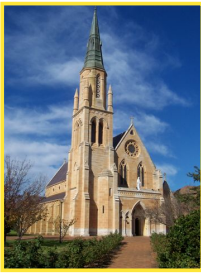


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 A 26th April 2020

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Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

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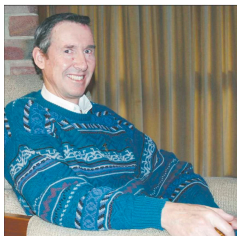
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Dear Parishioners,

We hope this finds you well as we continue to journey through these sacred days of Easter, we

pray that the Risen Lord is bringing new life to you and your families through new opportunities to connect with and be present to those you love, and that you may be finding strength and comfort through so many of the wonderful reflections, prayers and scripture readings on our bulletin and the diocesan and other websites.

If you know of anyone who would like the blessing of the sick (Anointing), Reconciliation and Holy Communion please contact the parish office. If you know of anyone who would like a weekly copy of the Parish Bulletin to keep them connected, a weekly phone call from us, or needs assistance in any way please contact us by phone or email (details above).

We pray for all our deceased military personal and those currently serving our nation.

Lest We Forget.

Fr Owen & Fr Dong



Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit. It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

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Daily Mass is being live streamed at 9.30am each day.

Sunday Mass is live streamed at 9am each week.

You can find us on Mudgee Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicmudgee> or on our website at www.mudgee.catholic.org.au for all the updated information.

There are many resources to help at this time. <https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/>

Sunday Mass is live streamed from the Cathedral of St Michael & St John Bathurst Sunday's at 10.00am on the address above.

Mass is also live streamed on Channel 10 every Sunday morning at 6.00am

Join us online each day for the Angelus at 12 noon. Live Streamed <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicmudgee>

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary....



Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Mass Offerings:

The priests are offering Mass each day. Those with Mass requests for recently deceased, anniversaries etc are invited to leave at the Parish Office or Presbytery. There is a box at the office which is checked regularly.



Our thoughts and prayers continue in private for all the deceased and the sick in our communities and that we will soon be able to return to our every day activities al be it with great caution. Social distancing will continue to be part of our every day life for the foreseeable future. We remain one in spirit.

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11](#)

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: [1 Pt 1:17-21](#)

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

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If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.

Alleluia!


Gospel: [Lk 24:13-35](#)

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then,

starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

CARELINE PROGRAM LAUNCHED FOR THOSE WHO NEED SUPPORT

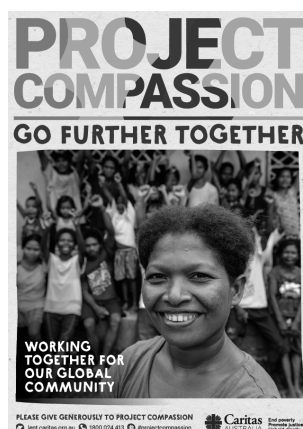
As a community, we are facing an unprecedented challenge in the wake of COVID-19. The Diocese has launched a Careline program to help the elderly, vulnerable and those in need.

If you are in need of practical assistance
or known of someone else who is in need
please phone: **1800 231 118** or
email care@centacarebathurst.com.au

For further information, please contact CARELINE
on 1800 231 118,
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visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Thank you!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2020. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them to the Parish Office so we can finalise donations for this year.



ANZAC DAY 2020



This year the celebration of Anzac Day will be muted. No marches, no large reunions, few speeches at war memorials, but soldiers and others who lost their lives in war will be remembered,.

Indeed, the celebration will perhaps speak more eloquently because of its simplicity.

In recent years the rhetoric surrounding Anzac Day has become overblown. The day has been depicted as a symbol of Australian power and military prowess, and so of the distinctive qualities of Australian citizens. It has invested contemporary Australians and their leaders with unearned qualities built on make-believe.

The construction of Anzac Day as a celebration of an imagined heroic Australian identity obscures the death and loss both of soldiers and of their relatives and friends, the cost to families and to Australian society of their loss, and the responsibility of their descendants to turn from war.

This year the backdrop against which Anzac Day will be seen will not show idealised figures in warlike poses or sportsmen looking mean, but people who have lost life and livings, first to bushfires and now to the coronavirus.

In just a few months we have seen the reality of bushfire with its devastation of forests and impoverishment of local people in the areas that it touched.

And we have seen the cost that fire and sickness have brought to many individuals and the strain they have placed on communities.

We have seen our leaders aimless in the face of fire and, like the rest of us, struggling to comprehend the COVID-19 pandemic, and the vulnerability of an economy built on debt. We have also seen them at their best as they jettisoned their fixed ideas to respond in order to address the threat to the community posed by the virus.

Above all we have seen the courage and generosity of many Australians, their willingness to sacrifice their own freedom of movement and financial security for the good of the community. These are not narrowly national qualities. They reflect the best of our shared humanity.

When seen against the events of the year, Anzac Day will be a calling to mind of things past, things present and things future.

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They knew it was Jesus when he broke bread

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PLANNED GIVING: There is a Staff member in the Mudgee Parish Office Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

For those who are able and wish to continue to assist the parish financially you can Direct Debit to parishes and return to envelope when this terrible situation has passed.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14,36-41;

Ps 22:1-6,R. v. 1;

1 Peter 1:17-21;

John10: 1-10