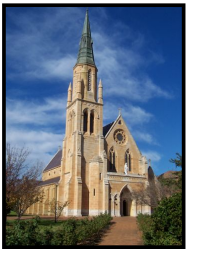


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



# 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 Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.**



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Fr Antony Vattakkunnell CMI

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## Parish Office

### Hours

Monday:

10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

**50 days of Easter Season from Easter Sunday to  
Pentecost**

## Second Sunday Of Easter - Year A 23rd April 2017

### From the PP's desk

A very happy Easter Season to all from Fr Antony and Fr Tony.



We extend our appreciation to all who helped with the ceremonies during Easter, preparation of the Church and the various jobs. It was a very busy time with approximately 1300 people attending Easter Sunday Masses.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to the Good Friday collection for the support of Christians in the Holy Land, Project Compassion and Easter dues.

Fr Antony leaves for his annual holiday this Sunday. We wish him safe travel to India and a restful break.

Fr Tony

*We wish Fr Tony a Happy Birthday this weekend from Parish Pastoral Council.*

**Project Compassion  
Total for our region .....  
\$5987.75**

Please return your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes ASAP so the proceeds can be forwarded to, Caritas Australia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### Response:

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end,' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builder rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

### SECOND READING: Peter 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

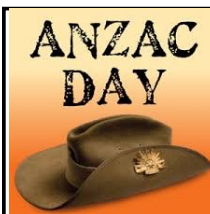
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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



O God, our ruler and guide,  
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,

We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land  
And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia,

Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,

May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen

### Day by Day

#### Monday, 24th April

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)

#### Tuesday, 25th April - ANZAC DAY

9.00am Mass Mudgee

9.30am Commemorative Service Rylstone

#### Wednesday, 26th April

9.00am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Friendship Group

#### Thursday, 27th April

9:10am Mass Mudgee

10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup

**NO** Mass Gulgong

#### Friday, 28th April

11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee

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

12:30pm Mass Mudgee

#### Saturday, 29th April

Baptisms Mudgee

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Next Weekend Readings**  
Acts 2:14,22-33  
Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35

#### Sunday, 30th April

9:00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

9.30am Rosary Kandos

10:00am:Kandos **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion**

10:30am: Mass Gulgong

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

*Christians in Africa.*

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

*We welcome to the parish community in Baptism this weekend:*



**Addison Penelope Pilley** and **Savanah Virginia Amanda Pilley** children of Christopher and Alison.

**Eli Rodney Truran** and **Rhys Neil Truran** twin sons of Geoffrey and Kristy.

**Evie Georgia Baker** daughter of Joshua and Anna.

### Liturgy Roster: 29th/30th April

<b>Commentator</b>	K.Fitzsimmons	L.Schreck
<b>Readers</b>	M.Melinz	J.Keipert M.Dunnachie
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	I.Byrne D.Cunningham E.Biddle	R.Gawthorne K.Baker ?
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	C.Page B.Krzysik	Disher Family
<b>Organist</b>	E.Cooper	
<b>Welcomers</b>	C.Page B.Krzysik	Hanrahan family
<b>Altar Servers</b>	H. Vo A Duncan A Burgoyne S Hawes	S Keaton B Hanrahan S Walker J Wilkinson
<b>Counters</b>	D. Bennett 1/5	J.Potts 8/5

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>30th April 2017</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>30th April 2017</b>
<i>Commentator</i>	P.Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	L.Hope	<i>Readers</i>	M.Turner K.Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	C.Holland Family	<i>Intercessions</i>	Sr Kath
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	M.Carney R.Saliba	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	H.Roberts A.Krusvar
<i>Sacristan</i>	M & E Carney	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath

### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

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

**We remember the anniversaries of** John Fitzpatrick, Lynn Wakeling, Margaret Mellor, Marion Sheehan, Alice Boyd-Skinner Leo Tobin, Lilian Munro, Christine Kilgour, Rose Roberts.

**We also pray for**

**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.

*'Let us pray for peace, and let us bring it about, starting in our own homes'* Pope Francis



\* The joy in the faces of the children at the egg hunt on Easter Sunday.

\* Support of the Holy Places collection in our region on Good Friday.

**Sr Clement, Sr Clare and Sr Carmel** extend a very Happy Easter Season to everyone.

Sr Clement has now moved to her new home in the grounds of the old St Vincent's Private Hospital. We will let everyone know her new address as soon as we are informed.

#### JOIN THE PARTY!!

##### Fr Garry's 70th Birthday

A birthday dinner will be held at Esk Restaurant, Lithgow Workmen's Club on Monday 1 May, 2017 at 6.30pm. Bookings are essential. Please indicate your intention to join the party, by calling the Lithgow Presbytery: Phone 6351 3092 by Wed 26 April.

Dinner will be a two course meal at approx. \$40 pp.

#### Gulgong News

**Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers** - This Sunday.

**Gulgong Catholic Womens Group** monthly meeting Tuesday 2nd May at 2.00pm in the convent.

**Thank you:** Our thanks to Mr Holland for removing the rubbish from the presbytery grounds.

#### Kandos News

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service 9.30am St Malachy's, Rylstone.

Replacement of the guttering on the Kandos Hall will take place early in May.

New Church Signs have been erected in Rylstone and Kandos.

#### 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.



#### Military Ordinate

The Annual leaving collection to help support our military Chaplains in the Army, Navy and Air Force will take place next weekend throughout the diocese.

#### Mudgee News

##### 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.

**New Liturgy Roster:** Please look through the ministry insert sheets in the bulletin this weekend - there is something there for everyone, we all have something to offer our parish. Please give this some thought during the week. Next weekend you will be invited to sign up for a ministry for the following twelve months.

"FREE - Taking Care of Yourself and Your Family" book is available at the rear of the church. This book is the 2016 edition of the very popular book by Dr John Ashfield providing useful information and practical strategies to help promote good mental health for everyone. It includes current contact details for any follow up advice. The "Domestic Church: Marriage and Families" group from the Diocesan Pastoral Council have taken the initiative to make this book available with the printing originally funded for rural communities by Centacare Bathurst and Catholic Community Services.

#### 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.**

#### 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.





CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF BATHURST

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

In my Lenten Message this year, I asked for our local church to become a community ready to listen to, accompany and assist those among us who suffered childhood sexual abuse in our schools, orphanages and parishes.

We cannot undo the past: we can only do our best in the present, for a better future.

May I invite anyone who has been living with these painful memories and now feels ready to talk about them to begin by contacting our Professional Standards Office on 02 9287 1542. There is also a complaints line on 1300 369 977. They will respect your privacy and the pace at which you wish to proceed.

This invitation is also for those who have engaged with this process in the past, but would like to reconnect, as healing can be a life-long journey.

I understand that some survivors feel so betrayed by church people and institutions that it would be difficult, even impossible, for them to trust us again. I do understand, and can only offer a humble prayer that they would find another way that leads to healing and hope.

**+Michael McKenna**  
**Bishop of Bathurst**



When tourists visit a so-called 'beauty-spots', they feel the need to take photos on their smart-phones, buy cards and souvenirs. They want to have some tangible memento to take home and show their friends which will help to keep alive their memory of the place.

You see this especially with pilgrims to the Holy Land. They want to touch and kiss things. They buy lots of souvenirs. And they collect lots of little things to take back home with them from the various holy places they visit – a leaf, a wildflower, a pebble, a bottle of water, a little soil ... they want to have something tangible to take away to show their friends, and as a visible reminder to themselves of their trip. And here we are talking about people whose faith is sound and sure.

This expresses the universal human need for the visible, the concrete, the tangible. Hence, we can sympathise with Thomas when he declared that he would not believe the Lord was risen unless he actually touched him. He was merely echoing the human cry for certainty. Nevertheless, where faith is concerned we have to go beyond this. Because here on earth there is no such thing as absolute certainty about spiritual things. If there was, faith would not be necessary.

Why did Thomas insist that he had to touch Jesus? Wasn't seeing him enough? He had to touch him in order to be healed. He had seen others healed by touching him. Some of these were healed by touching just the hem of his robe, so strong was their faith. But Thomas' faith was so weak that he had to touch Jesus himself.

In truth, Thomas was the wounded one. His mind was darkened by doubt. His heart was broken with grief. Even though these wounds were invisible, they were very real and painful. But Jesus was able to see them. It was he who touched Thomas' wounds, and so made him whole and well again.

The human heart is healed only by the presence of another human being who understands human pain. The Lord's wounds help us to recognise our own wounds, and to find healing for them. His wounds were caused by his love. They were proof of his love.

The story of Doubting Thomas brings home to us just how frail is the human container in which the gift of faith is carried. And it also shows us that Christian faith is essentially faith in a Person who loves us – and has wounds to prove it. That person is Jesus. At the heart of biblical faith is not only the faith we have in God, but the faith God has in us.



**Thank You**

***We'd like to send a huge thank you for being a part of Project Compassion. Every prayer, every action of support, large or small has made an enormous difference.***

***Over the last six weeks, your parish has helped support poor and vulnerable communities around the world and inspired hope in marginalised communities.***

***On behalf of all of us at Caritas Australia, we wish you every blessing.***