

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.



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 21st April 2019

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Easter 2019

How did the disciples feel when they woke up on that first Easter morning? Awful. Jesus, in whom they had put all their hopes, had been cruelly executed. And, to make matters worse, many of them had deserted him in his final hours. But soon, their despair would be turned to joy.

“Why are you looking for the living among the dead?”

In Luke's Gospel, this is the question that God's messengers put to Jesus' followers who came to the tomb on the first Easter morning.

These women had not come to look for the living. Now that the Sabbath was over, they had come with spices and ointments to prepare a corpse for burial. They had seen Jesus die, and with him the hopes they had in him.

“Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here: he is risen.” And then the news began to spread among the disciples. And before long they were meeting the risen Lord and receiving his forgiveness and the fullness of life he had come to give.

This is the message of Easter, this is the heart of our faith. Do I truly believe it?

“Why are you looking for the living among the dead?” That same question can be asked of you and me, when we are full of gloom at the darkness we see: in our world, in our church, in our own lives.

It is understandable that the women at the tomb did not think of looking for life. It is understandable that sometimes we lose heart, too. But the message of Easter is a call to lift our eyes from dead things, which are indeed real, to where life is, just as real and far more powerful.

In Matthew's account, the angel tells the disciples that Jesus has gone ahead to Galilee and will meet them there. This Easter, this year, where is Galilee for you and me? Where will we meet him?

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 22nd April

No Service

Tuesday, 23rd April

9.00am Mass Mudgee

Wednesday, 24th April

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

**5.30pm Pastoral Council meeting
(Postponed AGM)**

Thursday, 25th April

ANZAC DAY MASS

9.00am Mass Mudgee

Friday, 26th April

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

2.00pm Burial Joan McKerchar (nee Hundy)

Windeyer Catholic Cemetery.

Saturday, 27th April

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 28th April

Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos

Celebration of Word and Holy Communion.

Liturgy Roster 27th/28th April

Commentator	D.Cunningham	Susie Bennett
Readers	L.Nicholson M.Bannister	C.Berridge J.Keipert
Special Ministers of Communion	I.Byrne P.Dick *	P.O'Brien K.Scott C.Dawson
Offertory Procession	S & M Milton	C. Berridge N. Whitmore
Welcomers	L.Cahill K.Isbester	S. Walker L. Cahill
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Counters	23/4 D. Holden D.Donnely	29/4 D.Holden S & G Robinson
Children's Liturgy	NO CHILDREN'S DURING SCHOOL	LITURGY HOLIDAYS

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 28th April 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 28th April 2019
<i>Leader</i>			Rev C Applin
<i>Commentator</i>	D.Hudson		
<i>Reader</i>	R.Saliba	<i>Readers</i>	A.Krusvar H.Roberts
<i>Offertory</i>	Z. Drew L.Hope	<i>Intercessions</i>	L.McPherson
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Holland J.Thatcher	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	H.Roberts
<i>Sacristan</i>	R.Saliba H.Seymour	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Joan McKerchar (nee Hundy).

We remember the anniversaries of Lyn Wakeling, Barry Rheinberger, John Fitzpatrick, Lloyd Potts, Ciro Spedaliere, Barbara Muller and Kevin Byrnes.

We also pray for the soul of Joe Swintek, Phil Darby, Ivy & Reg Robinson and family, Sr Mary Clement, all deceased family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Liam Potts, Anna Swintek, Lyncoln Craig, Eliza Vasilis (Syd), Joe Saliba, Barbara Robertson (Newcastle), 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.

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.



Baptism:

We welcome to the Parish Family **Emmett William Murphy** son of Brett and Emma baptised at St Mary's Church this weekend.

MUDGEE NEWS

Anzac Day Mass - 9.00am Thursday 25th April.

Pastoral Council Meeting (Postponed AGM) 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

GULGONG NEWS:

GCWG: Thank you to everyone who supported the Street Stall last week - it was very successful.

Results of the Raffle:

1st prize: S.Parnell

100 Club No.1

1st. H.Gleeson, 2nd D.Rayner, 3rd R.McRae

100 Club No. 2

1st Nanette, 2nd H.Copp, 3rd V.Seis

St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

Invite you to their Morning Tea and sale of crafts, plants, cakes and slices



on

Wednesday 8th May

from 9.30am in the Parish Centre.

Proceeds of morning tea (\$5) the raffle go to Mudgee CanAssist.



Congratulations to

Ken & Dianne Brown celebrating their 56th Wedding Anniversary.

Married at Waverley College Chapel 20th April 1963.

May God almighty bless your marriage!

And keep you both in bliss.

God bless you both on this special day.



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.

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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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Easter Time: the fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter..... GNLIC 22-24

"Accept the Risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a step towards him: he awaits you with open arms."



~ Pope Francis

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St Mary of the Presentation Catholic Mudgee

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 2: 42-47

Ps. 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

St Peter 1:3-9

John 20: 19-31

Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 R.v.24

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end. (R)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes (R)

Alleluia,
Christ
is
risen!
He is
indeed,
Alleluia!

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting,
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ in truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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