

*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.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B 14TH APRIL 2024

**First Reading:** [Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19](#)

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7](#)

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he  
loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [1 John 2:1-5](#)

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you  
speak.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Luke 24:35-48](#)

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

### Easter Art Storytelling Award

On Tuesday, 9th April the Diocese held the annual Holy Week and Easter Art Storytelling Award Ceremony and Art Exhibition. Our morning commenced with a Liturgy led by Bishop Michael McKenna and student representatives. In 2024, students from Years 9 and 10 from seven schools across the Diocese presented artworks for consideration by the judges. The student artworks highlighted a broad range of artistic interests and a varied connection to Scripture. Students and their teachers work hard to gain the best possible outcomes and should be very proud of their efforts in 2024.

St Matthew students, Ebony Langley and Emilyn Whan received awards.

Ebony Langley received the Bishop's Award. Her work is titled "The Power of the Holy Spirit". Ebony was inspired by the scripture Acts 2:1-21.



Emilyn received a Contemporary Art Award. Emilyn used the scripture Matthew 26: 36 - 46 as her inspiration.

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Fr Owen Gibbons

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Rev Cong Va Hoang  
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

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Gulgong Roster		
	21st April	28th April
Commentator	D. Kelly	E. Donelly
Reader	C. Leotta	J. Rita
Sacristan	M.&E. Carney	TBA
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 20th/ Sunday 21st April 2024		
Commentator	C. Furney	M. Dunnachie
First Reader	P. Cannon	M. Bodycote
Second Reader	I. Bryne	W. Bodycote
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Nicko and Han	Sabella
Music		
Welcomer	K. Isbester	S. Walker
Offertory	M. Dorney	M. Gilbert
Children's Liturgy		
Sacristan	K. Wall	R. Gawthorne
Counter	15th April	M. Walker
Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th April 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	G. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	K. Baker	B. Redden
EMOC	A. Fergus	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	Michael	Arlo
Music		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	S. Walker
Offertory	C. Carberry	K. O'Brien
Children's Liturgy		
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Counter	22nd April	P. O'Brien
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawtorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne	

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 15/4	Third Week of Easter
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Regina Coeli
Tue, 16/4	Third Week of Easter
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Funeral - Gulgong - Warwick Gleeson
12 noon	Regina Coeli
Wed, 17/4	Third Week of Easter
12 noon	Regina Coeli
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass -Mudgee
Thu, 18/4	Third Week of Easter
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Regina Coeli
Fri, 19/4	Third Week of Easter
11.00am	Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Regina Coeli
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 20/4	Third Week of Easter
11.00am	Baptisms
2.30pm	Wedding
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 14/4	Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Rylstone
11.00am	Baptism - Rylstone

**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.

Bookings now open on **Monday, 25th March 2024.**

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

**JOKE JUNCTION.....**

Why are elephants so wrinkly?  
Because ironing them takes way too long.

**Baptism**

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish:



*Luke Mitchell Unsworth*  
son of Mitchell and Jessica

*Charlie Mae Bryant*  
daughter of Mathew and Meg

*Iyla May Freestone*  
*Malia Betty Freestone*  
daughters of Rowan and Hayley

Congratulations to:



*Benjamin Thomas Johnson*  
and  
*Rebecca Sophie Xiberras*  
who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be a Special collection taken up during the weekend Masses for the education of Priests (of which we now have two new Priests, Fr's Cong and Duong).

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

**GULGONG NEWS**

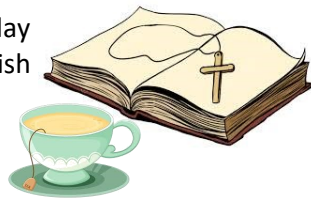
**SACRISTANS** - Due to ill health etc we are appealing for people to come forward and assist as Sacristans, to help prepare the church for Mass. Please consider helping with this ministry. Just give your name to Meryllyn Carney or Carolyn Holland.

Training will be provided.

**Word & Faith**

The group meets on Sunday evenings at 5pm in the Parish Centre, Mudgee.

All welcome.



**KANDOS NEWS**

Prayer meeting will be held at 10am on 6th May at Rylstone followed by a cuppa.

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**

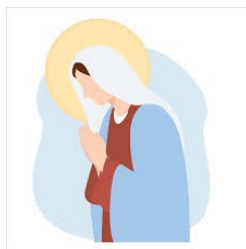
St Vincent de Paul thanksgiving Mass on 4th August at 11am at Kandos. Celebrating over 90 years of Caring in our area.

**MUDGEE NEWS**

Saturday Vigil Mass will move to 5pm from 4th May.

*The Regina Caeli*

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.  
For he whom you did merit to bear,  
Alleluia,  
has risen as he said. Alleluia.  
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.



**V.** Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,  
Alleluia,  
**R.** For the Lord has risen indeed.  
Alleluia.

Let us pray.

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R.** Amen.

*This prayer is said instead of the Angelus from Easter Vigil until the evening of Pentecost Sunday.*

**MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.**

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Warwick Gleeson, Fr Jim Wilkins, Fr. Paul Jennings MSC, Luzviminda Vicedo.

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Sharyn Perry, Yvette Smith, Leonora Bond, Joyce Power, Gladys Dickie, Victor Bulinski, Kevin Byrnes, Gael Hundy, Jane Drummond, James Bulinski.

**For the deceased, especially:**

Monica Monds, Michael O'Shea, Belinda Holden, Don and Millie McCauley, Rex Donnelly, Ivy Sproule, Dave Doyle, Owen, Olive & James Milton, Mal Whiteley, Brad Quinn, 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 Donnelly, Tracy Donnelly, 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.



*Congratulations*  
to  
*Cong and Duong*



who were ordained to the Order of the Priesthood in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John in Bathurst, on Friday 12th April.

We wish them a fruitful and joyful ministry for our Diocese.

We welcome Cong back to minister as a Priest in our three Parishes, Mudgee, Kandos/Rylstone and Gulgong. We all look forward to sharing his time with us, as together we continue spread the Good News.

# Reflection

By Dianne Bergant CDA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.



**The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024**  
**April—For the Role of Women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women by recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in parts of the world.



**"They offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes."**

**Luke 24:42-43**

**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

## Peace Quilt

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'A message of peace'.

In the reading from Acts, Peter, having healed a man who was lame, preaches the Christian message to the Jews in Jerusalem. He describes their part in the death of Jesus. But he also explains that they acted out of ignorance. In this light, God turns human failings into something good. They now have the opportunity to give witness to God's raising of Jesus from the dead, by repenting and changing their way of life.

Today's psalm asks God to look upon the people with love. Besides pleading for mercy, the psalmist also asks God to hear and answer his prayers when he is in trouble. The psalmist feels secure in God's love, so he is able to sleep better at night. God has taken care of us before, and we can be confident that God will always be there for us.

The First Letter of John tells us that the sure way of knowing God is to keep the Commandments that God gave us. In keeping the Commandments, the love of God is made perfect in us. John wants his friends to avoid sin, but tells them they should not fear if they fail because forgiveness is available through Jesus.

In Luke's account of Jesus appearing to the disciples after the Resurrection, the disciples still need to be convinced of his identity. Jesus calms their fears and assures them that they are not seeing a ghost. He eats a meal with them, shows them his hands and feet, and explains that the Messiah had to suffer to be raised up on the third day. They now see that the Risen Jesus present to them and the earthly Jesus they have known are one and the same person.

Jesus' greeting of peace each time he sees the disciples is both a greeting of peace and a gesture of forgiveness. The Easter message is peace.



Jesus asked that the Good News be spread from Jerusalem to every nation. Unscramble the following words about the Good News.

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

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29 R. v. 22

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18