

*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.



### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 31ST MARCH 2024

#### EASTER 2024

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, our liturgies and the scriptures proclaimed in them take us back to Jerusalem, back to what we call the Holy Land. Our faith looks to actual people and events, to specific times and places: unless Jesus was born, died and rose again, not just as an idea, but there and then, our faith would be in vain.

So, of all the wars, famines, deaths and displacement of peoples that afflict so many sisters and brothers in our world today, we are anguished in a particular way by the horrors of what has been happening in the Holy Land. Violence has begotten more violence; and ordinary and defenceless people are being ground up in the unforgiving wheels of history, politics and the arms trade.

Our prayers for the victims of wars and for the miracle of peace can draw strength from pondering seriously what we declare in our Easter faith. God does not stand back and watch our mess and our suffering, but enters it fully in the person of the Son. He not only takes our suffering and sin on himself, but even death itself: and defeats them. His resurrection is not about God showing off his power. Because it happens in his human body, it opens the path through death, into fullness of life, for all of us.

Will we say yes?

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst  
Easter 2024



**First Reading:** [Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43](#)

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)  
**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

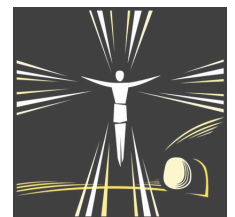
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

**Gospel:** [John 20:1-9](#)

*The teaching of scripture is that  
he must rise from the dead.*



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Fr Owen Gibbons

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Rev Charles Applin

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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:**  
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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**  
**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole  
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Gulgong Roster		
	7th April	14th April
Commentator	P. Leotta	J. Thatcher
Reader	K. Ritar	B. Toole
Sacristan	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader	J. Thatcher	

**Mudgee Roster**

**Saturday 6th/ Sunday 7th April 2024**

<b>Commentator</b>	B. Petersen	L. Croake
<b>First Reader</b>	St Matthew's	St Matthew's
<b>Second Reader</b>	St Matthew's	St Matthew's
<b>EMOC</b>	C. Furney	K. Cassidy
<b>Altar Server</b>	Willow & Violet	Patrick
<b>Music</b>		
<b>Welcomer</b>	F. Lupton	M. Gilbert
<b>Offertory</b>	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Carolyn & Belinda
<b>Sacristan</b>	L. Nicholson	R. Gawthorne
<b>Counter</b>	2nd April	R. Croake

**Saturday 13th/ Sunday 14th April 2024**

<b>Commentator</b>	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
<b>First Reader</b>	C. Furney	L. Croake
<b>Second Reader</b>	M. Dorney	J. Tiosecco
<b>EMOC</b>	A. Fergus	R. Croake
<b>Altar Server</b>	Maeve	Haddie
<b>Music</b>		
<b>Welcomer</b>	S. Walker	M. Dunnachie
<b>Offertory</b>	D. Bennett	A. White
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		
<b>Sacristan</b>	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne
<b>Counter</b>	8th April	E. Goodlet

<b>Bells</b>	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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**Project Compassion**  
 Please return all Project Compassion envelopes by Friday 5th April.  
 Envelopes can be placed on the collection plate or hand in at the office.

**KANDOS NEWS**  
 Prayer meeting will be postponed until 6 June.  
 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.  
**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.

**GULGONG NEWS**  
 Thank you to all the people who cleaned the church for Easter, God bless you for your generosity.  
 The next meeting of the Catholic Women's Group will be held in the convent at 2pm on Tuesday, 2nd April. All welcome.  
**SACRISTANS** - 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 Marilyn Carney or Carolyn Holland. Training will be provided.


**MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.**  
**For the recently deceased especially:**  
 Monica Monds. Michael O'Shea, Belinda Holden,  
**We remember the anniversaries of:**  
 Andy Furney, Debbie O'Loughlin, Vera Przegalinski, Isabella Boehm, Joseph Hawkins, Lindsay Page, Zena Brennan, Blanche Adams, James Milton, Gerald Wall, Oliver Milton, Beryl Hickey, Charles Blackert, Francis Gaffney, Raymond Condon, Gloria Norris, Gerald Fitzgerald.  
**For the deceased, especially:**  
 Clem Robinson, David Kiddle, Boyd-Skinner family members, Michael Azar, Judy Keightley, Owen Milton, Mal Whiteley, Dave Doyle, Bradley Quinn, Pat O'Reilly, Maria Valentic, Nancy Comer, Michael Ellis, Rita Ottley, Stijepan (Steve) Knezevic, Maureen Hutchison, Maggie Swientek.  
**Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.**  
**Prayers requested for the sick:**  
 Carla Perrotto, Carmen Archer, Trish Buckley, Warwick Gleeson, Doreen Wurth, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan (QLD), Tony Spina, Elizabeth Donelly, Tracy Donelly, Angela Marakovic, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Josephine Debaksta, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Kim Barry, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

**JOKE JUNCTION.....**  
 Why is everyone so tired at Easter this year?  
 They just finished a 31-day March.

DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon, 1/4</b>	<b>The Octave of Easter</b>
	Parish Office closed
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue, 2/4</b>	<b>The Octave of Easter</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> —Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed, 3/4</b>	<b>The Octave of Easter</b>
10.40am	Yr7 Mass SMCS Secondary Campus
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Thu, 4/4</b>	<b>The Octave of Easter</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
12.15pm	<b>Mass</b> - Gulgong - All Hallows Yr 3&4
<b>Fri, 5/4</b>	<b>The Octave of Easter</b>
10.30am	Mass—Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Angelus and the Rosary
12.30pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sat, 6/4</b>	<b>The Octave of Easter</b>
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> —Mudgee
<b>Sun, 7/4</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
9.00am	<b>Mass</b> —Mudgee
10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Gulgong
10.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Kandos

**MILITARY ITEMS** found recently in the grounds of St. Mary's. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

**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.

**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



**Art and Prayer Weekend at Shalom**  
*"Welcoming the Source of Stillness Through Art Making"*  
**12-14 APRIL 2024**

This retreat will give you a path throughout the weekend, to feel and see your world; Your outer world your inner world. You will be led over the weekend exploring the theme, "Welcoming the Source of Stillness Through Art Making". Your facilitator will be Kate Thornley, an experienced Spiritual Director and qualified Art Therapist.

Come along and be refreshed by your inner creative world and maybe, just maybe, be surprised by all the beauty your inner world can reveal to you.  
 (No experience of art making is needed)

**When:** Friday 12th April @ 6:00pm to Sunday 14 April @ 2:00 PM  
**Venue:** Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar  
**To Book:** Scan QR Code  
**Ph:** 02 63673058 or  
**email:** shalomcarcoar@gmail.com



**St Matthews "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).

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

Booking will open on **Monday, 25th March 2024.**

**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.

**REFLECTION** by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on Easter, Pope Francis highlights the importance of 'walking away from the tomb.' Once found, faith must be lived.

As Saint Peter said, 'we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people.' Easter is, in a sense, the starting point of our Christian responsibilities.

Living the Easter mystery means becoming a joyful Easter people.


We must, therefore, be open to action and change. We cannot become stuck in our ways, crippled by doubt, despair or habit. As Pope Francis says, Easter shows us that 'it is always possible to begin anew, because there is always a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures.'

The annual celebration of Easter reminds us that what we celebrate is present here and now. Ours is a living faith. As the Pope adds, 'faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. He is alive here and now.' Easter is a celebration of the mystery that Jesus is present. He is here, in both the need of the world and through the actions of His followers.

So, having celebrated the mystery, we are sent forth to live it. 'Having made himself present in the heart of our world,' the Pope points out, Jesus 'invites us to overcome barriers, banish prejudices and draw near to those around us every day in order to rediscover the grace of everyday life.'


**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST INVITES**

<p>YEAR 10 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO</p> <h1 style="color: #00AEEF;">RISEN</h1> <p><b>TEAM FORMATION</b></p> <p>22 - 24 MARCH SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER</p>	<p>YEAR 6 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO</p> <h1 style="color: #76C73A;">RISE</h1> <p><b>YOUTH FESTIVAL</b></p> <p>11-12 JULY BATHURST GOLDFIELDS</p>
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 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** **Easter Sunday 31 March**

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Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

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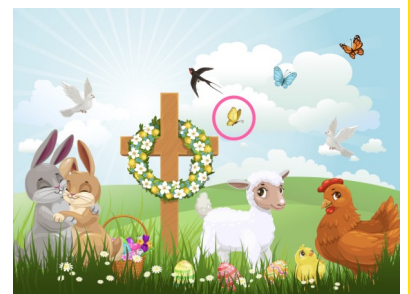
**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The linen burial cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this 'death business' for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to know the sufferings of death again.

Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way? Obviously Mary, Peter and the other disciple were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?



**Reading for next Sunday: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31