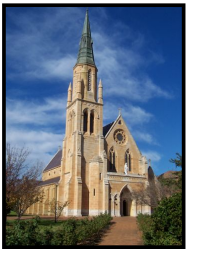


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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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Monday:

10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A 7th May 2017

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 14,36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: The Lord, is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING: Peter 2: 20-25

You have gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24: 13-35

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

LORD OF THE HARVEST

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. **AMEN.**

From the PP's desk

Thank you to Fr Joe for filling in while I was away.

Welcome to Carl Sinclair, Seminarian who is here with us this weekend to celebrate 'Good Shepherd Sunday'.

Welcome to all visitors for the City/Country Rugby League match this Sunday. We wish everyone safe travel home.

The first of two parent information sessions for Confirmation will take place this Tuesday. It is expected that each candidate will be represented at the information sessions by a parent. Next weekend is the enrolment commitment Mass and again I urge parents to make the effort to attend either the Saturday or Sunday Masses to show they are truly willing to make a commitment to support the children in this process of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Our thanks for your generous support of the Military Ordinariate last weekend \$1109.25 was collected.

Fr Tony

Day by Day

Monday, 8th May

9:00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
4:00pm: Rosary (Ph 63721115)
3.30pm Confirmation Parent session Gulgong.

Tuesday, 9th May

10.30am Liturgy meeting
1.30pm & 7.00pm Confirmation Parent session
4.00pm Holy Hour
5.00pm Mass Mudgee
5.00pm St Vincent de Paul conference meeting.

Wednesday, 10th May

9.00am Mass Mudgee
9.30am St Mary's Friendship Group
5.30pm Pastoral Council meeting

Thursday, 11th May

9:10am Mass Mudgee
10:30am: St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup
NO Mass Gulgong
2.00pm Gulgong Prayer Service Therese Billmon

Friday, 12th May

10.30am Mass Pioneer House
11:45pm: Rosary in the Church Mudgee
12:00pm - 12:15pm: Reconciliation Mudgee
12:30pm Mass Mudgee
(MASS OFFERED FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD)

Saturday, 13th May

Baptisms Mudgee
5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee
(Commitment/enrolment Confirmation)

Sunday, 14th May - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy
(Commitment/enrolment Confirmation)
9.30am Rosary Rylstone
10:00am: Mass Rylstone
10:30am: Mass Gulgong

We welcome to the parish community in Baptism this weekend:

Isabelle Helen Rogers daughter of Simon & Keely;
Aubree May Chounding & Bodhi Kieran Chounding children of Kieran & Jaimie;
Kate Sophie Gardiner daughter of Peter & Natalie;
Brendan Sunny Warisyu son of Jack & Sharon



Liturgy Roster: 13th/14th May

Commentator	G. Robinson	A. Flynn
Readers	K. Fitzsimmons C. Bourke	N.Maddalena
Special Minister of Communion	P. Dick E. Day M. Melinz	S & S Bennett K. Scott
Offertory Procession	C. Page B. Krzysik	J. Potts
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C. Page B. Krzysik	J. Potts
Altar Servers	Jack Newman Jade Newman Jessica Newman Doug Day	J. Nipperess S. Marchant D. Yule
Counters	J.Potts 8/5	B. Krzysik 15/5

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	14th May 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	14th May 2017
Commentator	E. Donnelly		
Reader	T. Harrison	Readers	M. Turner Sr Kath
Offertory	M & E Carney	Intercessions	C. D'Ilio
Special Minister of Communion	R. Saliba C. Holland	Special Minister of Communion	H. Roberts
Sacristan	R Saliba H Seymour	Sacristan	K & C Morrissey

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Therese Billmon (daughter of Ann Whale-Billmon), Barry Simpson (Grafton formerly Mudgee), Barry Rheinberger, Robyn Woodhouse.

Requiem Mass was celebrated in Mudgee on Thursday for the late Barry Rheinberger. Our prayers are with Mary and the family.

We remember the anniversaries of Fr Maurice Goldspink CM, Bob Prowse, Angelo Brzenda, Emilia Sfecic, Alice Heaslip, Vin Archer, Judy Fitzgerald, Gwen Keech.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, 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.

Next Weekend Readings

Acts 6, 1-7

Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

Mudgee News

MASS NEXT FRIDAY 12TH MAY - LIGHT A CANDLE IN REMEMBRANCE.

Mother's Day is a difficult time for some, especially those who have previously lost a child. **NEXT Friday 12th May** the Mass will be offered for these parents and their children.

All welcome.

Ministry Sunday: If you were not here last weekend we invite you to please fill out the Ministry Sheet provided at the back of the church this weekend, clearly indicating your name, address and email. It is important that even if you are already assisting in a ministry that you fill out a new sheet for this year.

Confirmation Parent meeting: Tuesday 9th May at 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm. It is expected a parent /or representative for each child will attend the parent meetings for Confirmation.

New Parishioner Cards - available back of the church.

Gulgong News

Confirmation Parent meeting: Monday 8th May at 3.30pm, All Hallows School.

Thursday Mass: There will be **NO** Mass at Gulgong on Thursday's while Fr Antony is away unless it is a scheduled school class Mass.

- **Parish/ School Mass,** Enrolment for the Sacraments , Sunday 21st May at 10.30am.

Kandos News

Service in the absence of the priest. Our thanks again to Kerry Morrissey for offering the Service in Kandos last Sunday. We welcome Fr Mark McGuigan who will fill in for the remainder of Fr Antony's time away.

BE HAPPY
BE BRIGHT
BE YOU



The wonderful work of St Mary's Friendship Group and their efforts to raise funds for charity.



to New Parishioners.

The Mudgee Parish Pastoral Council will host a morning tea on **Pentecost Sunday 4th June after 9.00am Mass.** We invite everyone to wear something **RED** to Mass on this weekend.

If you are a new parishioner to the parish in recent years or know of other people who are, please advise the Parish Office so we can organise an invitation.

All parishioners are invited to come along and make this a whole parish event.

RSVP: 31st May

THANK YOU

Thanks to all - for your best wishes, positive vibes and good "cheer" through various means in celebrating the 70th.

The few days with family and parishioners from near and far has been a blessed experience - and may the year ahead bring us all peace and blessings.

Fr Garry

PROJECT COMPASSION will be finalised this **Monday**. If you have envelopes/boxes please return to the office no later than **Monday afternoon**.

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 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.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 8th May: Confirmation Parent Meeting - Gulgong, 3.30pm All Hallows School.

Tuesday 9th May: Confirmation Parent Meeting - Mudgee 1.30pm and 7.00pm - Mudgee, Parish Centre.

Friday 12th May 12.30pm: Mass for parents who have lost a child.

Saturday 13th, 6pm Mass /14th May, 9am Mass - Confirmation enrolment/commitment Mass Mudgee.

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st May: St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Sunday 21st May Gulgong: Parish/School Mass 10.30am, Enrolment for the Sacraments.

Sunday 4th June: Mass and welcome morning tea for new parishioners Mudgee



Dear Friends in Christ,

With you, I thank God for our priests, who with their prayer and preaching, their celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments, lead the mission of our local church in the parishes. Their ministry is unique and indispensable. And I ask you again to support them wholeheartedly with your prayers, your participation in the work of our church and your financial contributions.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we look to those who will, please God, serve our Diocese as priests in the future: our eight seminarians. Some are nearing the end of the long journey of formation and discernment, others just beginning. And we must never give up on our earnest prayer that more young men will hear and answer God's call to leave everything and follow him.

Every year, we have a special collection to cover the cost of the investment in our seminarians' training. This year, the annual bill will be \$274,000. Last year, the parish collections provided \$32,000 and a generous one-off donation \$60,000 to offset that. I am very grateful to those who supported this appeal last year. I urge everyone to seriously consider their responsibility and response this year.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna

**THERE WILL BE LEAVING COLLECTION
TODAY AFTER MASS.**

7 Ways to Start Life Afresh This Easter

1. Be grateful for all the positive things about life.
2. Enjoy God's creation. Take a walk in the sunshine.
3. Forgive and forget. Let go to grudges.
4. Smile! Practice warmer handshakes, better eye-contact, bigger smiles.
5. In moments of decision ask yourself: what is the next most loving step I can take?
6. Be attentive to the good qualities in others. Tell them what you see.
7. Be open to the presence of Jesus Christ in your life.

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.



St Patrick's Church, Wellington Centenary

The Centenary of the Opening and Blessing of St Patrick's Church, Wellington NSW, will be celebrated on Sunday 20th August with 10.00am Mass

followed by lunch.

This is also the Bi-centenary weekend of celebrations for European settlement at Wellington.

RSVP to the parish 6845 2061 or email: office.wellington@cdob.org.au

Responding to the Call from the Right Voice

A priest in a rural parish had spent a glorious summer's morning on a local farm, after having been invited by the farmer to assist in mustering the sheep from the top paddock. Until then his encounters with sheep had been limited mainly to rescuing the occasional errant lamb that found itself stuck in one of the fences near the church while reaching for the grass on the other side. But the morning's work had gone well: he had not sent the sheep the wrong way or lost any – or even lost himself on the hill.

Later that week he assisted the farmer in feeding the sheep. These pastoral experiences gave him a glow of inward satisfaction and he resolved that he would bring them into his homily the following Sunday. But when Sunday arrived, the rain was lashing down and the roads to the church were all badly flooded. The congregation was consequently reduced to a handful and so he debated with himself as to whether, because of the small number of people, he should deliver the fully homily or give only a brief summary.

He opted for the full homily – but then he sensed that it hadn't gone down too well. Afterwards he said to the farmer, "Well, I thought of saying just a few words and then I thought of you feeding the sheep. If only a few come, you still feed them, don't you?" "That's as may be," replied the farmer. "But I don't give them the full bag of feed, do I?"

As Christians, we are called to participate in the work of the Good Shepherd. We are called to have nothing of a "false shepherd" about us, and therefore nothing that prevents us from having at least something of that Spirit-filled courage that enabled Peter to stand up before the crowd and proclaim Jesus as Lord. Like the farmer who fed his sheep neither too much or too little, we are to present our faith to others with integrity.