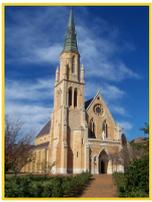


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Second Easter Sunday - 28th April 2019

Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons
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9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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First Reading: Acts 5: 12 - 16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117: 2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R)**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord is our light. **(R)**

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 29th April

All Hallows - return to school
 No Service
 12.00noon Funeral Service - Sharon Frost - Gulgong
 3.30pm First Holy Communion State School Lessons
 Mudgee

Tuesday, 30th April

St Matthews - return to school
 9.00am Communion Service Mudgee

Wednesday, 1st May

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

Thursday, 2nd May

9.10am Mass Mudgee

Friday, 3rd May

10.30am Opal Nursing Home Mass
 12 - 12.15 Reconciliation
 12.30pm Mass Mudgee
 1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates

Saturday, 4th May

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
 6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee
 6.00pm First Holy Communion Family Activity

Sunday, 5th May

9.00am Mass Mudgee
 9.00am First Holy Communion Family Activity
 10.30am Gulgong -
 Celebration of Word and Holy Communion
 10.30am Rosary Kandos
 11.00am Kandos - Mass

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
Florence Anne Callaghan daughter of
 Scott and Lucy baptised at
 St Mary's Church this weekend.

Liturgy Roster 4th/5th May

Commentator	A.Flynn	M. McLean
Readers	P. Cannon G. Brymora	M. Dorney J. O'Brien
Special Ministers of Communion	D. Cunningham K. Fitzsimmons	R. Gawthorne J. Keipert M. Devitt
Offertory Procession	A & M Wilson	E. Csuba M. Knight
Welcomers	F & V Solti	C. Hayman L. Ford
Altar Servers	S. Hawes	R. Maguire M. Griffith R. George A. Disher
Counters	23/4 D. Holden D.Donnelly	29/4 D.Holden S & G Robinson
Children's Liturgy	28/4 NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY	5/5 M. Carter C. Berridge

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 5th May 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 5th May 2019
<i>Leader</i>	P. Leotta		
<i>Commentator</i>	E. Donnelly		
<i>Reader</i>	D. Hudson	Readers	P. O'Connor L. McPherson
<i>Offertory</i>	E & M Carney	Intercessions	T. Ryan
Special Minister of Communion	R. Saliba C. Gaudry	Special Minister of Communion	A. Krusvar Sr Kath
<i>Sacristan</i>	E. Donnelly C. Gaudry	Sacristan	H. Roberts

Masses and prayers requested for the following:
We pray for the recently deceased especially Sharon Frost and Dorothy 'Dolly' Lee
We remember the anniversaries of Barry Rheinberger, Min Mealy, Lorna Malone, Rose Roberts, Cath Quinn, Leo Tobin, Tom Hundy, Taidy Roberts, Siobhan Woods, Therese Billmon, Joyce Gallagher, Alice Boyd-Skinner, Ross Lloyd
We also pray for the soul of Joe Swintek, Phil Darby, Ivy & Reg Robinson and family, Sr Mary Clement, Miriam Byers, 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, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins. All the residents in our Nursing Homes.

MUDGEE NEWS

Friday, 3rd May

1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday, 16th May,

1.30pm or 7.00pm First Holy Communion Parent Meeting Session 2

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:

A new roster is currently being prepared for Kandos and Rylstone Parish. If you are interested in assisting with ministries or helping in the church, please see Sr Kath.



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

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.



First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

For Families that were unable to attend the previous First Holy Communion commitment masses, we will be holding an extra Commitment Mass weekend.

**Saturday 4th May 6pm
and
Sunday 5th May 9am.**

Let us pray for peace, and let us bring it about, starting in our own homes!



Sing ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'.

GIRM 39

LITURGY MEETING will be on Wednesday, 1st May at 4pm in the Parish Centre

Parish Council AGM was held on Wednesday 24th April. We welcome our new members, Annette Fergus, Chris Devitt and Elizabeth Cahill.

The Executive committee for the next twelve months are:

President: Julie Keipert

Vice President: Kristie Newman

Secretary: Elizabeth Cahill

Current Members:

Fr Owen Gibbons, Karl Sinclair, Anne McLean, Debbie Lowe, Daniel Salomoni, Patti Kiddle, Louise Nicholson, Dawn Bennett, Ellen Day, Ross McKeown, Sandy Abbey and Jason Hanrahan

HELP NEEDED...

Our parish is currently running a Youth Group in Mudgee. Youth Groups are a wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish to deepen their faith.

We are looking for Parishioners that can help with supervision of the children. The Youth Groups are run after school a Monday or Wednesday.

If you are interest, please contact Ellen via the Parish Office.

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES MEETING will be on Friday, 3rd May at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre.



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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

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Thomas Is Looking for You

Someone once asked Gandhi, the great Hindu peacemaker, why he had rejected Christianity. Gandhi said he never rejected Jesus. He just couldn't find many Christians that actually lived like Jesus taught.

What would Gandhi say if he visited your church, family, youth group, or school?

This week's Gospel points out an important reality about Jesus' Resurrection. People often need some proof to really believe in it. Thomas was like you and me. He found the disciples' story hard to believe until Jesus appeared and showed him his wounds.

Looking back on my life, I realise I became convinced about Jesus' victory over death because of Catholic heroes. I've come to believe

because, like Thomas, I've seen Jesus' wounds in people like Oscar Romero, a Central-American bishop who was martyred because he protested oppression. Romero was canonised by Pope Francis and joined the Communion of Saints in 2018. I see Jesus' wounds in every person who sacrifices time, sweat, or blood to ease suffering or stand for good.

This Easter season ask yourself whether a doubting Thomas could see the resurrected Jesus in your daily life. Could someone come to believe in Christ by watching how you treat family, friends, and classmates? Would someone praise God because of how you sacrifice for the poor? Would someone believe the Gospel's message because of how you take risks to do the right thing?

If Gandhi or Oscar Romero followed you this week, what would they say?

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St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

Invite you to their

Mother's Day Sale and Morning Tea

on

Wednesday 8th May

from 9.30am in the Parish Centre.



Cost for the Morning tea is \$5 per person.

Proceeds of morning tea and the raffle go to Mudgee CanAssist.



We extend our appreciation to all who assisted with the preparations during Easter, and to all who assisted with the various ministries at the Masses.