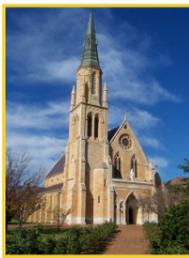


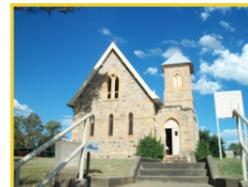
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C - 31st March 2019

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

### Seminarian

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**Monday**

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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### First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **(R)**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your face not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **(R)**

### Second Reading:

**Corinthians 5: 17-21**

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ. I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



## REFLECTION Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

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**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday, 1st April**

No Service

**Tuesday, 2nd April**

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Mudgee

**Wednesday, 3rd April**

9.30am St Mary's Craft Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

**5.30pm AGM Mudgee Pastoral Council**

**Thursday, 4th April**

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Kinder & Year 1 students

9.15am Conversations about Catholics

10.30am Mass Gulgong AH

3.00pm Liturgy Meeting Mudgee

1.30pm & 7.00pm First Holy Communion session for parents

**Friday, 5th April**

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

10.00am Lenten Program Kandos

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

**12.30pm Anointing Mass Mudgee**

1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates

**Saturday, 6th April**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 7th April**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr C**

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

10.30am Gulgong -

Celebration of Word and Holy Communion.

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos Mass

**Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th April 2019**

<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	M. McLean
<b>Readers</b>	A.Fergus S.Abbey	N.Whitmore L.Ford
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	P.Dick M.Melinz G.Hennessy	S.Bennett C.Dawson J.Keipert
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	D.Bennett C.Carberry	M. Gilbert B.Price
<b>Welcomers</b>	K.Wall G.Roberts	E.Csuba M.Knight
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A. Neaverson-Smith	R.Maguire M.Griffith A.Disher
<b>Counters</b>	1/4 E. Goodlet D. Bennett	8/4 D. Holden D.Donnely
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		K.Coughlan A.McKid

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>6th April 2019</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>6th April 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>	R.Saliba		
<i>Commentator</i>	P.Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	D.Kelly	<b>Readers</b>	H.Roberts K.Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>		<b>Intercessions</b>	Sr Kath
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	C.Gaudry T.Thatcher	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	H.Roberts K.Morrissey
<i>Sacristan</i>	C & E Holland	<b>Sacristan</b>	H. Roberts

**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**

**We pray for the recently deceased especially**

Terry O'Keeffe (Parkes), Mark O'Brien (Wagga, Wagga), Pat Leonard, Michael Power, Una Cunningham, Marie Thirtle, Kelvin Huitt, Byrant and Yvonne McGrath.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Wyatt Harris, Graham Harris, James Milton, Ivy Sproule, Olive Milton, Clem and Keith Robinson.

**We also pray for the soul of** Owen Milton, Bradley Quinn, Malcolm Whiteley.

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

Anna Swintek, Lyncoln Craig, 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 Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Michael 'Tex' Gillham.



**Baptism**

We welcome to the Parish Family

**Max Patrick Grey** and

**Harry Samuel Grey** children of Sarah baptised in St Mary's Church this weekend.

**Congratulations to**



**SAMUEL BRUCE WHITE** and

**AMELIA KATE SCIFLEET**

who celebrated the sacrament of marriage in St Mary's this weekend.

**Mudgee News:**

**First Holy Communion Parent Session 1**

1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm. all candidates are to be represented by a parent/guardian.

**Annual General Meeting Pastoral Council**

- St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council AGM this Wednesday, 3rd April at 5.30pm.



**ANOINTING MASS FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY NEXT FRIDAY 5TH APRIL AT 12.30PM.**

A light lunch will be served in the parish centre after Mass.

**Mudgee Josephite Associates** next meeting Friday 5th April after 12.30pm Mass.

**Josephite Associates meeting Wellington Saturday 6th April** - meet at the presbytery carpark 8.00am Details contact Angela 0421354712.

**Safe Church Awareness Workshop, Mudgee:** The workshop is for anyone interested in attending. It will be a full day session. More information when the date has been confirmed.



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**GULGONG NEWS:**

**GCWG STREET STALL**, Friday 12th April. All donations gratefully received. Contact Phyllis 0447741256.

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group** monthly meeting, Tuesday 9th April. 2.00pm in the Convent.



**REMINDER**

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS  
NEXT WEEKEND.  
DON'T FORGET TO TURN  
THE CLOCK BACK ONE  
HOUR BEFORE YOU GO  
TO BED  
ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

**Dates For The Diary**

**Thursday 4th April**

**First Holy Communion Parent Session 1 Mudgee.**

1.30pm and repeat session at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

**Friday 5th April**

**12.30pm Mudgee - Anointing Mass for the Sick & Elderly.**

**Saturday 6th April**

Josephine Associates meeting in Wellington.

**6.00pm** First Holy Communion Enrolment - Mudgee

**Sunday 7th April**

9.00am First Holy Communion Enrolment - Mudgee

**Saturday 13th April**

6.00pm First Holy Communion Enrolment - Mudgee

**Sunday 14th April**

**9.00am Palm Sunday - Beginning at St John's Anglican Church**

Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word followed by Procession from the Anglican Church to St Mary's for Liturgy of the Eucharist

◆ First Holy Communion Enrolment - Mudgee

**Tuesday 23rd April**

5.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting Mudgee

**Thursday 25th April**

**Anzac Day**

9.00am Anzac Day Mass - Mudgee.

**HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

**Monday 15th April**

Clergy Seminar and Chrism Mass Bathurst

**Tuesday 16th April**

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Mudgee  
7.00pm Reconciliation

**Wednesday 17th April**

4.00pm Holy Hour  
5.00pm Mass

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**5.00pm Rylstone**

Mass of the Last Supper.

**6.00pm Mudgee**

Mass of the Last Supper.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**11.00am Mudgee**

Stations of the Cross. 

**3.00pm Mudgee** Liturgy of the Passion and Holy Communion.

**3.00pm Gulgong** Liturgy of the Passion and Holy Communion.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**5.00pm Gulgong**

Easter Vigil Mass.

**6.00pm Mudgee**

Easter Vigil Mass.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Masses Mudgee**

7.30am , 9.00am & 10.30am

**Mass Kandos**

**9.00am**



**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

Isaiah 43: 16-21 Ps 125. R. v. 3 Philippians 3: 8-14 John 8:1-11

## GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

### Come Home

Take a moment to look at your fingerprint. Experts say it is unique. You share it with no one who lives or has ever lived. Let it remind you that God wanted you, specifically you, to come into this world. And let it remind you that our loving God grieves for you, when you hurt, and misses you, specifically you, when you turn away.

Let this week's Gospel dispel all the false views of God you may have heard. God is not angry or vengeful when you sin. God is not an accountant who tallies our sins against our good deeds or a cop who waits to punish us. Unfortunately, many people hold on to those images. Some pastors and teachers even teach them, often because they misunderstand Old Testament Scripture passages that seem to portray God as angry or vengeful.

Jesus tried to dispel those images of God as he announced the beginning of God's Reign. "Rejoice," he said. God is running to greet you right now. Turn toward God and let God embrace you.

Look at the lost son in the Gospel story this week. He basically had wished his father dead by asking for his inheritance. But when he returns because he has nowhere else to go, the father runs to him, gives him the family ring, clothes him in the best robe, and kills a fattened calf (people ate meat rarely). If you read the text closely, you see that the father doesn't even let his son complete the apology before ordering all this.

Lent is a time to come home. We all stray. We live in a world that often calls us away from God. But God knows each of us by our fingerprint, knows when we turn away, and still always stands waiting, scanning the horizon, maybe weeping, hoping to see us turn back, looking for a chance to run toward us and embrace us once again.

### In what ways do you need to come home to God this Lent?

Jesus told those he encountered many things in parables. He used stories to illustrate the greatest examples of how best to live your life in the service of others. He challenged his followers by speaking directly about those on the margins and those the world most commonly ignores. Many were astounded by the things Jesus said and did and they left all behind and followed him.

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Happy people  
plan  
*actions*  
not results.

Once you choose  
*hope*  
anything is possible.



### Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Michaela** is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.**

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

### Lenten Thoughts - Pope Francis

#### Don't remain indifferent

"Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation." –Lenten Message, 2015

#### Pray:

Make our hearts like yours!

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum': *Make our hearts like yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference." – Lenten Message, 2015.

#### Take part in the sacraments

"Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015.