



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

100 years since the terrible battles of 1917 on the Western front in which many Australians died.

Palm (Passion) Sunday - Year A 9th April 2017

From the PP's desk

As our teachers, students and all parishioners from the region begin their holiday break we pray that all may have a restful holiday and enjoy the time with their families during this Holy Season of Easter.



We ask that all may make an extra effort during Holy Week to attend Holy week ceremonies. Bring your family and friends, perhaps there is someone you know who may like to join you at the Easter celebrations. Let us begin our week of preparation for Easter by attending the Second Rite of Reconciliation. We still need assistance for the Easter Masses in Mudgee, particularly Eucharistic Ministers and Commentators. Please put your name on the whiteboard if you can help out.

We welcome all visitors to our region. We hope you enjoy being among us.
Fr Tony

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

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:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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.

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GOSPEL READING: 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Gallery Walk for Holy Week

Art interpretations inspired by the Scripture of Holy Week by St Matthews Yr 5 & Yr 6 Students. St Mary's Parish Centre.

Open after Mass this Sunday until 10.30am. Come along and observe the journey to Easter.

Project Compassion

Total for our region to date.....

\$3198.95

Please return your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes next week so the proceeds can be given to, Caritas Australia.

Liturgy Roster: EASTER MUDGEE

We welcome this weekend in Baptism:



Finn Edward Blashkin son of Zachary and Tegan.

James Matthew Purtle son of Matthew and Pauline; **Grace Harper Bright** daughter of Trent and Lindsay.

Marriage Mudgee:



Congratulations to **Adam Wesley Volkers** and **Stephanie Alise O'Donnell** who celebrated the Sacrament of marriage this weekend.



The positive response to the 'Caring for Yourself and Family' book distributed by the Diocese.

Catholic Observer - Collect a copy today to see articles of interest for our region

- * Farewell to the Sisters at Gulgong
- * Rylstone Church
- * Mudgee storm damage
- * St Matthews Year 12

Catholic weekly available

Dates for your Diary

Anzac Day Services

Tuesday 25th April

9.00am Mass Mudgee.

9.00am Memorial Commemorative Service Kandos

COWRA LITURGY WEEKEND

17TH-18TH JUNE 2017

\$100 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION

Speakers Include: **Bishop Patrick O'Regan**, Bishop of Sale, Vic. **Dr Laurie Woods**, scripture Scholar; **Ms Karla Slaven**, Master of Theology & teacher and featuring **Fr Rob Galea**, International singer and songwriter from the Diocese of Sandhurst, Vic.

Attendance at this Conference can be used as *Currency* toward teachers' ongoing Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Catholic Schools in the Bathurst Diocese. Attendance at both days gains 12 hours currency.

Contact Fr Laurie Beath, PP 02 63421369, 0427421043
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Commentator	PLEASE REFER	TO THE
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Special Minister of Communion	CHURCH	FOR THE
Offertory Procession	VARIOUS	EASTER
Organist	LITURGIES.	
Welcomers		
Altar Servers		
Counters	L.NICHOLSON 10/4	S.ROBINSON 18/4

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	15th April 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	16th April 2017
<i>Commentator</i>	R. Saliba		
<i>Reader</i>	P. Leotta	<i>Readers</i>	H.Roberts T.Ryan
<i>Offertory</i>	W & H Gleeson	<i>Intercessions</i>	A.Krusvar
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	J. Thatcher M. Carney	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	K.Morrissey Sr Kath
<i>Sacristan</i>	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	<i>Sacristan</i>	T.Doorey Sr Kath

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially John Burns (Hill End), Jessica Irvin (Cowra), Patrick Brophy.

We remember the anniversaries of Mario Zaccaria, Olive Milton, Ivy Sproule, Trevor Robinson, Syn & Rita Ottley, Cliff Tindall.

We also pray for Owen & James Milton, Malcolm Whiteley and Bradley Quinn

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Joe Saliba, Barry Rheinberger, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes. Special Intentions (2)

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.



Monday, 10th April

- 9:00am Mass **MUDGE**
- **12:00pm: Mass GULGONG Anointing for the Sick & Elderly**
- **7:00pm: Second Rite of Reconciliation MUDGE**

Tuesday, 11th April

- 4:00pm: Holy Hour **MUDGE**
- 5:00pm: Mass **MUDGE**
- **6:00pm: Second Rite of Reconciliation GULGONG**

Wednesday, 12th April

- 9:00am: Mass **MUDGE**
- **11:00am: Mass Anointing for the Sick & Elderly KANDOS**

Holy Thursday, 13th April

- **6:00pm: Mass of the Last Supper MUDGE**
(Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers).
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.
- **6:00pm: Mass of the Last Supper RYLSTONE**
(Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers).

Good Friday, 14th April

- **10:00am: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross RYLSTONE**
(Commencing at St. Malachy's, Rylstone)
- **11:00am: Stations of the Cross MUDGE**
- **3:00pm: Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion MUDGE**
- **3:00pm: Liturgy of The Passion with Holy Communion GULGONG**

Holy Saturday, 15th April

- 6:10pm: Easter Vigil Mass **MUDGE**
- 6:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass **GULGONG**



Easter Sunday, 16th April

- 7:30am: Mass **MUDGE**
- 9:00am: Mass **MUDGE**
- 10:30am: Mass **MUDGE**
- (Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the Children)
- 10:00am: Mass **KANDOS**

MUDGE NEWS

VOLUNTEERS - WASHING OF FEET FOR HOLY THURSDAY IN MUDGE.



**Monday, 10th April
7:00pm:
Second Rite of
Reconciliation.**

**Confirmation Mudgee
17th/18th June**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Names of children who are eligible candidates for Confirmation this year who attend the State schools are now being accepted at the Parish Office. If you have a child or know of someone in the State schools who are in Year 6 we would be most grateful if you would pass on this message. We encourage them to contact the parish office by phone or email (these can be found on the front of the bulletin).

Kandos News

Anointing Mass and Lunch: There will be an Anointing Mass on Wednesday 12th April at 11.00am at Kandos. 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.

Gulgong News

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly this Monday at 12.00noon.

**Second Rite of
Reconciliation**
this Tuesday,
11th April
6:00pm.



Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 23rd April at 10.30am Mass.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The Good Friday Collection supports the Christian people of the Holy Land and is used primarily for pastoral ministry and for the

preservation of sacred places. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection unites all Christians to support their brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. It gives an opportunity for our parishioners to be witnesses of peace and help maintain the Holy Places.

PLEASE HELP BY SIGNING UP FOR EASTER LITURGIES IN OUR REGION.

- ◆ **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.**

Project Compassion.



Like many of her neighbours in her coastal village in the Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety as extreme weather battered their home and environment. But her participation in the Caritas supported

Integrated Community Development Program has offered her a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.

Please donate to project Compassion and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure environment and a more secure future for their children.



Where do we see ourselves on Passion (Palm) Sunday?

In churches up and down the land, Christian communities are holding Palm Sunday processions, waving palm crosses. But do we have a sense of the global celebration of Palm Sunday and how the suffering of Christ resonates with specific communities? This weekend, families in Jerusalem's Christian quarter will process down the Mount of Olives carrying palm branches; in a Nigerian parish a priest will ride a real donkey into church; in communities in the Dominican Republic everybody will dress up as characters in the Passion narrative and Roman soldiers will march down the streets!



Many interesting stories lie behind Palm Sunday celebrations around the world. Catholics in China have trouble getting hold of palms, so they use native plants such as sago, cypress or sweet basil. Shanghai Catholics buy these in because there aren't many trees in the city and people are not allowed simply to pull branches. In the cold and dry regions north of the Yangtze river, cypress is used. Evergreen cypress is one of the few plants available in early spring when other plants are just sprouting.

Thousands of miles away, in Ecuador, in 2007, many Ecuadorean Catholics waved corn stalks and reeds instead of traditional woven palm crosses. The change was part of a campaign to save Ecuador's endangered wax palm and two bird species which depend on the palm nesting and refuge. Many Quito parishes asked their parishioners not to buy palm branches saying that branches of any kind could be blessed on Palm Sunday.

For many communities, the symbols that confront us on Palm Sunday have special significance, especially the cross. For many years political prisoners in El Salvador made small crosses carved out of seeds and painted by the prisoners to raise money for their families. The "mothers of the disappeared" in the same country – the only country named after the Saviour – made little crosses out of black string, which they gave to visitors in memory of their tortured children.

In Ethiopia, decorated crosses are made out of beaten silver, but they have an unusual feature – a hinge. This hinge suggests that the cross is a door to spiritual reality. As humans we grow in likeness to God through our love, service and justice. Through the power of sacrificial love and forgiveness, we bear the beams of God's embracing love.

Where do we see ourselves on Palm Sunday? Do we recognise elements in ourselves in the cheering crowd, yelling for a messiah that might free them from oppressive overlords, but then turning against him; in the disciples who ran away when Jesus was arrested; in the Roman soldiers, given the dirty job of executing criminals; in the thieves who taunted a fellow sufferer? When we wave our crosses of palms, we recognise the cross mirrored in us, the universal family of the people of God.

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.

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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

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 begin 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