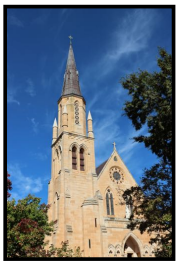


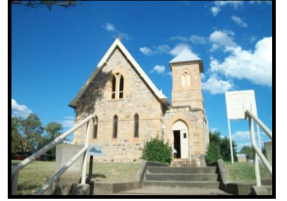
*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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 C 29th May 2022

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

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. 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.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

**Gospel:** [Lk 24:46-53](#)

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

### REFLECTION by Dianne 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 its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its 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.

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

**Assistant Priest**

Fr Thao Van Nguyen

**Parish Deacon**

Deacon Charles Applin

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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

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**Baptism:** We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee



*Frederick Maurice Toole*

son of Brad and Alex

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 30th May**

12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.00pm Word and Faith Group - Parish Centre

**TUESDAY - 31st May**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - Yr 9 SMCS  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 1st June**

9am St Matthews Year 1 Retreat - St Mary's Church  
10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group  
10.00am Funeral: Norma Andrews (The Lawson Room, Eastaugh & Carroll)  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 2nd June**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - Yr 4 SMCS  
11.00am Funeral: Neville Ryan - Gulgong  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 3rd June**

10.30am Mudgee Grove Nursing Home Mass  
12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)  
12.00 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee  
1.00pm Josephite Associates meeting  
5.30pm Holy Hour Presbytery Chapel followed by Soup

**SATURDAY - 4th June**

4.15pm Reconciliation  
5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee  
6.00pm Confirmation Workshop - Parish Hall

**SUNDAY - 5th June**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

9.00am Mass - Mudgee  
10.00am Confirmation Workshop - Parish Hall  
10.30am Mass - Gulgong  
11.00am Mass - Kandos

**Anointing/ Home Communion:**

If you know of anyone who would like Anointing/ Home Communion, please ring the office.  
Fr Owen and Fr Thao are available, and can visit at home or in hospital.

**Wednesday evening mass** will be celebrated for our week for Prayer for Christian Unity. All Welcome.

**Josephite Associates Meeting** next Friday, 3rd June, after 12.30pm Mass, in the Parish Centre. Please bring something to share for lunch.

**Mudgee Roster  
Saturday 4th/ Sunday 5th June 2022**

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	S. Abbey
<b>First Reader</b>	St Matthews	St. Matthews
<b>Second Reader</b>	St Matthews	St. Matthews
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	G. Hennessy	R. McKeown
<b>Altar Server</b>	Help Needed	S. Keaton
<b>Music</b>	St Matthews	Ruth & Marianne
<b>Offertory</b>		Children's Liturgy
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mon 30th</b>	E. Goodlet

**Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th June 2022**

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 9.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	B. Petersen	L. Croake
<b>First Reader</b>	K. O'Brien	E. De Vries
<b>Second Reader</b>	O O'Brien	M. Matthews
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	B. Slater	R. Croake
<b>Altar Server</b>	Help Needed	Help Needed
<b>Music</b>	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
<b>Offertory</b>		Children's Liturgy
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mon 6th June</b>	D. Donnelly

**Gulgong Roster**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
<b>29 May</b>	P. Leotta	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba
<b>5 Jun</b>	S. Parnell	J. Ritar	M. & E. Carney
<b>12 Jun</b>	C. Gaudry	C. Leotta	G. Ausburn E. Donnelly

**Pope's Universal Prayers 2022 May  
Faith-Filled Young People**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Norma Andrew, Neville Ryan, Mattie Gardiner

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Genevieve Newman, Pam Ruming, Ian Carter, Barry Rayner, Dot Davidson, Pat Barber, Noel Hodges.

**We also pray for:**

Mollie McGuigan, Rodney Fidler, Fr Vincent Doherty CCsR (Philippines), Audrey Stocks (Bathurst), Edith Auld (Bankstown), Lesley Wolfe, John Boyd-Skinner, Jenny Barcley, Mary Carn.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:**

Jeff Jones, Anthony Walsh, Bernard Norris, Paul Power, Graeme Warren, Tony Harris, Cherylanne Adamson, Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, John Cross, Sue Kearins, Alicia Knights, Tony Dimmock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Barry Slater, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins, Eleni Roberts, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP**

An Australia Pilgrimage lead by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

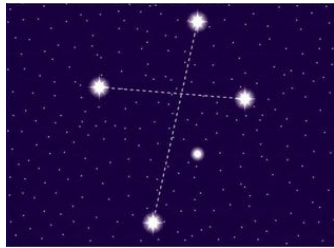
18 October - 29 October 2022

Brochure available at the Parish Office.

For an application form or further information telephone Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818.

Applications close 1st September 2022. Pilgrims must be vaccinated.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
29 May to 5 June 2022**



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2) More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

Read more on the background of and introduction to this year's theme, please go to our website:

<https://www.dev1.mudgee.catholic.org.au/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

**RCIA PROGRAM**

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic.

The initiation of new members is a gradual process allowing enquirers time to grow in faith and become full participants of the Catholic community.

If you or you know someone who is interested in the RCIA program, please contact the Parish office on 6372-2122 or via email [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au).

The RCIA program will be starting in the next few weeks.

**Save the Date**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart NSW extend a warm invitation to attend the

**Sesquicentenary Mass**

celebrating the arrival of Sisters in NSW from Adelaide, SA.

**Saturday 16 July 2022, 10.30am**

**Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst**

**Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna**

Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall following Mass.

Everyone is very welcome

**Safe Church Awareness**

Being a safe church is everyone's responsibility and that is why the Diocese and Parishes have committed to providing parishioners and employees free Safe Church Awareness Workshops. Safe Church Workshops are informative, engaging and interactive and are designed to raise everyone's understanding and awareness of Christian foundations of safe ministry, duty of care, vulnerable people protection (abuse prevention), due diligence in recruiting and supervising church leaders, and risk management.

It is advised that any parishioner that has a ministry in the any of our parishes should complete this workshop. Anyone who has completed the workshop previously would be due to update their credentials.

**When:** Sunday, 24th July 2022

**Time:** 10am to 3.30pm

**Venue:** St Mary's Parish Hall

**Please register at** <https://forms.gle/rqPXwfdmdD5yu41F9>

or called the parish office on (02) 6372-2122.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday - Year C**

**Acts 2:1-11**

**Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30**

**Eph 1:17-23**

**Lk 24:46-53**

## Hail Redeemer, King Divine.

Hail, redeemer, king divine!  
Priest and lamb, the throne is thine;  
King whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.

### Refrain

Angels, saints and nations sing:  
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our king;  
Lord of earth and sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary."



King of everlasting might!  
Be to us eternal light,  
Till in peace each nation rings  
With thy praises, king of kings.

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## World Communications Day

*"Listening with the ear of the heart"*

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Pope Francis' message this year focuses on the importance of "Listening with the ear of the heart".

*'From the pages of Scripture we learn that listening means not only the perception of sound, but is essentially linked to the dialogical relationship between God and humanity. "Shema' Israel - Hear, O Israel" (Dt 6:4), the opening words of the first commandment of the Torah, is continually reiterated in the Bible, to the point that Saint Paul would affirm that "faith comes through listening" (cf. Rom 10:17). The initiative, in fact, is God's, who speaks to us, and to whom we respond by listening to him. In the end, even this listening comes from his grace, as is the case with the newborn child who responds to the gaze and the voice of his or her mother and father. Among the five senses, the one favoured by God seems to be hearing, perhaps because it is less invasive, more discreet than sight, and therefore leaves the human being more free.'* Pope Francis

To read the full message from Pope Francis, go to: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20220124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>



## National *Sorry* Day

and

## National Reconciliation Week

**National Sorry Day** is an Australia-wide observance held on 26th May each year. For 150 years, indigenous children in Australia were separated from their families. The 'Bringing Them Home' report in 1997 shed light on this history of forced removal policies of past Australian governments and their devastating impact on Aboriginal communities and culture. National Sorry Day sees thousands of Australians from all walks of life coming together to honour the Stolen Generations.

**National Reconciliation Week** is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about the shared histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal people. The week connects two significant dates in Australia's history: 27th May - the Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and 3rd June - the historic Mabo decision of the High Court of Australia to recognise native title.



## It's that time of year again...

It's time to [register](#) for RISE!

We are excited to announce that [Gen Bryant](#) Melbourne based singer and songwriter will be at RISE.

It's on **Thursday 14 July and Friday 15 July 2022.** (Please note the change of date)

Cost is **\$119** or \$149 if you'd like a hoodie. (If you paid for RISE 2021 all you need to pay is \$30 if you'd like a hoodie). This year's hoodie colour will be.....revealed if you complete the Confirmation survey at the end of this email.

Join the fun by registering here <https://forms.gle/uqHvT2my1J3SKUsB8> (RISEN Youth Team do not need to register again). Get more information from your Youth Minister, Parish Priest, REC or our [website](#)

Want to go into the draw to win a RISE bucket hat (and find out the colour of the hoodie)? Fill in this short [survey](#) about the Sacrament of Confirmation (you don't have to be Confirmed to fill it in).

Looking forward to seeing you at RISE 2022!

(Don't forget to invite your friends)



### COVID RESTRICTIONS

As it is important that we protect vulnerable people in our communities, and to ensure everyone feels protected when they come to worship, please continue to socially distance where possible inside the church and where this is not possible, please wear a mask. Please continue to use the hand sanitisers provided at the church entrances.