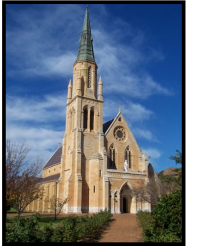


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone.



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Wiradjuri people. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.



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Hours

Monday:

10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

150 years since the birth of Henry Lawson

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A 2nd April 2017

From the PP's desk

We celebrate Palm Sunday next weekend. On Sunday morning at 9.00am in Mudgee we will assemble at **St John's Anglican Church** for the Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word. We will then process back to St Mary's for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We encourage everyone to wear something **RED**. Please be at St John's by 8.50am



I encourage all ministers who will be attending the Easter services in Mudgee to place their names on the whiteboard at the back of the church. Traditionally, Mudgee has a large number of people that attend the Easter ceremonies and your help would be appreciated.

Fr Tony

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

Let us continue to take some quiet time in prayer during this Holy Season before and after Mass during Lent.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL READING: John 11: 1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.

Project Compassion

Total for our region to date.....

\$2753.95

Just two weeks to Easter - support the work of Caritas Australia by contributing to Project Compassion.

Gallery Walk for Holy Week
Art interpretations inspired by the
Scripture of Holy Week by
St Matthews Year 5 and 6 Students.

St Mary's Parish Centre

Mon. 3rd April to Fri 7th April

9am -3.20pm

Parishioners welcome.

Liturgy Roster: Mudgee 8th/9th April 2017

Day by Day

Monday, 3rd April

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

Tuesday, 4th April

2.00pm Lenten Group Kandos
4.00pm: Holy Hour Mudgee
5:00pm: Mass Mudgee
5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting.

Wednesday, 5th April

9.00am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Macarthur House
9.30am St Mary's Friendship Group
11.00am Mass Kandos

Thursday, 6th April

9:00am Mass Mudgee- SMCS Chism House
10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup
11.00am Graveside Blessing Ivan Dinges
12 noon Mass Gulgong -

Friday, 7th April

Last Day of Term SMCS

Pupil FREE DAY All Hallows Gulgong

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home
11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee
12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation Mudgee

12:30pm: Anointing Mass for the Sick Mudgee. Cuppa Cancelled.

2.30pm Marriage Mudgee

Saturday, 8th April

Baptisms Mudgee
5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation
6:00pm: Vigil Mass (Mudgee)

Sunday, 9th April

Palm Sunday - Year A

9:00am: Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word at St John's Anglican Church. Procession back to St Mary's for Liturgy of the Eucharist.
9.30am Rosary Rylstone
10:00am: Mass Rylstone
10:30am: Mass Gulgong

Readings for Next Week.

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26: 14-27:66

Commentator	D.Cunningham	A.McLean
Readers	I.Byrne C.Bourke	
Special Minister of Communion	P.Dick G.Robinson S.Walker	D.Salomoni K.Baker M.Gilbert
Offertory Procession	C.Page B.Krzysik	G.Mcdermott M.Dunnachie
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C.Page B.Krzysik	E.Csuba M.Knight
Altar Servers	H.Lowe C.McLean E.English F.English	A.Littler H.Briggs M.Halpin K.Hauville
Counters	P.Leonard 3/4	L.Nicholson 10/4

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	9th April 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	9th April 2017
Commentator	D.Kelly		
Reader	J.O'Brien	Readers	K.Morrissey M.Chadwick
Offertory	M & R Morrissey	Intercessions	M.Turner
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	L.McPherson
Sacristan	R.Saliba H. Seymour	Sacristan	L.McPherson G.English

Masses and prayers requested for the following:
We pray for the recently deceased especially
Sr Bonaventure Conn rsm (Quandialla Fr Tony's territory), Jessica Irvin (Cowra).
We remember the anniversaries of Clem & Keith Robinson, Jean Price, James Milton, Barry Chapman, Mary Navin, William Marskell, Ray Condon
We also pray for Agnes and Betty Robinson, Olive and Owen Milton, Ivy Sproule, Brad Quinn and Malcolm Whiteley.
Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL
Young People. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

We welcome this weekend Baptism:

Cordelia Catherine Helena Morgan, daughter of David and Katherine to be baptised in Mudgee.

Hudson Brock Egan Smith and **Desmond John Darryl Smith** children of Douglas and Tracy to be baptised in Gulgong.

Imogen Rose English daughter of William and Rebecca to be baptised in Kandos this weekend.

Kandos News

Palm Sunday Mass - Rylstone: We encourage parishioners to wear **RED** to Mass for this occasion.

Anointing Mass and Lunch: There will be an Anointing Mass on Wednesday 12th April at 11.00am at Kandos. Everyone is welcome to this Mass which will be followed by lunch. To assist with catering please let Carol or Sr Kath know by this coming Friday, 7th April if you will be coming to the lunch. Our Easter raffle will be drawn at the lunch.

Easter Raffle: Tickets \$2 each or three for \$5 and prizes IGA vouchers for \$75, \$50 and \$25. Please contact either Carol Morrissey or Louise McPherson for tickets.

Anzac Day Commemorative Service
9.30am Rylstone.

Gulgong News

End of school Term: Please note Friday 7th April is a PUPIL FREE DAY for ALL HALLOWS students.

Palm Sunday: We encourage parishioners to wear **RED** to Mass for this occasion.

Mon. 10th April

12:00pm: Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly (Followed By Light Refreshments in the Presbytery).

Tuesday, 11th April

6:00pm: Second Rite of Reconciliation

MUDGEE NEWS

Friday, 7th April

12:30pm: Mass - Anointing of the Sick & Elderly.

Monday, 10th April

7:00pm: Second Rite Of Reconciliation.

AGM St Mary's Pastoral Council.

Newly elected executive for 2017: President Julie Keipert, Vice President, Louise Nicholson and Secretary Brigid Carrigan. Welcome to new members Eliza Biddle, Louise Nicholson and Lon Schreck and to Daniel Salomoni representing the Youth Ministry. Thank you to Dawn Bennett who has retired.

Anzac Day Mass: Mudgee 9.00am

Anzac Day Mass 9.00am



**St Matthews's Catholic
School Kindergarten
Readiness Program
2017**

**To be held on four
consecutive
Wednesday mornings:**

9.15am - 11am on the following dates:
24th May, 31st May,
7th June and 14th June.

Open to all children who will beginning school in 2018.

- * All new and existing families are welcome
- * Prepare your child for school
- * Experience the friendly and supportive learning atmosphere at St Matthews.
- * Cost FREE!
- * To register please complete the "Kindergarten readiness Program Registration Form" available on the school website or at the school office
- * www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/Kindegarten-2017-Enrolment

'Domestic Church: Marriage and Families'

Since the Diocesan assembly in October, the working group assigned to the 'Domestic Church: Marriage and Families', has been exploring ways as a group where by they might assist parishes and individuals to enhance their already strong relationships with each other, God and themselves.

In response to this the group are providing **"FREE"** copies of the book - *"Taking Care of Yourself and Your Family"* written by Dr John Ashfield. In this book is information and practical strategies to help promote good mental health for everyone. It is funded for rural communities by Centacare Bathurst and Catholic Community Services."

Copies available at the back of the church this weekend - please take a copy home for your family home.



Good atmosphere at Baptism during Mass at Rylstone last Sunday.

CLERGY REPORT FOR MARCH

NO CATHOLIC FUNERALS IN OUR REGION.
NO CATHOLIC MARRIAGES IN OUR REGION.
BAPTISMS: MUDGEE 3, RYLSTONE 1 DURING MASS. FR TONY 1 BAPTISM DUBBO.
5 SICK CALLS: 2 MUDGEE 2 GULGONG 1 DUBBO

Condolences: Jessica Irvin R.I.P. St Raphael's, Cowra. Our condolences to Jessica's family, the school community and in particular her Yr 12 fellow students and the parish community on her passing. We pray the Holy Spirit will watch over them at this sad time.

Where Do You Need New Life?

Death is frightening.

I remember how graveyards scared me as a kid. I would never walk through them at night.

Physical death isn't the only thing that frightens people. It's hard to face a relationship that is dying and work to revive it. It can also be hard not to give up when hopes die after a personal failure.

That's why we need to bring Jesus to our personal tombs, just like the sisters of Lazarus did. Martha and Mary knew Jesus could restore their dead brother to health. So, in the midst of their pain, they cried out for Jesus.

Jesus is our friend too. He weeps with us when we hurt. Just as he raised Lazarus, he can breathe life into our broken relationships and shattered hopes. So call out to him. Talk prayerfully with Jesus about problems you face with friends or family or when your life seems to hit a dead end. He will guide you out of the tomb. You might also want to seek someone who can guide you. Remember, Mary and Martha needed friends to bring Jesus to them. Other people can do that for you by lending an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on.



- ◆ **Palm Sunday Liturgies (8th/9th April) in our region:** Please wear red to Palm Sunday Liturgies especially to the Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word at St John's Anglican Church on the Sunday. Please assemble at St John's Anglican Church before 9.00am. As is the custom of previous years we will assemble at St John's 9.00am for the Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word and process back to St Mary's for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Advance preparation for Holy Week

- ◆ **Commissioning of ALL Eucharistic Ministers - Holy Thursday.**
All who are Special Ministers of the Eucharist in our region at parish Masses, school Masses, Nursing homes or to the sick in the home will be commissioned for the next two years at the Holy Thursday Mass. This will occur in Mudgee and Rylstone. Gulgong Commissioning will take place on Sunday 23rd April at the 10.30am Mass. Alternately Gulgong ministers who wish to take part in the Mudgee commissioning on Holy Thursday are most welcome.
- ◆ **MINISTRIES for Easter Liturgies Mudgee** - sign up and be early to assist with Easter Liturgies by writing your name on the whiteboard at the back of the church.
- ◆ **The annual Good Friday collection** for the Holy Places in the Christian church in the Holy Land. Please support.
- ◆ **Donations of flowers** or money for the purchase of flowers for the Easter celebrations are welcome.
- ◆ **Easter Mass offerings for family and friends.** Please leave at the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon 11th April if they are to be printed on the Parish Bulletin.
- ◆ **Easter Dues - envelopes at the back of the Church.**
- ◆ **Holy Saturday: Guided history tours of St Mary's and the Convent : 11.00am & 2.00pm**
Know more about the history of your Church. Gold coin donation towards the printing of a history book on the church prepared by Jenny Maloney.
- ◆ **Easter Sunday** - Easter Hunt for the children after the 10.30am Mass.
*Raffle - to assist small schools.
* Sale of Goods on Easter Sunday - proceeds to Project Compassion.



The People's
Community
Network ,



supported by Caritas Australia, is increasing the resilience of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing. Please donate to Project compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in Fiji to undertake training that will empower them to work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.

HOLY WEEK MUDGEE

Monday, 10th April

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
7:00pm: Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 11th April

4:00pm: Holy Hour
5:00pm: Mass

Wednesday, 12th April

9:00am: Mass

Holy Thursday, 13th April

6:00pm: Mass of the Last Supper and Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

Good Friday, 14th April

11:00am: Stations of the Cross
3:00pm: Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, 15th April

6:10pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 16th April

7:30Am: Mass
9:00Am: Mass
10:30Am: Mass (Followed By An Easter Egg Hunt For The Children)

GULGONG

Monday, 10th April

12:00pm: Mass - Anointing for the Sick & Elderly
(Followed By Light Refreshments In The Presbytery)

Tuesday, 11th April

6:00pm: Second Rite Of Reconciliation

Good Friday, 14th April

3:00pm: Liturgy Of The Passion

Holy Saturday, 15th April

6:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass

KANDOS

Wednesday, 12th April

11:00am: Mass Anointing for the the Sick & Elderly
Followed By Lunch (Kandos)

Holy Thursday, 13th April

6:00pm: Mass Of The Last Supper (Rylstone)
and Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers.

Good Friday, 14th April

10:00am: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
(Commencing at St. Malachy's, Rylstone)

Easter Sunday, 16th April

10:00am: Mass (Kandos)