Mudgee
Fri, 29/3	Good Friday
10.00am	Stations of the Cross—Mudgee
11.00am	Stations of the Cross—Rylstone
3.00pm	Passion Liturgy—Gulgong
3.00pm	Passion Liturgy—Mudgee
Sat, 30/3	Holy Saturday
5.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass —Kandos
7.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass —Mudgee
Sun, 31/3	Easter Sunday
7.30am	Mass —Mudgee
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Two years ago it was the Pandemic that was causing havoc for the people in the Holy Land (as it was in the rest of the world) but now there is a new and more dangerous threat through the ongoing conflict which may last for quite some time. Just when pilgrims were starting to return, the Sacred Places of our Christian Faith are once again closed to pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and the local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (which also give work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless, and more.

Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years including war and the pandemic.

A collection will be taken up on Good Friday or donate today via <https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/giving-holy-places/>

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 through o 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.

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.

INVITATION

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

Deacon Cong Van Hoang and Deacon Duong to the Order of the 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 afterward in the Mother Ignatius Croke Centre



HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

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

11.00am—Rylstone—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

7.00pm: Mudgee - Easter Vigil Mass

****PLEASE NOTE TIME of 7.00pm****

Sunday, 31st March, Easter Sunday

7.30am: Mudgee - Mass

9.00am: Mudgee - Mass

10.30am: Gulgong - Mass



Holy Week

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

The Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection. (GNYL 18,19)

Easter Time: The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter...GNLYC 22-24



Recessional Hymn

Hail Redeemer

Hail, redeemer, king divine!
Priest and lamb, the throne is thine;
King whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain

Angels, saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our king;
Lord of earth and sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."

King, whose name creation thrills
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings
With thy praises, king of kings.

Refrain

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

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Reading for next Sunday: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Col 3:1-4

John 20:1-9