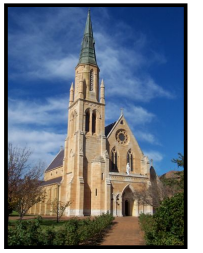


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



# 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

**2000 years of the Christian message of hope  
and new life.**



## Easter Sunday - Year A 16th April 2017



### From the PP's desk

A warm welcome is extended to all visitors to our region for the Easter celebrations. May you enjoy the holiday period and have a safe journey home.

Thank you to all who have assisted with the Lenten and Easter Liturgies and preparation of the Church. It is very much appreciated.

On behalf of Fr Antony and myself I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and holy Easter. May it be a time of great joy shared with family and friends.

Thank you to all who have contributed generously to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion which assist in projects throughout the world to give those in most need better opportunities, and to Pope Francis' Good Friday appeal to support the missionary work in the Holy Land.

**Fr Tony**

\* Sunday morning stall outside for Project Compassion and a Raffle for small Bush Schools.

\* Easter egg hunt after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday.



### FIRST READING: Apostles 10:34,37-43

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: 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! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-9

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

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

*"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms."*

~

*Pope Francis*



### Blessed Easter Water and Home Prayer.

*This year we have available blessed Easter Water and Home Prayer for those who wish to celebrate this tradition. Please collect from the font.*

## Liturgy Roster: 22nd/23rd April

## Day by Day

## Monday, 17th April

9.00am Mass Mudgee

## Tuesday, 18th April

4.00pm: Holy Hour Mudgee

5:00pm: Mass Mudgee

## Wednesday, 19th April

9.00am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Friendship Group

## Thursday, 20th April

9:10am Mass Mudgee

10.30am GCWG Morning Tea

Mayne Street Cafe'.

## Friday, 21st April

10.30am Mass Kanandah

11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee

12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation Mudgee

12:30pm Mass

## Saturday, 22nd April

Baptisms Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass (Mudgee)

## Sunday, 23rd April - Second Sunday of Easter - Year A

9:00am Mass Mudgee

12 noon Baptism Mudgee

9.30am Rosary Rylstone

10:00am: Mass Rylstone

10:30am: Mass Gulgong

READINGS FOR  
NEXT WEEKEND.

Acts 2:42-47

Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Commentator	*	Susie Bennett
Readers	S.Connor B.Carrigan	R.Disher J.O'Brien
Special Minister of Communion	I.Byrne D.Cunningham M.Melinz	S.Bennett A.Rusten P.O'Brien
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	Disher Family
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C.Carberry K.Isbester	G.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Altar Servers	L.A. & S.Place B.Roberts J.Ryan	L.Disher E.Clift E.Bourke H.Rogers
Counters	M.Walker 24/4	D.Bennett 1/5

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	23rd April 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	23rd April 2017
Commentator	P. Lenard		
Reader	S. Parnell	Readers	Sr Kath L.McPherson
Offertory	E. Holland J. Thatcher	Intercessions	H.Roberts
Special Minister of Communion	G. Ausburn M. McGregor	Special Minister of Communion	M.Turner
Sacristan		Sacristan	L.McPherson G.English

## 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 to the parish community in Baptism this weekend

**EVA VALERIE GEORGE** daughter of Brendan and Danielle.

**HARRY ALEXANDER FLYNN** son of Tom and Georgia.

Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.  
~Søren Kierkegaard



## Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Mavis Whale, Natalie Ciupko (Kandos), Alan Kellett, Patrick Born (Rockhampton).

We remember the anniversaries of Mario Zaccaria, Gael Hundy, Jane Drummond, Kevin Byrnes, Paul Doherty, and Leonora Bond.

We also pray for Warren Roche, John Robinson, Trevor Robinson, Brian O'Farrell, Ted Hayman, Bill & Pat Milton, Phil Darby, May, Stan & Russell Hundy, Ervine & Fairy McDermott, Lloyd Potts, Potts Family, Paul Robinson, Robinson Family, Gotfrud & Janina Keller, Jan Heaton & Drago Cukar, Nora & Jack Babbage, John Babbage, Alison Orth, Cliff & Alma Thomas, Jack & Julie Bennett, Paul & Brian Bennett, Dorothy & Jim Betts, Adriel Maloney, Tom Young, deceased members of the Wilds, Ryan, O'Farrell, Boyd-Skinner, Blazavic, Varga, Frost, Goulding, Neely, Benson and Doherty Families.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Andrew McPhee, Barry Rheinberger, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Annie Weiss, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes.



### GULGONG NEWS



#### GCWG Social Morning Tea - THIS THURSDAY

20TH APRIL, 10.30am, Mayne Street Cafe. RSVP by Tues 18th to Phil 63741256.

**Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers:** Sunday 23rd April.

### KANDOS NEWS

**Thank you** to everyone for our very successful Easter raffle: Prize winners were Angela Krusvar, Les Wolfe and Soraya Carr. Our thanks to the D'Illio family who donated the prizes. Special thanks also to the women who prepared the lunch which we enjoyed after our healing Mass on Wednesday.

**Anzac Day - Tues 25th April**  
**Commemorative Service - 9.30am**  
**St Malachy's, Rylstone.**

### MUDGE NEWS

**Anzac Day Mass - 9.00am, 25th April**  
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**St Mary's Friendship Group**  
**Craft Sale, Cake Stall and Raffle**  
**Wed. 3rd May at 9.30am in**  
**St Mary's Parish Centre.**  
**Everyone welcome.**

Join the ladies for devonshire tea (gold coin donation).  
Proceeds of the raffle and gold coin donation for morning tea go to  
Mudgee CanAssist  
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#### **Confirmation: URGENT**

Families with children in the State schools eligible for Confirmation this year please register at the Parish Office to enable the information to be delivered in time for the first parent meeting on 9th May.

**Annual Leave** - Fr Antony will leave for India for his annual leave next Sunday 23rd April and will return in May. We wish Father a very restful holiday and enjoyable time with his family.  
Fr Tony will be on leave during August.



In the new Commonwealth Bank building is a very special picture of St Mary's Church, a town landmark of great historical beauty and significance.

**Palm Sunday:** The good attendance at the Ecumenical gathering for the blessing of the palms at St John's Anglican Church.

#### **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
- \* Also various Diocesan News

**Catholic Weekly** also available this weekend.

#### **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 on  
02 63421369, 0427421043

Email: [office.cowra@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.cowra@cdob.org.au).

**The Parish is willing to pay the cost of the Registration fee for those who wish to attend this informative conference. It is important that we make an effort to be represented.**



Thank you from Caritas Australia for your support. Please return your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes asap.

**Total for our region to date.....**  
**\$3620.95**

#### **Sacramental Time Table** **for our Region**

##### **Confirmation**

Mudgee - 17th/18th June  
Gulgong - 18th June

##### **First Holy Communion**

Mudgee - 9th/10th September  
Gulgong - 17th September

##### **First Reconciliation**

Mudgee 21st/22nd November  
Gulgong - 16th November

##### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Families with children in the State schools need to contact the Parish Office to register for the sacraments. Privacy laws do not allow for the schools to disclose information on families.

**Book in early for Baptisms and Weddings**

#### **St Matthews 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 commence 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](http://www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/Kindegarten-2017-Enrolment)

## Easter 2017

### A Message from Bishop Michael McKenna



#### We Celebrate Easter Every Sunday

Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have gathered each week to celebrate the day when Jesus rose from the dead and what this means for us.

The first Christians were Jews, who continued to observe the Sabbath, the last day of the week on which "God rested" and called his people to rest from daily cares. But they began a new observance as well: rejoicing on the first day of the week, the first day of the new covenant, when the Son of God triumphed over death to lead all who follow him to the fullness of life. We follow the only one who knows the way out of death.

When Christians gather in his name, the Risen Lord is truly present. Our participation is a gift to one another, making this miracle possible. When we listen to the Word of God together, Jesus is present in another, special way, nourishing our faith and guiding our journey to God. And when we have the great gift of a priest to lead us in the Eucharist, we experience in a unique way the dying and rising of Christ. We can eat his Body and drink his Blood and, in that communion with him and one another, become one Body: his Church.

The annual celebration of Easter is the high point of the Church's liturgical year. It is a time of joy and beauty and bigger crowds in churches. I pray that all those who come will have their hearts touched and their faith renewed. And I pray that many will find in this moment the wisdom and courage to reassess their weekly priorities and decide to join in the celebration of Easter every Sunday.

"Christ has risen from the dead and appeared to Simon Peter! Yes, he is truly risen! Alleluia!"

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

### *The Hope Easter Gives*

We can face anything, endure anything, as long as we know or believe it will not last for ever, and that something better will happen.

For instance, people will face a long, painful and dangerous operation if they believe it will make them well again. Prisoners can face a long sentence as long as they believe it will end, and that they will enjoy freedom again. We can face the rigours of a long and miserable winter because we know that spring will come again.



What all this underlines is the importance of hope. Hope is as necessary for the spirit as bread for the body. It is amazing what the human spirit can endure and overcome provided it is nourished by the bread of hope.

Easter provides an enormous injection of hope for the human spirit. And how much it is needed. There is a lot of tragedy in life. Good things are destroyed. Good people are cut down: Thomas More, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero ... And of course Jesus. He too was cut down. But he rose again.

Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's love is stronger than death. The resurrection of Jesus must too be separated from the resurrection of humanity saved by him. By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became a Brother and Saviour to all people. The death of Jesus was part of God's plan. Jesus is the Pioneer and Leader of our salvation: pointing the way and leading the way along the road of obedience and suffering.

At Easter we still feel the pain of this world, the pain in our families and among our friends, and the pain in our own hearts. But a new element has been introduced into our lives. It doesn't remove the pain but it gives it a meaning. It lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the apostles.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently in the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.

***Happy Easter!***



**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE  
FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE  
AS YOU TRUST IN HIM  
ROMANS 19:13**

**CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA!**