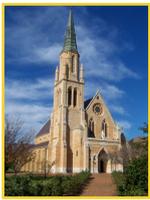


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Feast of the Assumption: Year C - 2nd June 2019

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Owen Gibbons  
**Seminarian**  
Mr Karl Sinclair  
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**Monday**  
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**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**  
9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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### First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

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

**All: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### Second Reading:

Ephesians 1: 17-23

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

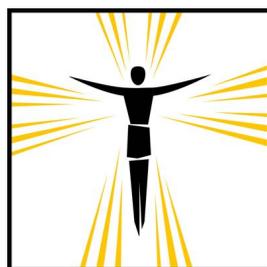
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



### REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through his apostles and evangelists. He ministers through his prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

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

**DAY BY DAY**

**Monday, 3rd June**

No Service

**Tuesday, 4th June**

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

2.00pm Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Meeting

**Wednesday 5th June**

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00 - 5.00pm Holy Hour Mudgee

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

**Thursday, 6th June**

9.10am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 6

**1.30pm & 7.00pm**

**First Confirmation Parent Session Mudgee**

10.30am - Mass Gulgong - AH Yr 5/6

**Friday, 7th June**

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

12 - 12.15 Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates

**Saturday, 8th June**

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Commitment Confirmation Mudgee

**Sunday, 9th June**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

Commitment Confirmation Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Mass Rylstone

**Liturgy Roster 8th/9th June**

<b>Commentator</b>	K.Fitzsimmons	M.Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	M.Melinz P.Robinson	M.McLean M.Barrett
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	L.Nicholson S.Murphy *	K.Baker M.Gilbert K.Cassidy
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	K.Isbester J.Goodlet	C.Berridge N.Whitmore
<b>Welcomers</b>	C.Carberry *	L.Cahill *
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A.Mills J.Newman	M & E Halpin J.Iversen
<b>Counters</b>	3/6 E.Goodlet J.Potts	11/6 D.Holdon L.Nicholson
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	9/6 E.Day J.Van Digglen	16/6 L.Rodgers S.Egan

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 9th June 2019</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 9th June 2019</b>
<i>Leader</i>			C Applin
<i>Commentator</i>	P.Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	R.Saliba	<i>Readers</i>	R.Ryan M.Chadwick
<i>Offertory</i>	K & J Ritar	<i>Intercessions</i>	A.Krusvar
<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	J.Thatcher C.Holland	<i>Special Minister of Communion</i>	
<i>Sacristan</i>	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	<i>Sacristan</i>	L.McPherson G.English

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

**The Mode of Life of Priests**

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



**Baptism:** We welcome to the Parish Family this weekend **Flynn Quantrill Sturman** son of John and Elise and **Jansen Ryan** son of Ned and Clarissa.

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

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Tom Oxley, Daniel Parsons (Oberon), Ellen McManus

**We remember the anniversary of** John Dunnachie, Joyce Gallagher, Jim Betts,

**We also pray for the souls of** Noman McVicker, Edna Catherine power, 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 Donnelly, 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.

**We ask all parishioners to fill out a New Gifting Card, even if you are already in the programme. The diocese is in the process of changing banks so it is really important especially for those using the card system so we have accurate details to re-enter the information into the new banking system.**

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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:

**Thursday 6th June**

**Confirmation session for parents at 1.30pm or a repeat session at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.**

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

#### Quote:

**F.E.A.R.**

has two meanings -

**Forget Everything And Run**

OR

**Face Everything And Rise**

**The choice is yours.**



Like us on Facebook

Keep up with what is happening in the parish.

### GULGONG NEWS:

**Catholic Women's Group will be meeting this 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.

**New Rosters** available at the back of the Church.

**CELEBRATE PENTECOST NEXT WEEKEND - WEAR SOMETHING RED.**

**Safe Ministry Awareness Workshop in Mudgee**

**Saturday 22nd June  
9.00am - 3.00pm**

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

The workshop is being presented by the diocese and is open to all individuals of all denominations from across the diocese. Those involved in child-related activities are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you will be attending.

[office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au)  
or phone 63722122.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 2: 1-11

Psalms 103: 1,24, 2931, 34. R.v.30

Romans 8:8-17

John 14:15-16, 23-26

## PARISHES ON MISSION - SAVE THE DATE

The Diocesan Pastoral Council working group, Building a Community of Love and Service invites representatives from parishes across the Diocese to gather in Orange and present some of the programs and services offered in their local parish. It is also an opportunity for all parishioners to learn from others. This is a day for everyone: priests, religious, parishioners, leaders of ministries... everyone and anyone is invited.

***This event will be a chance for all members of the parishes to come together to celebrate and challenge themselves to go forward on mission.***

**When:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 10.00am-3.00pm

**Where:** Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange

**Who:** There will be a number of keynote speakers with the day's focus being an opportunity for participants to share experiences and key learnings from introducing initiatives locally.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks including information about bus transport to Orange.

### 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

**"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.**

Pope Francis



### Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.' The choice of this theme for a worldwide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

### IN FOCUS

#### Don't Look Up



The portraits of the Ascension I like the most are the ones that begin and end with Jesus' feet. Of course, the heads of the disciples gather at the bottom of the frame, staring upward with open mouths. But all we see of Jesus are his feet disappearing at the top edge of the picture. His great exit is in process, and all that will be left behind is the advice of a couple of angels.

Don't look up, the angels say. Look out. Look within! Don't get caught up in what is already past but see what's happening right now. Participate in the kingdom, which is coming in every new decision, in each word and action, in your relationships, in the choice of love, compassion, and forgiveness! The angelic advice is all about perspective. If we focus too much on heaven, over which we have no control - if we view religion as a matter of "what goes up" - then we'll miss what's "going down" all around us. And that's something about which we have a lot of control, not to mention a lot of responsibility.

The Ascension tends to get lost in the "what goes up" phase of our imagination. We, too, look up until our necks ache, forgetting that the story we're being told is neither history nor biography, but gospel. The gospel is faith spoken to faith. The gospel speaks to believers about the meaning of what they believe. Once Jesus returns to the One who sent him, our business lies not with the realm we can't see but the busy, complicated, tangible world we are immersed in.

In the celebration of Jesus' Ascension, we recognise that we ascend, too, through the grasp of what binds us to our brokenness and sin. In all these ways, Jesus comes again, and we meet him, eye to eye, right where we live.