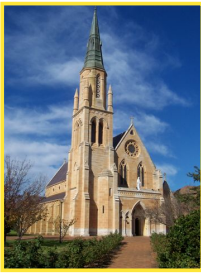


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 A 3rd May 2020

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Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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<https://ahcpsgulgong.schoolzine.com>

CARELINE

The Diocese and Parish acknowledge that, as a community, we are facing an unprecedented challenge in the wake of COVID-19. Bishop Michael McKenna asks us to care for our neighbours in this challenging time, as we have that responsibility now more than ever.

We understand that vulnerable people, especially the elderly members of our community, need our attention and care at this time. In response to this need, the **Careline** program has been established.

Managed by Centacare, Careline is a practical program that aims to connect people who may need a hand with a support network made up of people who can help. It may be as simple as picking up some groceries or a prescription for someone who is housebound, or it may be that the person needs assistance to connect with other agencies such as St Vincent de Paul.

If you know someone who is elderly or in a vulnerable position, who may live alone, those who are self-isolated without any support, or anyone who may just need a chat, or if you are in this position yourself, please contact Careline and reach out for help. To contact Careline, phone 1800 231 118 weekdays between 9 a m - 5 a m or email care@centacarebathurst.com.au or visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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READINGS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: [Acts 2:14. 36-41](#)

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)



Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 10:1-10](#)

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger

but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

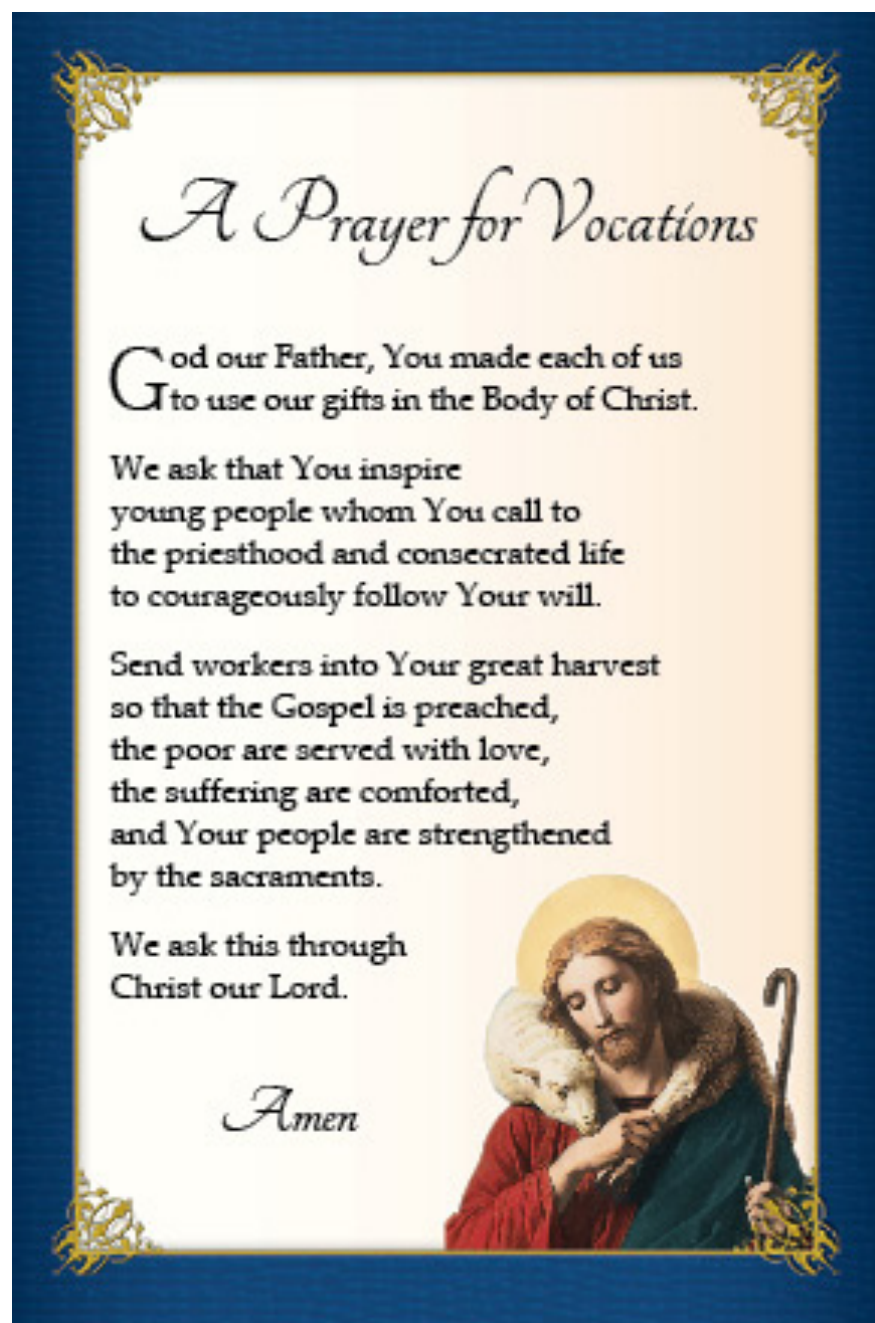
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday we pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. That our young people will listen to the spirit within them, calling them to serve in ministry.

We pray for our diocesan priests, 20 active, 7 retired and for our seminarians Thao, Diep, Nam, Duong, Cong, Ha, Luca and Dai, that our continued prayers and support will sustain them in their studies.



Bishop Patrick O'Regan to be installed as the 12th Arch Bishop of Adelaide.



Bishop Patrick was born in Bathurst and was educated at St Joseph's School, Perthville where he grew up and St Stanislaus College, Bathurst. He did his seminary training at St Columba's College, Springwood and St Patrick's Manly. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bathurst in 1983.

Bishop Patrick was appointed Bishop of Sale in December 2014.

He will be installed as Arch Bishop of Adelaide at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Monday 25th May in a modified ceremony which will be live streamed.

We offer our thoughts and prayers for Bishop Patrick as he takes up his new role.

Ways to cope during the COVID-19

Over the past weeks of lockdown it seems we are all discovering how busy our lives had become. It has given us time to slow down, take a deep breath and smell the roses. At the same time there is loneliness especially for the elderly and those on their own, poverty and many family and friends who have lost their jobs and fear for their future. Some are working from home as well as trying to help their children with school work. There is so much uncertainty, however it will get better and with faith we will get through this together.

Some ways to cope

Take some quiet time each day - Meditation is a good way to de-stress and relieve anxiety. Sit and be still, read a short scripture quote and reflect on it's meaning.

Go to Church - virtually, in the comfort of your own home: Daily Mass is streamlined every day from St Mary's (9.30am) as well as Mass on Sunday (9.00am) - some other options printed on the bulletin.

Do something you have not had time to do - Read a book, knit, spend some time in the garden.

Keep a routine it gives clarity to your day. Eat healthy and do some exercise each day (also a good way to de-stress).

Look after your health especially your mental health and if you have existing medical conditions - Keep in contact with your doctor or clinician so your condition is monitored.

Be kind to others - Reach out to the lonely, an elderly neighbour or friend - a phone call to check they are ok and if they need any assistance.

Limit exposure to media - watch and listen only to accurate information. Comments on Facebook are not fact. Be especially mindful of children - what they see and hear.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any difficulties or mental health issues please contact:



Careline 1800 231 118 weekdays between 9am -5pm
or email care@centacarebathurst.com.au or visit www.bathurst.catholic.org.au



Lifeline 13 11 14 - 24/7



Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636 - 24/7

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.

Gulgong Parish

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Kandos Parish

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PLEASE REMEMBER



If you or a member of your family are sick and in hospital and wish to be visited by a priest you must ask a family member to contact us or alternately ask a staff member to make the contact. Unless it is requested the priest cannot attend.

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 all 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.

Mass live streamed from St Mary's

Monday - Saturday at 9.30am Sunday Mass - 9.00am

The Angelus - 12 noon each day.

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.

Sunday Mass is live streamed from the Cathedral of St Michael & St John Bathurst Sunday's at 10.00am on the <https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/>

MASS IS TELEVISED EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 6.00AM ON CHANNEL 10 FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT COMPUTER LITERATE.

New online programme starting Monday 11 May

Lessons from the Long- paddock

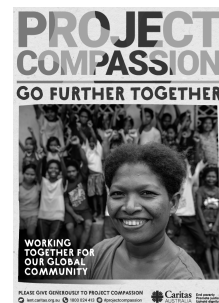


The last Alpha session is this Monday 4th May for those who have been able to participate online.

From Monday 11th May we are offering a new online discussion group with Kate Englebrecht as the facilitator. The group is open to everyone who wishes to participate online. The session begins with an online video available to participants prior to Monday 11th to enable discussion to occur via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining this faith discussion group and would like further details, please contact the Parish Office on office.mudgee@cdob.org.au or phone 63722122

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 this week.



Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2020.

Quote:

**May your choices reflect your hopes,
not your fears.**

Nelson Mandela



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Acts 6:1-7;](#)

[Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R. v.22](#)

[1 Pt 2:4-9;](#)

[Jn 14:1-12](#)