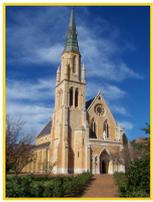


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of Lent Year C - 14th April 2019

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First Reading: *Isaiah 50: 4-7*

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24 R.v.2

All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend.' (R)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones. (R)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.' (R)

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: **Luke 22: 14-23:56**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

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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.

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 Communal Reconciliation Mudgee

Wednesday 17th April

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

**EASTER TRIDUUM
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

EASTER TRIDUUM MINISTRIES MUDGEE

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 or by phone 63722122.

**MUDGEE ROSTER IS ON THE WHITEBOARD
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
IF THERE ARE GAPS PLEASE FILL IN
TO ASSIST WHERE YOU CAN.**

COUNTERS	15/4 E. Goodlet	23/4 D.Holden	
	J. Potts	L.Nicholson	
Gulgong Liturgy Roster	EASTER SATURDAY 20th April 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	21st April 2019
<i>Leader</i>			
<i>Commentator</i>	R.Saliba		
<i>Reader</i>	J.Thatcher	<i>Readers</i>	T.Ryan P.O'Connor
<i>Offertory</i>	M & R Morrissey	<i>Intercessions</i>	K.Morrissey
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Gaudry M.Carney	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	Sr Kath L.McPherson
<i>Sacristan</i>	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath H. Roberts

Requests for Easter Masses - Please have at the Parish Office by Wednesday 12 noon.

Easter Dues Envelopes - Available at the back of the Church.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:
We pray for the recently deceased especially
Joan McKerchar
We remember the anniversaries of Trevor Robinson, Joan Gallagher, Ted Micallef, Pat Morrison Gael Hundy and Jane Drummond.
We also pray for the soul of Owen Milton, Bradley Quinn, Malcolm Whiteley and Russell Hundy.
Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Anna Swintek, Lyncoln Craig, Eliza Vasilis (Syd), Joe Saliba, Barbara Robertson (Newcastle), Sr Janet Heath (North Richmond), Anton Blazavic,, 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, Michael 'Tex' Gillham, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins.
All the residents in our Nursing Homes.

MUDGEE NEWS

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

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.

KANDOS NEWS

Anointing Mass this Wednesday 11.00am at Kandos. Lunch in the hall after Mass - please contact Sr Kath or Carol if you will be attending.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage



The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019.

Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand).

Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

Baptism

We welcome to the Parish Family **Archie William McKay** son of Jackson and Casey baptised in St Malachy's Church this weekend.



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

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GOOD FRIDAY

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

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. The 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'.



Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.

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.



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Keep up with what is happening in the parish.

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St Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church - Mudgee.

Learn about the book launch of 'Unlocking Your Parish', attended by Karl Sinclair. The book was written by Fr James Mallon and Ron Huntley.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Ps. 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20: 1-9

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS

Love Divine, All Love Excelling.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven to earth come down,
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all the faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 Pure unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation,
 enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive,
 suddenly return and never,
 never more thy temples leave.
 Thee would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray and praise thee,
 without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation,
 perfectly restored in thee:
 Change from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 until we cast our crowns
 before thee,
 lost in wonder, love and praise.

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There's A Wideness in God's Mercy.

There's a wideness in God's mercy
 like the wideness of the sea, and
 forgiveness in his justice sealed for
 us on Calvary. There is plentiful
 redemption through the blood that
 Christ has shed; there is joy for all
 the members in the sorrows of the
 Head.

For the love of God broader than
 the measures of the mind; and the
 heart of the Eternal is the most
 wonderfully kind. But we make his
 love too narrow by false limits of our
 own, and we magnify his strictness
 with a zeal he will not own.

Restless souls, why do you scatter
 like a crowd of frightened sheep?
 Foolish hearts, why do you wander
 from a love so true and deep? If our
 love were but more simple we
 should take him at his word; and our
 lives would be illumined by the
 goodness of the Lord.

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IN FOCUS

Blessed are the Merciful

It seems to me that through my son's growing-up years, I have felt every slight pain, misunderstanding, rejection, etc., that he has experienced. He never walked to the same drummer and never dreamed the same dreams as his peers. To this day, he hears his own drumbeat, and for being different he has suffered, mostly unjustly. (Lots of joys in life too, not to overstate here). In today's gospel Jesus is on the cross, certainly unjustly, and still the crowds mock him. The leaders have no pity and even one of the thieves hanging beside him is jeering at him. The other one, though, understands that Jesus is innocent and did not deserve the punishment of the cross. Jesus said to him, "Today you will be with me in paradise".

Mercy ... Mercy is the other hand of compassion. We feel for another and we are drawn to take their part. We really and deeply care - as the good thief did for Jesus. "Blessed are the merciful," Jesus said to the crowd, "for they shall obtain mercy," again as the good thief did. Ponder the virtue of mercy today and try to extend it to anyone around you who is suffering or in need.

On this Palm Sunday, Jesus, you are greeted by the crowd with songs of joy. May I too greet you with love and praise. The crowd that cheered you, however, turned against you on Good Friday. May I be your loyal follower in good times and in bad. Hosanna, Jesus, I offer praise to you, may I give you joy in all that I do today and during this Holy Week. Have mercy on me when I fall. Amen.

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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

INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR TO COME TO THE EASTER CELEBRATIONS WITH YOU.

