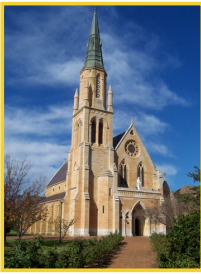


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Sixth Sunday of Easter: Year C - 26th May 2019

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons  
**Seminarian**  
Mr Karl Sinclair  
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**Monday**  
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**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**  
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### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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### First Reading:

**Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29**

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Psalm 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8. R.v. 4**

**All: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**

### Second Reading:

**Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23**

*He showed me the Holy City coming down out of heaven.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

### Gospel: John 14:23-29

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

### Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



## National Sorry Day 26th May

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. For 150 years, indigenous children in Australia were separated from their families. The 'Bringing Them Home' report in 1997 shed light on this history of forced removal policies of past Australian Governments and their devastating impact on Aboriginal communities and cultures. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

## National Reconciliation Week 27th May- 3rd June

National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about the shared histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal people. The week connects two significant dates in Australia's history: 27th May - the Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and 3rd June - the historic Mabo decision of the High Court of Australia to recognise native title.

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

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 27th May

No Service

**4.00pm** First Holy Communion State School Lessons  
Mudgee

Tuesday, 28th May

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 29th 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

(Postponed from last week)

Thursday, 30th May

First Holy Communion Retreat Day Mudgee

9.10am Mass Mudgee: SMCS - Yr 3

Friday, 31st May

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 1st June

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Mudgee

Sunday, 2nd June

The Ascension of the Lord

9.00am Mass Mudgee

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of Word and Holy Communion

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Mass Kandos

Liturgy Roster 1st/2nd June

Commentator	D.Cunningham	A.McLean
Readers	R.Disher L.Ryan	M.Whitmore C.Berridge
Special Ministers of Communion	P.Dick M.Melinz G.Hennessy	S.Bennett C.Dawson J.Keipert
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	N.McLean L.Robbins
Welcomers	K.Wall G.Roberts	M.Knight HELP NEEDED
Altar Servers	2/6 NO LITURGY	9/6 E.Day J. van Diggelen
Counters	20/5 E.Goodlet D.Bennett	27/5 D.Holden D.Donnelly
Children's Liturgy	2/6 NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY	HELP NEEDED

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 2nd June 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 2nd June 2019
<i>Leader</i>	R.Saliba		
<i>Commentator</i>	C.Gaudry		
<i>Reader</i>	K.Ritar	<i>Readers</i>	C.D'Ilio P.O'Connor
<i>Offertory</i>		<i>Intercessions</i>	T.Ryan
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	R.saliba M.Carney	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	A.Krusvar L.McPherson
<i>Sacristan</i>	M & e Carney	<i>Sacristan</i>	H.Roberts

**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 this weekend



**Stevie Suemi Birchall** daughter of Adam and Leianne,

**Willow May McCall** daughter of Travis and Anouschka, **Michaela Azzopardi-Power** and **Austin Tahu** children of Nicole.

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

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Marilyn Dalton (Syd), Jim Charlesworth (Young).

**We remember the anniversary of** Joyce Gallagher.

**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:** Alma & Ed Ristau, Marg Doble, 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.

## Planned Giving Sunday

As we approach the end on another financial year we express our sincere gratitude to all parishioners who have supported our parish financially over this past year. Times are difficult for a number of families, yet these families continue to honour their commitment.

Without your financial support for our parish we cannot continue to do what we are called by God to do - look after the pastoral life and outreach of our parish which is our most important ministry. Thank you very much. To do this we must also pay the everyday running costs of electricity, rates, salaries, insurance etc. and attend to the maintenance of our heritage and other buildings for future generations.

This weekend we are asking all families in our parish to take up this commitment and to give what you can afford to our Planned Giving via the second collection which is for the support of our parish enabling us to carry out these ministries. You will see from the Financial Statements distributed in the seats today our expenses are higher than

our income. When we all contribute something with a shared sense of responsibility it is easier to grow our parish community, celebrating our new life in Jesus in all events of parish life.

There are different ways of contributing. Sets of Planned Giving envelopes are available whereby you place your weekly donation or increasingly, many parishioners now give their weekly donation electronically via either:-

- direct debit through their bank account;

or

- direct charge on their credit card.

All parishes are able to receive your weekly donation this way. All contributions to Planned Giving remain for the support of our parish.

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The First Collection supports the parish clergy including a stipend and presbytery expenses, support for the Bishop and his work and the care of those clergy who have ministered across our diocese and have now retired.

Thank you for your support.

### MUDGEE NEWS:

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

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

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

**Friday 7th June** Mudgee Josephite Associates monthly meeting in the Parish Centre after 12.30pm Mass.

### Risen Team Formation

#### St Matthew's School

**Saturday 2nd June.**

The formation Team will meet in Mudgee next weekend to train to be leaders for Rise Youth Festival, which will be held in July school holidays. Risen Team Formation will equip our young people to lead small groups and provide them with skills for everyday life. Great music, lots of fun with the opportunity to learn new skills in leadership, music ministry and communication.

The students will join us for Mass in the Parish next weekend.

### GULGONG NEWS:

**CHANGE OF DATE -Gulgong Catholic Women's Group will be meeting on TUESDAY 4TH JUNE** to enable planning for the Street Stall to be held on 8th June.

**Combined Churches Service,** Sunday 9th June in Coronation Park.

**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.

### Confirmation

**Letters to parents were distributed this week.**

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.

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

"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."

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**Keep up with what is happening in the parish.**

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 1: 1-11, 22-29    Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9.. R. v.    Ephesians 1:17-23    Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23    Luke 24: 46-53

### Our God Will Reign - Emmanuel Worship

There's a song that we can sing  
No matter what season we're in  
It's a song of praise to our God  
He's the King of promises  
He has done great things for us  
He has brought us out of the dark

And we cry:  
'Holy is the Lord',  
'Awesome is our God',  
Unafraid we stand and sing.



Our God will reign for ever  
Awesome God forever  
God will reign for evermore  
We'll stand as one together  
Our God will reign forever  
God will reign for evermore

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

*God's home is where the heart is*

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

*'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I will make our home with that person.'* It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

### IN FOCUS

#### Faith is a Family Feast

At our house, Sunday lunch was always pasta. It always had been and I guess that I always expected that it would be. When I left home and went off to university, after the Sunday community Mass, the entire campus would gather in the dining hall for a big banquet meal. But it never was pasta, so I found that I was never satisfied. It might have been ham or roast beef or fried chicken. It didn't matter. I was used to and needed my pasta on Sunday.

Decades have passed. But give me a choice, and on Sundays I would most like to be with my family sharing, heaping, steaming bowls of pasta like we used to. It doesn't happen as often now. But when we do gather it remains a very special time for me. It is funny how something like a pasta meal can become so much a part of my identity, of who I am.

So, too, our identity as Christians can be traced to our Baptism and our Confirmation and our reception of the Eucharist in what are called the sacraments of initiation that give us the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's loving presence with us.

Just as I learned to take my familial identity with me and have it be part of who I am, even on those pasta-less Sundays, the days I am not with my family, so, too, my identity as a Christian rests in the realisation that the Spirit, by virtue of all the sacraments, walks with me wherever my life's journey takes me.

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### 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 [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 for more details

### In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

### "Praying the Rosary together as a family.

It's very beautiful and  
it gives us strength."

Pope Francis

