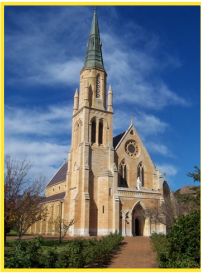


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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 A 10th May 2020

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***New online programme starting in our parish from  
this Monday 11 May***

### ***Lessons from the Long- paddock***



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

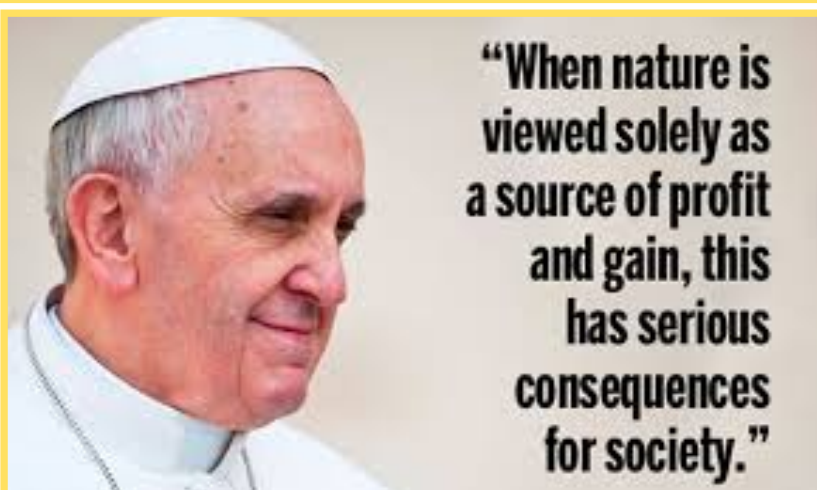
### **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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## READINGS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: [Acts 6:1-7](#)

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)



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

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is

precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel: [Jn 14:1-12](#)

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'



**For the recently deceased especially** Jane Hurney, Daniel Salter, Peter Welhan, (Dubbo), Jacqueline Pithie (Syd) and Edward Begley (Newcastle).

**We remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time.**

**We also pray for** all our deceased mother's, grandmother's and those who contribute in motherly roles, and for mother's who mourn the loss of a child.

**Our thoughts and prayers** are with those who are sick at this time: Anne McLean, Betty Price, Jacki Smith, Maria Brec, Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donelly, Tony Gillham, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and all those in our nursing homes.



## HELP AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED SUPPORT THROUGH 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](mailto:care@centacarebathurst.com.au) or visit [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au)

Tough times never last,  
but tough people do.

Dr. Robert Schuller

**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 or alternately drop into the office.

### Gulgong 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.



For those in the home who wish to receive Communion or Anointing of the Sick please contact the Parish Office.

## The Pope's Universal Prayer for May For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

## At the Wedding



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

"Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment, then said "So why is the groom wearing black?"

## ***A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers***

Good and Gentle God,  
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for  
all the women of theory who have joined  
with you in the wonder of bringing forth new  
life. You who became human through a  
woman, grant to all mothers the courage they  
need to face the uncertain future that life  
with children always brings.  
Give them the strength to live and to be loved  
in return, not perfectly, but humanly.  
Give them the faithful support of husband,  
family and friends as they care for the  
physical and spiritual growth of their children.  
Give them joy and delight in their children to  
sustain them through the trials of  
motherhood. Most of all, give them the  
wisdom to turn to you for help when they  
need it most.  
- Author Unknown



To our Heavenly Mother  
Let Us Pray  
Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.



## ***To the Mother's Who Are***

To the Mother's who are struggling,  
to those filled with incandescent joy.  
To the Mother's who are remembering  
children who have died,  
and pregnancies that miscarried.  
To the Mother's who decided  
other parents  
were the best choice for their babies,  
to the Mother's who adopted those  
children and loved them fierce.  
To those experiencing frustration  
or desperation in infertility.  
To those who knew they  
never wanted children,  
and the ways they have contributed  
to our shared world.  
To those who mothered colleagues,  
mentees, neighbourhood children, and  
anyone who needed it.  
To those remembering Mother's  
no longer with us.  
To those moving forward from Mother's  
who did not show love, or hurt those they  
should have cared for.  
Today is a day to honour the unyielding  
love and care for others we call  
'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it  
and in whatever ways we have found to  
cultivate it within ourselves.  
- Author Unknown

## ***A Very Happy Mother's Day To All***



**Blessing and very best wishes to  
Marg Curran  
who celebrated  
her  
98th Birthday  
during this  
week.**



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Acts 8:5-8. 14-17;](#)

[Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1 ;](#)

[1 Pt 3:15-18;](#)

[Jn 14:15-21](#)