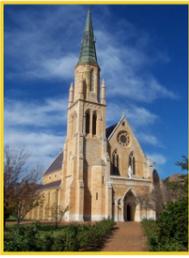


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



**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.**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C - 7th April 2019**

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Seminarian**

Mr Karl Sinclair

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday**

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

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**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3**

**All:**

***The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R)

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R)

Deliver us, O Lord from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R)

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R)

**Second Reading:**

**Philippians 3: 8-14**

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

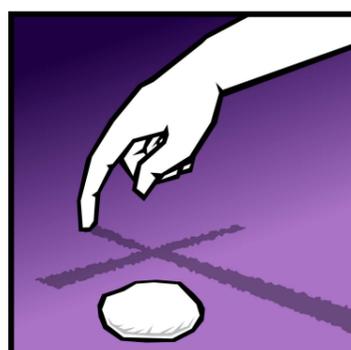
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel: John 8: 1-11**

*Let the person without sine be the first to throw a stone.*

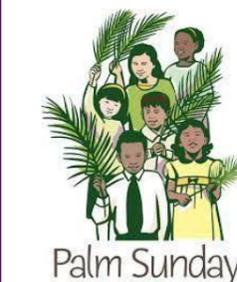
**Memorial Acclamation:**

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



**Ecumenical**

**Palm Sunday Service  
next Sunday 14th April**



Palm Sunday

Parishioners are invited to assembly at St John's Anglican Church for the Blessing of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word at 9.00am. Parishioners will then process back to St Mary's for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



**EASTER TRIDUUM  
MINISTRIES**

If you will be available to assist with the ministries over Easter weekend could you please contact the Parish Office via email [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au) or by phone 63722122.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT**

**PARISHIONER RESPONSE:**

I promise to support these children in preparing to receive the Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and we will keep you in our prayers.



**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday, 8th April**

No Service

**Tuesday, 9th April**

9.00am Mass Mudgee  
2.00pm Gulgong Catholic Women's Group meeting  
5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference at the St Vincent Centre

**Wednesday, 10th April**

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group  
4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour  
5.00pm Mass Mudgee

**Thursday, 11th April**

9.10am Communion Service Mudgee  
**12.35pm The Way of the Cross Pilgrimage - SMCS**

**Friday, 12th April**

10.30am Communion Service Pioneer House  
10.00am Lenten Program Kandos  
**12.30pm Communion Service Mudgee**

**Saturday, 13th April**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee  
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee  
First Holy Communion Enrolment

**Sunday, 14th April**

**Palm Sunday**

9.00am Mass Mudgee  
First Holy Communion Enrolment  
10.30am Gulgong - Mass  
**ANOINTING MASS FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY**  
10.30am Rosary Rylstone  
11.00am Rylstone - Celebration of Word and Holy Communion.

**Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April 2019**

<b>Commentator</b>	K. Fitzsimmons	M. Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	M. Melinz P. Robinson	M. McLean M. Barrett
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	A. Fergus L. Nicholson	K. Baker M. Gilbert L. Rodgers
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	K. Isbester J. Goodlet	C. Berridge N. Whitmore
<b>Welcomers</b>	C. Carberry L. Cahill	S. Walker L. Cahill
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
<b>Counters</b>	8/4 D. Holden D. Donnelly	15/4 E. Goodlet J. Potts
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>NO CHILDREN'S DURING SCHOOL</b>	<b>LITURGY HOLIDAYS</b>

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>6th April 2019</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>14th April 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>			C. Applin
<i>Commentator</i>	D. Kelly		
<i>Reader</i>	J. Thatcher	<b>Readers</b>	Sr. Kath H. Roberts
<i>Offertory</i>	W & H Gleeson	<b>Intercessions</b>	P. O'Connor
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R. Saliba C. Holland	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	
<i>Sacristan</i>	M & E Carney	<b>Sacristan</b>	K & C Morrissey

**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**  
**We pray for the recently deceased especially**  
Terry O'Keeffe (Parkes) and Mark O'Brien (Wagga, Wagga).  
**We remember the anniversaries of** Trevor Robinson, Joan Gallagher,  
, 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.  
All the residents in our Nursing Homes.

**Pope's Universal Prayer Intention for April**

**Universal – Workers in War Zones**

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



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**St Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church - Mudgee.**

**GULGONG NEWS:**

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

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

**Anointing of the Sick and Elderly** will take place at the Palm Sunday Mass next Sunday.

**MUDGEE NEWS**

**Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers at the Mass of the Last Supper, Holy Thursday.**

**KANDOS NEWS**

**Wednesday 17th April, 11.00am**  
**St Dominic's, Kandos.**

Lunch will follow the Mass - please give your name to Sr Kath or Carol if you will be attending the lunch.

**Safe Church Awareness Workshop, Mudgee**

**SATURDAY 22ND JUNE - 9.00am - 3.00pm**

It is essential for all who assist in the parishes in all areas of ministry.

**Please reserve the date in your diary.**

**We will be contacting you shortly.**

**EASTER DUES ENVELOPES - AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

We have provided professional social services to many thousands of people experiencing poverty or disadvantage - we assisted 64,000 people nationally in the last 12 month period.



St. Vincent de Paul has given \$1.5 million to drought affected farmers. **But at Vinnies Conference Mudgee we need more volunteers.** We are right next door to the shop and are open from 10am to 12 five days a week. If you are interested come in and sit with us while we interview clients. You might discover that it's just what you would like to do.

Contact Keith Baker  
Email: [keith.baker73@bigpond.com](mailto:keith.baker73@bigpond.com)



Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

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

**GOSPEL CONNECTIONS**

**Care About People - Don't Use Them**

The way I treated Bill is, unfortunately, a perfect example of how different I am from Jesus.

I worked with Bill many years ago at a newspaper. We were both reporters. Bill was always friendly, but his clothes were often rumpled and looked old. I made fun of him behind his back, using him to make myself more popular. Bill probably needed a friend and some understanding, but I never spent time getting to know him or care about him.

Jesus was so much different. He shows that in this week's Gospel. His opponents drag a woman caught in adultery before him. Why? They want to trap him, hoping he'll speak against Jewish religious law. They care nothing about the woman, her embarrassment, or why she sinned. Maybe she's not as guilty as she appears. They simply use her. Jesus, on the other hand, focuses on the woman. He ignores their question and acts with compassion toward her.

All of us have probably hurt people by using them. Some people use others for humour. Some for sex. Some for a better mark or promotion. Sometimes people let themselves be used, especially lonely people who crave attention. We've seen this happen in society, at school, in the workplace, right? Pornography and prostitution also thrive because people let themselves be used and degraded.

It's sinful to use people, even when they agree to it. Lent is a good time to ask difficult questions. Have we used people? Do we have the courage of Jesus to stand up and stop others when we see them using people?

**When have you used someone else or stopped someone from being used?**

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES WILL BE TAKEN UP ON GOOD FRIDAY.**

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

Isaiah 50: 4-7    Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2    Philippians 2: 6-11    Luke 22: 14-23:56

## EASTER TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

### INVITATION FROM ST MATTHEWS SCHOOL TO PARISHIONERS



### The Way of the Cross

St Matthews will be preparing for Holy Week by making a *Way of the Cross pilgrimage* from the school to

St Mary's this **Thursday 11th April**.

Parishioners are invited to participate in the pilgrimage and are asked to sign in through the school's front office.

The pilgrimages will start at 12.35pm and 2.20pm from the grassed area in front of the Library.



### Importance of the Easter Triduum

*"Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).*

**HOLY WEEK** embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the Penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated *before* Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all way focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

*Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts. SC110*



### Holy Week Liturgies

#### Monday 15th April

Clergy Seminar Bathurst  
5.45pm Chrism Mass Bathurst

#### Tuesday 16th April

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

#### Wednesday 17th April

11.00am Anointing Mass Kandos followed by lunch.  
4.00pm Holy Hour  
5.00pm Mass

#### ST MARY'S, MUDGEE

#### HOLY THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL

**6:00pm** Mass of the Last Supper  
Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### GOOD FRIDAY, 19TH APRIL

**11:00am:** Stations of the Cross  
**3:00pm:** Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion



#### HOLY SATURDAY, 20TH APRIL

**6.00pm:** Easter Vigil Mass

#### EASTER SUNDAY, 21st APRIL

**7:30am** Mass **9:00am** Mass **10:30am** Mass

#### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GULGONG

#### GOOD FRIDAY, 19TH APRIL

**3.00pm** Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion

#### HOLY SATURDAY, 20TH APRIL

**5:00pm** Easter Vigil Mass

#### ST MALACHY'S RYLSTONE AND ST DOMINIC'S KANDOS

#### HOLY THURSDAY, 18TH APRIL

5:00pm Mass of the Last Supper –  
St Malachy's Rylstone

#### GOOD FRIDAY, 19TH APRIL

**10:00am** Ecumenical Stations Of The Cross  
(Commencing at St. Malachy's, Rylstone)

#### EASTER SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

**9:00am** Mass St Dominic's Kandos