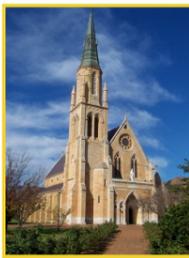


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 custodians of the land on which we live, work and pray. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.



Second Sunday of Lent Year C - 17th March 2019

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First Reading:

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 R. v. 1

**All: The Lord is my light
and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **(R)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face'. **(R)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R)**

Second Reading:

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation:

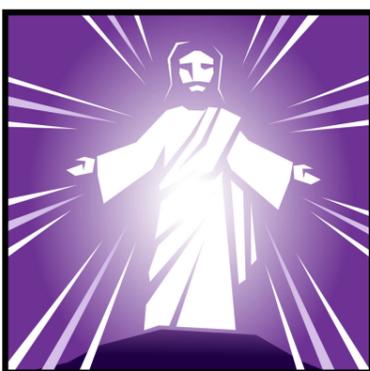
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon. When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're half asleep and we're told Peter doesn't know what he's saying when he starts talking about building tents. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. What a great reading for the season of Lent!

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 18th March

Feast of St Patrick (help over from Sunday 17th March)

No Service

Tuesday, 19th March

Feast of St Joseph

9.00am Communion Service

Wednesday, 20th March

9.30am St Mary's Craft Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

Thursday, 21st March

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr2

9.15am Conversions about Catholics

10.30am Mass Gulgong - AH Yr5/6 K/1

Friday, 22nd March

10.00am Liturgy Seminar - Kandos

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday, 23rd March

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 24th March

Third Sunday of Lent Yr C

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

10.30am Gulgong - Mass

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos - Sunday Service in the Absence of the Priest.

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March 2019

Commentator	M. Melinz	A. McLean
Readers	S. Connor P. Cannon	L. Finter P. Portelli
Special Ministers of Communion	I. Byrne F. Melinz	R. McKeown L. Rodgers
Offertory Procession	S & S Connor	Disher Family
Welcomers	F & V Solti	M. Charlesworth G. McDermott
Altar Servers	Abigaelle M J. Newman	B. Newman B. Hanrahan E. Bourke
Counters	18/3 M.Walker E.Goodlet	25/3 D.Holden D. Bennett
Children's Liturgy		24/03 S. Speechley K. Coughlan

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	24th March 2019	Kandos/Rylstone Liturgy Roster	24th March 2019
<i>Leader</i>			Deacon C. Applin
<i>Commentator</i>	C.Gaudry		
<i>Reader</i>	M.McGregor	<i>Readers</i>	C.Dilio T.Ryan
<i>Offertory</i>	K & J Ritar	<i>Intercessions</i>	H.Roberts
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	M.Carney R.Saliba	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	Sr Kth
<i>Sacristan</i>	R.Saliba H.Seymour	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath

Pope's Universal Prayer Intention for March

Evangelization – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

The purpose of life.

Is a life of purpose



REMINDER: Due to the privacy policy the parish cannot print Mass requests for the sick and deceased on the bulletin without the specific permission of the family.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Jean Doorey, Veronica Butler, Therese David (Syd), Gloria Windle and Geoff Matthews (Syd).

We remember the anniversaries of Geoffrey Gleeson, Pat Milton, Mavis Whale and David Walsh.

We also pray for the soul of Marta Smieszek, Joe Swintek, Marakovic Family and Ivan & Agneza Fero.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

Eliza Vasilis (Syd), Barbara Robertson (Newcastle), Sr Janet Heath (North Richmond), Anton Blazavic, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan,

Mia O'Dwyer, Tony Petchell, Anne Stayner, Sue Melinz,

Roseanne Telfer, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon,

Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Michael 'Tex' Gillham. All the residents in our Nursing Homes.

Mudgee News:

Annual General Meeting
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council
Wednesday, 27th March at 5.30pm



The Parish Pastoral Council meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND TAKE ON A POSITION ON THE COUNCIL.

So if you are Everybody, Somebody, Anybody or Nobody we need you!

You are cordially invited to nominate yourself or other persons to a three year term within an election to be held for that purpose.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church or from the parish office. Information on the nominees will be provided for parishioners prior to an election should that be necessary i.e. if more than 3 new members are nominated for these positions. The results of the election will be posted and successful candidates notified.

In the event there are five or less nominations for the Pastoral Council the nominees will automatically be elected.

The success of the Parish Pastoral Council and its contribution to the growth of the parish depends on the contribution of the members. You are encouraged to apply your talents for the good of your Parish

Please post your nomination to:

The Returning Officer
 St. Mary's Catholic Church
 P.O Box 14, Mudgee NSW 2850
 or

Leave in a sealed envelope at the Parish Office.

SMALL MONEY PURSE - LEFT IN MUDGEE CHURCH AFTER THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS A FEW WEEKS AGO. PLEASE IDENTIFY AND COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

Kandos News

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.

In September last year, Bishop McKenna promulgated the new rite for Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion.



There will be a training session in the new rite at Kandos Church next Friday 22 March 2019, from 10a.m to 2 p.m.

All Leaders, Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend, as well as any other parishioners who are interested.

For catering purposes, please advise Sr. Kath if you will be attending.



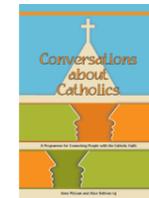
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St Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church - Mudgee

Feast of St Patrick -17th March (celebrated on 18th March this year as it falls on a Sunday.)



St. Patrick was born in Britain c.385 and as a young man was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. After six years in Ireland he escaped, returned to his family and trained for the priesthood in Gaul. In c.435 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Through his work, Christianity flourished and the church became organised. Although not extensively learned, St Patrick was known for his sincerity and pastoral care, and was largely concerned with abolishing paganism and idolatry and encouraged monasticism. There are many legends about Ireland's most beloved saint, including his use of the shamrock for explaining the trinity, and his banishing of all snakes from Ireland.



Conversations About Catholics
It's not too late to join in.

The first of four sessions was held last Thursday.

The conversations are about many aspects of the Catholic faith, tradition and rituals.

It is particularly helpful for families where parents have children who will be participating in the sacramental program, where one parent is non Catholic and wishes to understand what is being taught at school.

The sessions continue next Thursday 21st March, 9.15am in St Mary's Parish Centre.

Join us in these relaxed sessions.....

Please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122 to RSVP.

During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. SC10

Feast of St Joseph - 19th March



St Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, was a descendant of King David and a carpenter by trade. During his betrothal to Mary he became distressed when he heard that she was with child, but an angelic vision reassured him that this was all part of God's plan. After Jesus' birth he was warned in a dream to flee with his family to Egypt, in order to escape from King Herod. Joseph showed great faith in his willingness to do whatever God asked of him. St Joseph is the patron saint of many causes including families, expectant mothers, workers and people in doubt.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 Ps 102: , 1-4, 6-8,11. R. v. 8 Corinthians 3: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9

TREE OF LIFE

Tree of life and awesome mystery,
 in your death we are reborn,
 though you die in all of history,
 still you rise with every mourn,
 still you rise with every mourn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
 may we see ourselves in you,
 if we learn to live your story
 we may die to rise anew,
 we may die to rise anew.



We remember truth once spoken,
 love passed on through act and work
 every person lost and broken
 wears the body of our Lord,
 wears the body of our Lord,

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
 come inflame our hearts anew,
 we may all your joy inherit
 if we bear the cross with you,
 if we bear the cross with you.

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Gospel Connections

Do We Pray or Escape?

It happens pretty regularly at the end of powerful youth group gatherings or retreats: No one wants to leave. So many times young people have told me how sad they feel about having to go back to the real world.



Peter feels the same way in this week's Gospel. The Transfiguration baffles many people. But just think of it this way: Jesus and his closest friends go up a mountain and pray, and during their prayer they realise the importance of Jesus and his mission. They connect his mission to historic religious leaders like Moses and Elijah. They feel God's presence. Peter wants to stay.

But maybe the most important part of the story is the end. They go back down the mountain and head toward Jerusalem, where their insights will change how they live in the real world. We know how the story ends.

Here's the lesson for us. Our prayer life isn't for us. It is for our journey in the world, where God calls us to live the Reign's values. That doesn't mean prayer shouldn't comfort us when we struggle with personal problems. It should. But youth-group meetings, retreats, and personal quiet time with Jesus must also turn our focus toward friends and family who need our support, poor people who need our compassion, and society's injustices that need our activism. Our prayer life should help us be Christ's presence to all people - from the people in our schools and local community to the people in faraway lands. If our prayer life doesn't do this, then prayer is little more than an escape from reality.

Lent is a good time to evaluate your prayer and worship life. Is it an escape or a fuelling station for your journey as a disciple?

What prayer or worship experience has challenged you and strengthened you to make a Christian decision in the real World?



Second Sunday of Lent

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

THE SEASON OF LENT is the most appropriate time for celebrating **THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.**

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God have heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news.* It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts. RP13

The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.

