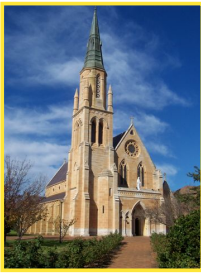


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



**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.



The Ascension of the Lord- Year A 24th May 2020

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest

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PLEASE NOTE Bishop Michael's Letter reprinted below regarding Sunday Obligation during the COVID19 crisis.



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF BATHURST**

20th March 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

As you know, all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass or parish Liturgy every Sunday. To deliberately miss Mass, ***except for a serious reason***, is a grave sin.

Clearly, the current Covid 19 emergency is such a serious reason, so I formally dispense all Catholics in the Diocese of Bathurst from their obligation until further notice.

It is also an obligation for Catholics to support their parish financially, according to their means. This would be an appropriate time to check with your parish about arrangements for on-line contributions which will be necessary for their continued functioning.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

Daily Mass

There is an opportunity to attend Mass each day in Mudgee, Gulgong Parish each Wednesday at 11.00am and Sunday 10.30am, Kandos/Rylstone each Wednesday at 11.00am and Sunday 11.00am. Please see the full Mass schedule page 2 of the bulletin. There is a limit of 10 per Mass.

PLEASE NOTE AN ADDITIONAL VIGIL MASS IS BEING OFFERED IN MUDGEE FROM SATURDAY 30TH MAY AT 5.00PM AS WELL AS THE 6.00PM MASS.

9.00am Sunday Mass will be Live Streamed.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK TO ATTEND MASS

Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email weekdays between 9.00am - 4.00pm indicating your preferred day to attend so as not to exceed the attendance limits.

St Mary's Church is open for private prayer each day from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS OR ARE FEELING UNWELL PLEASE STAY AT HOME.

Please join us for the ***Angelus*** each day at 12 noon. Wherever you might be as we pray together for each other, our communities, our nation and our world.

PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK IN AS WE MUST KEEP TO THE REGULATIONS OF ONLY 10 ATTENDEES.

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY 25th May -

9.30am Mass

National Feast Day Our Lady Help of Christians

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY 26th May

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY 27th May

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

11.00am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Rylstone

THURSDAY -28th May

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 29th May

12 Noon Angelus

12.30Ppm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY: 30th May

Mass Mudgee 9.30am

12 Noon Angelus

5.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY: 31st May

Pentecost Sunday

9.00am Mass Mudgee (Live Streamed)

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

**PLEASE REMEMBER
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THE PARISH OFFICE TO
ATTEND MASS SO AS
TO KEEP TO THE
REGULATIONS OF 10
PEOPLE
PLEASE CALL
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
BETWEEN
9.00AM - 4.00PM**

PLANNED GIVING:

Our grateful thanks to all who have continued to support our parishes during this difficult time. The renewal of our financial support of our Parish (Planned Giving) is coming up.

In this current climate we are encouraging as many people as possible to move to the convenience of Direct Debit, EFT or Credit Card instead of receiving and handing in weekly Planned Giving envelopes.



We would be grateful if you could contact the Parish Office for us to be able to assist you with this transition. If you wish to continue contributing via envelopes that is fine, and we are happy to deliver to your home or alternately you can collect them from the Parish Office. Envelopes will be available to collect from the Parish Office Monday 15th June.

Mudgee Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Closed

Gulgong Parish

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Mudgee Parish

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Acc No 100004583

Reference: Your name.

Kandos Parish

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Acc No 100005344

Reference: Your name

SRE NEWS

As you may be aware, there will be no face-to-face SRE teaching taking place in public schools until Stage 4 of the easing of restrictions when all school activities return to normal.

We are seeking new volunteer catechist/SRE helpers to train during this time of pausing, so that they will be ready to go into schools with the catechists once extra school activities resume.

If this is something that you think you might enjoy, please contact your parish priest or leave your name and phone number with your parish office.

Alternatively, you can contact Jacinta or Vicki, details below:

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Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Carol Anderson (Kandos) Dale Johnson (Melbourne), Deidre O'Keefe (Walgett), Jane Hurney, Daniel Salter, Peter Welhan, (Dubbo), Jacqueline Pithie (Syd) and Edward Begley (Newcastle).

We remember the anniversary of Bill Hensley, David McLean and Norman McVicker.

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



The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: [Acts 1:1-11](#)

Why are you standing here looking into the sky?

Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6](#)

**(R.) 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: [Eph 1:17-23](#)

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 28:16-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN

+Patrick O'Regan will be installed as the 9th Archbishop of Adelaide on Monday 25th May, at 11.00am (AEST) in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide.

Parishioners can watch a livestream of the installation at: <https://youtu.be/WaG12a-tCw4>

There will also be a link on our Diocesan website - bathurst.catholic.org.au/





O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn, to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

Family Prayer - The Ascension of the Lord

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'

Something to think about

Jesus says to the disciples, and to us, "I am with you always". Think of some ways you know that Jesus is with you in your life. Now it is up to us to continue Jesus' work on earth through our actions. The Holy Spirit will help us to show love, and let us know what to say.

The Story

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the disciples to a mountain in Galilee to prepare them for his return to his father in heaven. Jesus does three things for the disciples. **1.** He reminds them of his power: 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth'. **2.** He commissions them to a mission: 'Go and baptise' and make disciples! **3.** He tells them that he is not deserting them: 'I will be with you always, even until the end of time.'

Connection: Faith and Life podcast Launched

'**Connection: Faith and Life**', the podcast provides a new channel of communication to God's people in the Diocese and further afield, sharing initiative and providing an opportunity to hear from people working locally in church ministry and agencies.



The format is simple, with Deacon Josh and Fr Karl discussing international, national, and local issues relating to faith and life, in a relaxed manner.

the podcast has been launched and is available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. It can be found at the links below. Don't forget to subscribe, that way you will get each episode automatically and for free!

Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1gSaMBUyS1dHHY5xsndBzZ?si=bUM4ISx1QxGNxVWNXfCVJg>

Apple Podcasts

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/connection-faith-life/id1512315851>

If you wish to be involved via a question, or suggest someone to be interviewed, an email can be sent

to: podcast@bathurst.catholic.org.au

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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 in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. 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. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

[Acts 2:1-11](#)

[Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30](#)

[1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

[Jn 20:19-23](#)