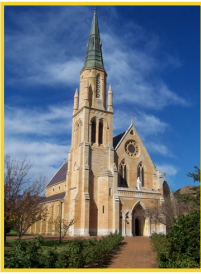


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter: Year C - 12th May 2019

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Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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.

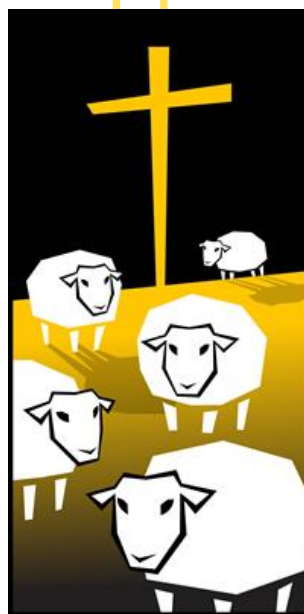
The Church needs priests for the Mass and sacraments; and for leading and teaching in the way of the Apostles, lest we become just another organisation or club, forgetting who Christ calls us to be.

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



Prayer for Vocations

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage
to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals,
to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples
to mutual love and giving—
for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life,
parish ministries, and families
with the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace.
Amen.

— Pope Francis

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 13th May

No Service

4.00pm First Holy Communion State School Lessons Mudgee.

Tuesday, 14th May

9.00am Mass

2.00pm Gulgong Catholic Women's Group meeting.

Wednesday 15th May

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

Thursday, 16th May

9.10am Mass Mudgee

1.30pm & 7.00pm

First Holy Communion second Parent Session Mudgee

Friday, 17th May

11.00am Mass Kanandah

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 18th May

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 19th May

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of Word and Holy Communion.

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Mass Rylstone

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Lesley Begley (Syd), Dr Robert Dick (London), Sharon Frost.

We remember the anniversaries of Bob Prowse, Hugo Toro, Rosario Anson Gomez, Jerome Gomez, Emilia Sfechic

We also pray for the soul of Katalin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, Joe Swintek, Bill and Nancy Gaffney, Sr Mary Clement, Sr Lucia Carroll, Sr Maria Mahon, Alma Thomas, Julie Bennett. Betty Gibbons, Alice Boyd-Skinner and James 'Milln' Craft and 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 Donelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins. All in our nursing homes.

All the residents in our Nursing Homes.

Liturgy Roster 18th/19th May

Commentator	L.Ryan	Susie Bennett
Readers	S.Abbey D.Salomoni	R.Disher R.McKeown
Special Ministers of Communion	F.Melinz G.Brymora D.Cunningham	P.O'Brien M.Gilbert C.Dawson
Offertory Procession	L.Walker	L.Wrigley I.Swift
Welcomers Gospel Procession	T.Ryan Tyson Baille jackson smith	???????? A.McFarlane
Altar Servers	E.English M.English B.Scotti	A.Walker L.ockley N.Sntucci
Counters	13/5 D.Holden P.O'Brien	20/5 E.Goodlet D.Bennett
Children's Liturgy	12/5 M.Kemp *	19/5 K.Coughlan E.Day

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 19th May 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 19th May 2019
<i>Leader</i>	D.Kelly		
<i>Commentator</i>	R.Saliba		
<i>Reader</i>	P.Leotta	<i>Readers</i>	K.Morrissey C.Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	E & M Carney	<i>Intercessions</i>	C.D'Ilio
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	M.Carney C.Holland	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	Sr Kath
<i>Sacristan</i>	E.Donelly G.Ausburn	<i>Sacristan</i>	A.Krusvar

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish Family



Baptised at St Mary's Church this weekend **Oscar Beau Smith** son of James and Elsie.

Max Andrew Buckley and **Samuel Robert Buckley** children of Kurt and Jessica.

Milla Joanne Ruming daughter of Callam and

Ali who is to be Baptised in Gulgong this weekend.

Be The Change
You Wish To See In The World

Mahatma Gandhi

MUDGEE NEWS:

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

* **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.

KANDOS NEWS:

Long overdue work on the trees in the grounds of St Dominic's Church/the Convent and spare block have been attended to this week. Our gratitude to the workmen for a job well done.

GULGONG NEWS:

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

Meeting in Gulgong
for Leaders of the
Sunday Celebration of Word,
Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.
Sunday June 16th.

Starts: 9.00am

11.00am Sunday Celebration of Word and Holy Communion

Lunch 12.00pm - 1.00pm

1.00pm Afternoon session.

Please RSVP to Marilyn Carney.

PLEASE NOTE the change of time for the Sunday Celebration of Word and Holy Communion will be **11.00am**.

All the community is welcome.

GULGONG 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.

**Safe Church Awareness
Workshop in Mudgee
SATURDAY 22ND JUNE
9.00am - 3.00pm**

The Diocese of Bathurst will be hosting workshops throughout the year with the aim being to equip individuals in safeguarding best practice.

This training is open to individuals of all denominations from across the Diocese. Those who are involved in child-related activities are encouraged to attend.

It is essential for all who assist in the parishes in all areas of ministry - Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists etc.

Please reserve the date in your diary.

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 63673055

Or Email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Or Book on line: shalomcarcoar.com

Amnesty International Australian National Director, Claire Mallinson will be visiting Mudgee On **Tuesday 14th May 4-6pm** at the Uniting Church Hall to talk about Amnesty's work including the recent success in the campaign to release Australian resident and Bahraini refugee Hakeem al-Araibi, the Rohingya crisis and her visit to Cox's Bazaar refugee camp in Bangladesh.

RISEN FORMATION DAY

Date and Time: Sunday 2 June
9.00am - 3.00pm

LOCATION: St Matthew's Catholic School, Mudgee

Enquiries: Deacon Josh
E: ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au or Mob: 0458 261 513

Online registration is available at <https://forms.gle/bPi2n6Y1yahaWX8Q7> for those who are recommended by the parish.

RISEN is for students in Years 9-11. They can join together with other Youth from the Diocese and train to be leaders for **RISE Youth Festival** to be held from 10-12 July at Perthville. **RISEN Team Formation** will equip students to lead small groups and provide them with skills for everyday life. There will be great music, lots of fun and an opportunity to gain skills in leadership, music ministry and different communication methods.

Confirmation

Bishop Michael McKenna will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in Mudgee and Gulgong on the weekend of 3rd/4th August.

Children who are in Yr 6 who have already received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are eligible to receive Confirmation in 2019.

If there are children in the Government schools who wish to be confirmed this year please register at the parish office.

Information letters explaining the requirements will be going out shortly.



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Keep up with what is happening in the parish.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 144: 8-13. R. cf. v. 1

Apocalypse 21:1-5

John 13: 31-35

First Reading:

Acts 13:14,43-52

We are now returning to the gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 99:1-3,5

**All: We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **(R)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **(R)**



Second Reading:

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Memorial Acclamation:

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

WHAT IS A MOTHER?

It takes a Mother's **LOVE**

to make a house a home,

a place to be remembered,

no matter where we roam

It takes a Mother's **PATIENCE**

to bring a child up right,

and her **COURAGE** and her **CHEERFULNESS**

to make a dark day bright

It takes a Mother's **THOUGHTFULNESS**

to mend the heart's deep 'hurts',

and her **SKILL** and her **ENDURANCE**

to keep the household bright.

It takes a Mother's **KINDNESS**

to forgive us when we stray

To sympathise when we're in trouble

and bow her head in prayer

It takes a Mother's **WISDOM**

to recognise our needs

and to give us reassurance

by her loving words and deeds

It takes a Mother's **ENDLESS FAITH,**

her **CONFIDENCE** and **TRUST**

To guide us through our selfishness and mistrust

and that is why in all this world

there could not be

another who could fulfil God's purpose as

completely as a **MOTHER!**

WE WISH ALL WOMEN

A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural

identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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