



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

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of  
St Mary's Mudgee, St John the Baptist Gulgong,  
St Dominic's Kandos/ St Malachy's 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.



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B**

**Sunday, 29th April 2018**

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons  
**Seminarian**  
Mr Nam Le  
**Deacon** Charles Applin (Kandos)

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**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday**  
10.00am - 4.00pm  
**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 4.00pm

**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**  
**Principal:** Mr Jason Hanrahan Ph 02 63721742  
[stmattsmudgee@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmattsmudgee@bth.catholic.edu.au)

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**Principal:** Ms Katrina Isbester Ph 02 63741582  
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**First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31**

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

**Responsorial**

**Psalm 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v.26**

**R: I will praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **Res.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **Res.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **Res.**

**Second Reading: St John 3:18-24**

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15: 4-5**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 15: 1-8**

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

**Memorial Acclamation**

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



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FOR  
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION  
IN MUDGEE BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND  
5TH/6TH MAY.**

Fr Owen would like to offer the chalice at weekend Masses beginning next weekend 5th/6th May.



\* The Sacred Host will be distributed by the two ministers at the centre isle.

\* If you would like to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice after receiving the Sacred Host, then you would proceed to the ministers holding the

**Our First Holy Communion candidates** and their families will be participating in the Liturgy activities during the coming weeks in the lead up to their special day with the welcoming at Mass, Gospel Procession and Offertory Procession. After Mass next Saturday and Sunday the children will participate in a short activity that will help with their understanding and preparation for First Holy Communion.

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th April 2018

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 30th April

NO SERVICE - Mudgee

Tuesday, 1st May

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday, 2nd May

Feast of St Athanasius, bishop, doctor

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 3rd May

Feast of Sts Phillip & James, apostles

8.50am Morning Prayer

9.10am Mass Mudgee

1.30pm & 7.00pm: 2nd First Holy Communion Parent information session in the Church.



Friday, 4th May

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

11.45am Rosary - Church

12-12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday, 5th May

Baptisms Mudgee

1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates meeting

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 6th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am - Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos.

Commentator	J.Cross	M.McLean
Readers	I.Byrne C.Bourke	M.Dorney E.Goodwin
Special Ministers of Communion	D.Cunningham J.Vros A.Baker	R.Gawthorne G.Hennessy J.Keipert
Gospel Procession	M.Lonergan	C.Speechley
Offertory Procession	C.McKid A. Freeman	A.Portelli C.Nelson J.Stoddart
Welcomers	W. McNally Family	S.Berridge Family
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters	J.Cavanagh 30/4	E.Goodlet 7/5

Gulgong Liturgy Roster Leader	6th May 2018 D.Kelly	Kandos Liturgy Roster	6th May 2018
Commentator	P.Lenard	Leader	
Reader	K.Ritar	Readers	L.McPherson H.roberts
Offertory	W & H Gleeson	Intercessions	T.Ryan
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	K.Morrissey M.Turner
Sacristan	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn	Sacristan	H.Roberts



We welcome in Baptism this weekend **Bradley Michael Stewart** son of Michael and Kristy and **Molly Pearl Cluff** daughter of Terri and Dylan.

**Hamish Charles McInnes** son of Robert and Nicole who was baptised last weekend.



Congratulations to **Daniel Christopher Todd** and **Parisse Clarissa Van Lijf** who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage in St Mary's this weekend.

*Masses and prayers requested for the following:*

***We pray for the recently deceased especially***

Oliver Buckley.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Barry Rheinberger, Moya Howard, Jack Wilds, Christine Kilgour, Tom Hundy, Ross Lloyd, Lorna Malone and John Denlay.

We also pray for Toby Buckley.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Liam Potts, Darren Tuxford, Rosemary Mitchell (QLD), Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Jan Kirkman, Dennis Donelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes.

For those seeking SPECIAL INTENTIONS.

## MUDGEE NEWS

**Mudgee Josephite Assocaites** meeting this Saturday 1.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome to join.

**First Holy Communion Second parent information session** is this **Thursday 3rd May at 1.30pm** and repeat session **7.00pm. PLEASE NOTE THESE SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH.**

**First Holy Communion** preparation for State school students will begin **Monday 7th May at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

### St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group



Sale and morning tea, **Wednesday 9th May from 9.30am.** Come and support the ladies. Proceeds from the raffle and morning tea go to support Can Assist Mudgee.

### Mudgee Parish Pastoral Council news

We are delighted to welcome Kristie Newman to Parish Council. We are still seeking further nominations to join Parish Council for a term of 3 years. Ideally, we should have 8 members which would enable us to maintain a strong core team when some of our current team finish their term each year. I personally would encourage you to consider the skills and talents you might be able to contribute to Parish Council and our local church community.

Julie Keipert, President

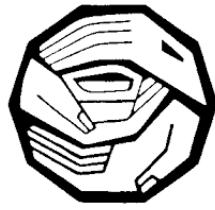
## GULGONG NEWS

**First Holy Communion** Parent information meeting, this Thursday 3rd May at 3.30pm All Hallows School.

**Enrolment Mass** Sunday 27th May, 10.30am Mass.



**GCWG NEXT MEETING:** please note change of date for Catholic Women's Group to Tuesday 15th May 2.00pm in the convent.



## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

- In this current climate Vinnies are being called on to support many in our community who are finding themselves in very difficult situations due to the increasing costs of everyday living. As the most accessible charity in Mudgee the local centre is finding they have an ever increasing workload.
- Next weekend 5th/6th May is the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal which gives us the opportunity to fulfil our christian duty to support the 'poor and needy. The funds raised from the appeal allow Vinnies to assist those who are the most needy. Please give what you can.
- There is always a need for warm blankets, bed linen and clothing in good condition that can be passed on when needed or sold through the centre. These funds also help with the operation of the local St Vincent de Paul.
- If you can help by giving some of your time to assist in the SVdP Centre or becoming a Conference member please contact the local Centre.



**Painters@Mudgee** are holding an exhibition and sale of art works produced by local and visiting artists. The opening will be at **6.00pm on Friday, 4th May** and the exhibition will continue on **Saturday 5th May, 9.00am - 12noon** in St Mary's Parish Centre. All welcome. Gold coin donation.

## KANDOS PARISH

**Liturgy Roster:** A new roster is being prepared for Kandos/Rylstone parish. We are in need of another sacristan to assist for Kandos Church. If you would like to assist with any of the ministries please contact Sr Kath.

**Shalom Long Lunch**, Sunday 6 May at 12:00pm - 3:00pm at Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins St, CARCOAR.

Three women sharing their experiences and insights into the past and future calling of women in the Catholic Church.

**Sister Patricia Powell RSM,**

**Ms Therese Martin**

**Ms Camille da Silva Tavares**

To Book for the Lunch please phone: 02 63673058

or email:

shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

**Suggested Donation: Lunch \$40 per person (3 courses)**

## A PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT - THE CARCOAR CAMINO

Friday 18th May 6pm to Sunday 20th May at 3pm

Come & enjoy a 2-day retreat following the way of the pilgrim walking the shalom labyrinth and around the beautiful carcoar valley

This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises.

Cost: \$190 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

For bookings Phone: 63673058

email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

online: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalm 97: 1-4. R.cf. v. 2 St John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vigneron desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

© **Fr Michael Tate**

**IN FOCUS****Remain in Me-**

"He must increase; I must decrease". John the Baptist once used these words to describe his relationship with Jesus. John, we understand, was a pretty impressive character. He was such a charismatic speaker that multitudes sought his baptism, listened to his levelling criticisms of popular culture and values, and vowed radical changes as a result of encountering him. John was a prophet and guru with his own circle of disciples. When Jesus appeared on the scene, John might have viewed him as a rival.

Instead John responds with extraordinary humility. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. And not only greater: John admits that Jesus replaces him altogether. John's mission is complete the hour Jesus arrives. As Jesus ascends, John will fade away. John doesn't lament this. He states this fact as obvious and right.

This is the relationship of the vine to the branches. The vine survives the trimming of its branches, but the branches do not survive without the vine. The vine is more enduring, the very source of life. The branches play their part in relationship to the vine. It's folly for a branch to forget what it is. But in-service to the vine, it bears much fruit.

***Define yourself as a branch attached to Jesus the vine.***

***Name the fruit you bear in this relationship.***

*Consider your attachment to Jesus the vine: is it weak, strong, in need of support? Resolve to strengthen the bond in prayer and imitation.*

**Prayer and Liturgy:  
Touching our Deepest Longing**

Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst invites you to attend Prayer and Liturgy: Touching our Deepest Longing - a formation session presented by Dr Elio Capra SDB.

The formation day is aimed at SRE coordinators and teachers, catechists, sacramental coordinators and parishioners. It will be repeated in three locations across the Diocese:

14 May - St Mary's Primary School, Wheelers Lane, Dubbo

15 May - Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange

16 May - Merrick Hall, Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst, Gilmour Street, Kelso

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Cost: FREE with morning tea and lunch provided

For more information visit: [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

Register by contacting Dr Angelo Belmonte: [a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:a.belmonte@bth.catholic.edu.au) or phone Ronda at Catholic Education on: 6338 3000.

**Oz Rosary 2018**

In October 2017, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, well over 1 million people gathered in Poland, around the Polish borders to pray the Rosary for the protection of their country and to intercede for their young people.

Ireland then followed suite with well over 30,000 people gathering at 53 venues around the country, many of them on coastal beaches and hills overlooking the ocean. The number 53 was chosen because there are 53 Hail Marys in the Rosary. Italy's coastal parishes also organised the Rosary along with England and France holding Rosary events on 28th and 29th April respectively.

Organisers in England had more than 60 groups volunteering to gather and pray on beaches, cliffs and in public places around the entire coast of the U.K.

In Australia, on Sunday 13th May, Fatima Day, groups around the country will hold our own national Rosary day.

**(extract from the Bathurst Diocese website [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/))**

The Mudgee Rosary Prayer Group will pray the rosary at St Mary's on 13th May beginning 10.00am

**NOTE FOR ALL**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Due to renewed Diocesan policy all Ministers to the Sick to the nursing homes and private homes must be registered with the Parish Office. We are updating our files so please contact the Parish Office.

We also require the names of all parishioners to whom you are taking Communion.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must sign the book available in the Reconciliation room before you leave to go to the Nursing Home/private homes. This is a Diocesan regulation.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**St John's Anglican Church** Family Bush Dance  
Saturday 12 May, 7pm - 10pm in St John's Church Hall.

Adults \$10/ children \$5 Includes a light supper. Bookings preferred contact Lyndel

**MUDGEE PARISH: REPORTING CONCERNS/ISSUES IN THE PARISH:** If you have concerns/issues that need to be addressed please contact the Pastoral Council President, Mrs Julie Keipert via email: [centaur3@bigpond.com](mailto:centaur3@bigpond.com) or phone the parish office and the staff will relay your message to the Council.

**PROCLAIM 2018**    *Make your home in me...John 15:4*

Registrations are now open to attend this important Conference focused on parish renewal and transformation. Proclaim 2018 will engage parishes and faith communities in an ongoing conversation about: Leadership and culture change; engaging young people; belonging; parish renewal and evangelisation. **Date:** 12-14 July 2018.

**Cost:** Adult \$275 Student/Pensioner \$220.

**Where:** Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

For more information and to register:

[www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop  
2018 National Pilgrimage**

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commencing in Melbourne, 23rd October, travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude in Sydney, 3rd November 2018.

Cost ex Sydney: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals) Single Supplement: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417683123 or Sr Annie Bond (02) 89124818 or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au)

**Hospital Visitation** - Anyone who has a loved one in the Hospital and would like Fr Owen to visit please contact the Parish Office. Please be aware that due to privacy laws he is unable to visit hospital patients unless requested by the family .

22nd of April - The covenant of love lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the trials of life. On this basis, every family despite its weaknesses can become a light for the world.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**10th September 10.30am** Gulgo  
First Holy Communion.

**9th Sept.6pm Vigil Mass /10th Sep  
9.00am Mass** Mudgee First Holy  
Communion.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE HEATERS IN THE CENTRE ISLES AS THEY ARE VERY HOT.  
PLEASE BE PARTICULARLY AWARE IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN.