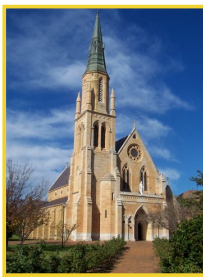


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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

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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.



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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

Commentator		D.Cunningham		M. McLean			
Readers		A.Fergus S.Abbey		N.Whitmore L.Ford			
Special Ministers of Communion		P.Dick M.Melinz G.Hennessy		S.Bennett C.Dawson J.Keipert			
Offertory Procession		D.Bennett C.Carberry		M. Gilbert B.Price			
Welcomers		K.Wall G.Roberts		E.Csuba M.Knight			
Altar Servers		A. Neaverson-Smith		R.Maguire M.Griffith A.Disher			
Counters		1/4 E. Goodlet D. Bennett		8/4 D. Holden D.Donnelly			
Children’s Liturgy				K.Coughlan A.McKid			
Gulgong Liturgy Roster		6th April 2019		Kandos Liturgy Roster		6th April 2019	
Leader		R.Saliba					
Commentator		P.Leotta					
Reader		D.Kelly		Readers		H.Roberts K.Morrissey	
Offertory				Intercessions		Sr Kath	
Special Minister of Communion		C.Gaudry T.Thatcher		Special Minister of Communion		H.Roberts K.Morrissey	
Sacristan		C & E Holland		Sacristan		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 Donelly, 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.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

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 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.