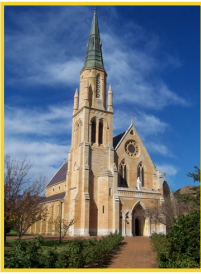


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter: Year C - 19th May 2019

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First reading Acts 14: 21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

**All: I will praise your name
forever my King
and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R)**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Apocalypse 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from your eyes.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



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Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 20th May

No Service

4.00pm First Holy Communion State School Lessons
Mudgee.

Tuesday, 21st May

9.00am Communion Service

Wednesday 22nd May

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

Thursday, 23rd May

9.10am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong AH Yr 3/4

5.45pm Parish Finance Council Meeting.

Friday, 24th May

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 25th May

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 26th May

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos

Celebration of Word and Holy Communion.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Marilyn Dalton (Syd), Jim Charlesworth (Young).

We remember the anniversaries of Bill Milton,

David McLean, Ian Carter and Yvonne Kelly.

We also pray for the soul of all deceased

family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at

this time: Liam Potts, Anna Swintek, Lyncoln Craig,

Dorothy Gilbert (Canada), 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.



Liturgy Roster 25th/26th May

Commentator	M.Melinz	A.McLean
Readers	S.Connor P.Cannon	L.Finter P.Portelli
Special Ministers of Communion	I.Byrne F.Melinz	R.McKeown L.Rodgers Kylie Scott
Offertory Procession	W.Jessiman T.Baillie	N.Mclean L.Robbins
Welcomers Gospel Procession	L.Wrigley S & S Connor T.Ryan	A.Freeman G.Martyn S.Hannigan L.Macey R. Annesley
Altar Servers	HELP NEEDED	A & A Littler A.Portelli
Counters	20/5 E.Goodlet D.Bennett	27/5 D.Holden D.Donnely
Children's Liturgy	19/5 K.Coughlan E.Day	HELP NEEDED

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 26th May 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 26th May 2019
<i>Leader</i>			Deacon Charles
<i>Commentator</i>	M.O'Brien		
<i>Reader</i>	S.Parnell	<i>Readers</i>	T.Doorey H.Roberts
<i>Offertory</i>	C.Holland Family	<i>Intercessions</i>	L.McPherson
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	C.Gaudry J.Thatcher	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	K.Morrissey
<i>Sacristan</i>	C & E Holland	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sr Kath T.Doorey

TIMELY REMINDER:

We are unable to print the names of the sick or deceased on the bulletin without the authority of the person involved or a direct relative.

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.

"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember;
involve me and I'll understand. Chinese Proverb

MUDGEE NEWS:

First Holy Communion: Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June.

Please continue to pray for the children as they approach the last weeks of preparation.

The **Retreat Day** will be held Thursday 30th May in the Parish Centre from 9.00am - 3.00pm

*** 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.

GULGONG NEWS:

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.

Currently we are looking at some maintenance issues on the Gulgong Church and Convent in conjunction with the diocese.

Our grateful thanks to small group entrusted to keeping an eye on these issues as they arise. Further details as they come to hand.

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 26th 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

Dates to keep in Mind

Saturday/Sunday 25th May

Gifting Sunday for 2019/20
Planned Giving Program.

Saturday 1st/Sunday 2nd June

First Holy Communion Mudgee.

Saturday 22nd June

Safe Church Awareness Workshop Mudgee

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.

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.



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happening in the parish.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalm 66: 2-, 5-6, 8. R. v. 4

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

**ST MARY'S PARENTS,
PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FLOOR
HEATERS WHEN SEATED IN THE CENTRE
ISLES OF THE CHURCH WITH SMALL
CHILDREN.**

To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty.

Pope Francis



Help Palms Achieve a World Free of Poverty

Share your skills with a community organisation in Asia or the Pacific to contribute to **sustainable solutions to poverty**. Our community partners have requested teachers, nurses, tradies and more to work alongside a local counterpart in 2020.

We welcome all those who envision **volunteering their skills overseas** in the next few years to join our next training course, starting in Sydney on July 6th.

Visit



We are the Body - Emmanuel Worship

We serve You, everyday Lord serve You!
We Love You, everyday Lord love You!
We Worship You, everyday Lord worship you!
We live for You, everyday Lord Live for you!

**All God's people,
Come together.**
**All God's people,
Come together.**



We are the Body of Christ!
We are the Children of the Light!
We are the servants of the Lord!
We live to see the Kingdom come!

Love One Another

Today's Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Super discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: 'as I have loved you, you also must love one another'. In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

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Everyday Love

Jesus said to love one another, and each of us tries in small ways to do just that. It is a given that we strive to love parents, siblings, spouses, children, friends. But even to those outside our intimate circles we do our best - on a good day - to offer simple courtesies and acts of kindness. We send a note of thanks to a writer who moved us, drop of a bunch of flowers to some do-gooder whom we felt deserved recognition, give an acquaintance an unexpected gift that we knew they'd really enjoy, hold the lift for someone who's rushing to catch it.



Extending ourselves in such innocent and selfless ways makes us feel good because we know we've made someone else feel good. We've let another person know that they have worth, that they are remembered, and most of all, that they are loved.

Now think of the small acts of kindness directed toward you by strangers or acquaintances. Someone offers you a seat on the bus when you're loaded down with packages, a co-worker runs an errand for you when you're having a particularly bad day, a driver lets you pass so you don't miss your exit, a colleague compliments you on your smile. These tender mercies signal to us that we, too, have worth, that we are remembered, and, above all, that we are loved. Thus God is glorified daily.

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