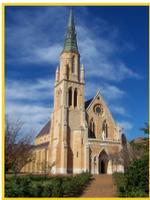


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Third Sunday of Easter: Year C - 5th May 2019

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons  
**Seminarian**  
Mr Karl Sinclair  
**Deacon** Charles Applin (Kandos)

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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

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### First Reading:

**Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41**

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy spirit*

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Psalm 29:2,4-6,11-13**

**All: I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R)**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R)**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing: O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R)**

### Second Reading:

**Apocalypse 5:11-14**

*The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

### Gospel: John 21:1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

### Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.



### 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.

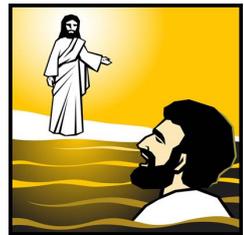
## REFLECTION

by Diane Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.



**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday, 6th May**

No Service  
3.30pm First Holy Communion State School Lessons  
Mudgee.

**Tuesday, 7th May**

9.00am Mass

**Wednesday, 8th May**

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

**Thursday, 9th May**

9.10am Mass Mudgee  
10.30am Mass Gulgong AH - K/1/2

**Friday, 10th May**

10.30am Mass Pioneer House  
12 - 12.15 Reconciliation  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee  
Mass for families who have lost a child.

**Saturday, 11th May**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee  
6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday, 12th May**

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy  
10.30am Mass Gulgong  
10.30am Rosary Rylstone  
11.00am Rylstone -  
Celebration of Word and Holy Communion.

**Liturgy Roster 11th/12th May**

<b>Commentator</b>	M.Melinz	M. Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	A.Wilson I.Byrne	L.Littler J.Tioseco
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	L.Nicholson G.Hennessy S. Abbey	Simon Bennett K.Scott K.Baker
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Thomas Ryan	Saxon Keaton
<b>Welcomers Gospel Procession</b>	F & V Solti Tyson Baille	Disher Family Imogen & Maeve Cleary
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A.Mills J.Newman	H.Rodgers J & J Gilbert S.Marchant
<b>Counters</b>	6/5 E.Goodlet M.Walker	13/5 D.Holden P.O'Brien
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	5/5 M. Carter C. Berridge	12/5 M.Kemp *

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 12th May 2019</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 12th May 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>			C.Applin
<i>Commentator</i>	D.Kelly		
<i>Reader</i>	M.McGregor	<b>Readers</b>	H.Roberts M.Chadwick
<i>Offertory</i>	E & M Carney	<b>Intercessions</b>	K.Morrissey
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R.Saliba C.Holland	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	A.Krusvar
<i>Sacristan</i>	R.Saliba H.Seymour	<b>Sacristan</b>	A.Krusvar

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

**The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity**

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

**Baptism:**



We welcome to the Parish Family **Abigail Kaye Davidson** daughter of Scott and Lucy and **Heath Matthew Woods-Smith** son of Jake and Natalie. Baptised at St Mary's Church this weekend.

**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Dr Robert Dick (London), Sharon Frost and Dorothy 'Dolly' Lee.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Noel Dorney, James 'Miln' Craft and Joyce Gallagher.

**We also pray for the soul of** Mgr John Frawley, Sr Lucia Carroll, Sr Mary Clement, Sr Maria Mahon and all deceased family and friends.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Liam Potts, Anna Swintek, Lincoln 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:**

\* Mother's Day is a difficult time for families who have suffered the death of a child (son or daughter, young or old). **Mass next Friday 10th May** will be offered for these families in remembrance of their loss.

\* **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting** Session 2 - Thursday, 16th May, 1.30pm and a repeat session at 7.00pm.

\* **Mudgee 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 on a Monday or Wednesday.

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

**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.

**GULGONG NEWS:**

**Gulgong Catholic Women's Group** next meeting, Tuesday 14th May 2.00pm in the Convent.

**ROSTER:** The new roster is available at the back of the Church. Anyone who has nominated for the various Ministries is urged to take a copy.

***St Mary's Craft and Friendship  
Group***

Invite you to their Mother's Day  
Sale and Morning Tea  
this

**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.



**Painters @ Mudgee**

**Friday 10th/ Saturday 11th May,  
St Mary's Parish Centre.**

Painters @ Mudgee is a group of local and visiting artists who will be painting on location at various venues around Mudgee. Their unframed works will be available for sale on Friday 10th May from 6pm to 9pm with official opening by Councillor Sam Paine also on view Saturday 11th May 9am-12 noon at St Mary's Parish Centre. All welcome. Entry gold coin donation.

**PROJECT  
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**Shalom Long Lunch**

*Working for Human Rights*

On Sunday 29th May at 12:00pm -  
3:00pm

Speaker: Ms Sarah Druce. B.C. and B.L. (Hons) Uni Sydney Sarah is a human rights lawyer who up until 2016 was based in Singapore teaching low-income migrant workers, who came from the Philippines, Indonesia and Myanmar, financial and business skills. Recently Sarah has been working to secure urgent and necessary medical treatment for children and adult refugees on Nauru and Manus islands.

Cost : \$40 PP ( 3 course meal)

To Book for lunch phone ; 02  
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**St Mary of the Presentation  
Catholic Mudgee**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Acts 13:14,43-52

Psalms 99:1-3,5

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

John 10:27-30



## Good Shepherd Sunday 12th May 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last year, the Pastoral Letter that I sent you was called “Only A Priest”. In the context of the common share that all the Faithful have in the Priesthood of Christ, I wrote about the unique and indispensable ministry of ordained priests.

The Church needs priests for the Mass and sacraments; and for leading and teaching in the way of the Apostles, lest we become just another organisation or club, forgetting who Christ calls us to be.

Today, I ask you to pray for your priests and to support them in practical ways. Their material needs depend upon the contributions of the people they serve.

I also ask you to pray for our eight seminarians, who are at various stages of the journey to ordination. God willing, by the time Good Shepherd Sunday comes around next year, we may have two new priests.

The cost of educating our priests is a responsibility for everyone: and I ask you to consider prayerfully your donation to this annual appeal.

Yours in Christ,  
+Michael McKenna  
**Bishop of Bathurst**

**The Month of May.** Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord’s return....

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ’s mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.  
SC 102, 103

### GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

#### Your Mistakes Can Be “Food” for Others



Sometimes I feel like Peter. Not because I’m holy, but because Jesus has given me the chance to admit my past mistakes, correct them, and use them for building God’s Reign.

As a young bloke, I stopped going to church and praying. I lived a self-centred life. I didn’t care about anyone but myself. Over time that lifestyle left me with a deep sense of emptiness. Jesus filled that emptiness when I turned back to God, sought forgiveness, and resolved to live differently. I’m still a sinner. But now I encourage people to draw close to Christ and this avoid the mistakes I made. I try to use my past mistakes to help others.

Jesus offers Peter that same opportunity in this week’s Gospel. Peter denied Jesus three times. So Jesus invites Peter to repent and be forgiven by expressing his love three times. Peter has the chance to repair the damage his denials caused. Repentance can free you from the guilt that keeps you from fully loving yourself and others. You can’t really be free until, like Peter, you try to correct the damage your sins leave behind.

You can also use those sins to help others. Look at how the Gospel uses Peter’s sin to teach us about Jesus’ love and our ability to start anew.

Easter is a good time to correct and learn from your mistakes. The Risen Christ offers you the opportunity and the courage to look honestly at your mistakes, repair damage they caused in your relationships, and use what you have learned to help others. Take up Christ on this offer. And then follow him.

***What places in your life are messy because of sin and need cleaning up this Easter?***

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We ask the Risen Jesus,  
who turns death into life,  
to change hatred into love,  
vengeance into forgiveness,  
war into peace.