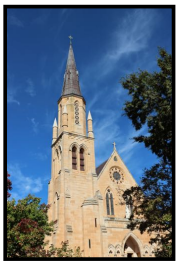


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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.

SECOND SUNDAY LENT - YEAR A 5TH MARCH 2023



Project Compassion

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.



Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

First Reading: [Gen 12:1-4](#)

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22](#)

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

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.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [2 Tm 1:8-10](#)

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and Praise to you. Lord, Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [Mt 17:1-9](#)

His face shone like the sun.

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

Seminarian: Ha Tran

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Parish Office Hours

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

Ph 02 6372 1742

www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/

All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 6374 1582

www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au





Baptism

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:

Liam Andrew Fotheringham
 &
Evie Michelle Fotheringham
 children of Andrew and Julianne

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Max Rohr, Anna Menegatos, Patricia Scott,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Gavin Paine, Joyce Harris, Frances Addley, Pasquale Matera, Annie Wilson, Penelope Bell, Therese Hundy, Jean Doorey Raymond Warner, Catherine Constable, Irene Stamper, David Walsh, David Kiddle, Anne Underwood, Jennifer Eade, Veronica Butler, Mary Dimmock.

For the deceased, especially:

Cherylanne Adamson, Tammy Bull.

Prayers requested for:

Ruth Hyde, Jackie Cummins, Anne Mead, Charles Micallef, Rebecca Fletcher, Ian Johnson, Roland Barros, Maria Knezevic, Joe Saliba, Vikki Treves, John Carney, Debra O'Loughlin, Tony Spina, Eleni Roberts, Dennis Petersen, Tony Harris, Geoffrey Munn, Dianne Brown, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Congratulations to our St Matthew's School Community on the opening and blessing of the New Campus by Bishop Michael on Tuesday.

The New school has been fully funded by the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst on land purchased by St Mary's Parish Mudgee. May it be a place of excellence in the spiritual, academic and human development of young women and man of the future.



Mrs Angela Myles, Bishop Michael McKenna and Mrs Christina Trimble

Bathurst Diocese Youth Update
Important dates

RISEN Team Formation 24 - 26 March
 For all Year 10 to Year 12 students and all adults that wish to be leaders at the **RISE** Youth Festival.

Rise Youth Festival 5-7 July 2023
 Claim the date for all Year 6 to Year 12 student. More details to follow.

Lenten Program 2023

Triumph

Short daily reflection and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer - perfect for Lenten groups and individual devotional reading.
 Cost: \$8 per book
 Available at Mass or in the Parish Office.

Ministries in our Parish Community

'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.'
 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Thank you to all who have filled in and returned a Volunteer form or who have contacted the Parish Office or spoken with the Ministry Coordinations in your Parish. We still need more volunteers. If you volunteer last year and would like to continue this year, please fill in a form or call the Parish Office. We also encourage anyone who is volunteering for the first time or looking at a different ministry, there will be training provided for some of the ministries and plenty of support from the Parishes and the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

Ministries include but not limited to:

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Reader (Lector)
- Musicians
- Altar Servers
- Commentator
- Liturgy Group
- Hospitality
- Sacramental Preparation Team
- Catechists/Helpers
- Pastoral Council
- Offertory - Gift Bearers
- Welcomers
- Bell Ringers
- Church Cleaning



A prayerful sequence of songs and stories on Lenten and Easter themes.
Sunday 12th March, 11.15am
 Immaculate Conception Church CARCOAR. Admission: by donation

FOLLOWED BY SHALOM LONG LUNCH 1PM. Cost \$55 (3 Courses) Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. For Bookings & Payment Online: go to shalomcarcoar.com

A PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT
THE CARCOAR CAMINO

Friday 17th March 6pm
 to
 Sunday 19th March at 3pm
 At Shalom 7 Collins St Carcoar

COME & ENJOY A 2-DAY RETREAT FOLLOWING THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM WALKING THE SHALOM LABYRINTH AND AROUND THE BEAUTIFUL CARCOAR VALLEY

This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises.

Cost: \$300 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

For bookings
 Phone: 63673058
 email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com
 online: shalomcarcoar.com

Word
 &
FAITH



The group meets on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Parish Centre in Mudgee. All welcome.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 6th March

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 7th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 8th March

10.40am Communion Service

St Matthews Secondary Campus - Year 8

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.20pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 9th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 10th March

10.30am Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation available on request.

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 11th March

2.30pm Wedding

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY - 12th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Communion Service

11.00am Kandos - Mass

Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.

Pope's Intentions for February...

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

GULGONG NEWS

The Gulgong Catholic Women's Group wish to advise their Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March, at 2pm, in the Convent.

All positions have been declared vacant.

Also, there will be a cup of tea after Mass in the convent Sunday 12th March.

All are welcome.

MUDGE NEWS

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

We are seeking willing volunteers to assist with the Children's Liturgy ministry at Sunday 9.00am mass. It will run during school terms only. Script and resources will be provided and there will be two people running each session.

This is an important ministry that helps grow the faith of children within our parish. It would be a shame if we are unable to run this ministry.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

SECONDARY CAMPUS OPEN DAY

Date: Sunday, 12th March 2023

Time: 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Address: 48 Broadhead Road

St Matthews School Community is thrilled to invite the wider community to come and have a look at our wonderful new secondary campus.



Gulgong Roster

	5th Mar	12th Mar	19th March
Commentator	R. Saliba	E. Donnelly	D. Kelly
Reader	M. Golino	M. McGregor	J. Thatcher
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M & E. Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
Leader	J. Thatcher		P. Leotta

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 11th/ Sunday 12th March 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	S. Abbey
First Reader	C. Furney	L. Croake
Second Reader	G. Brymora	O. O'Brien
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs. S. Walker	S. Walker
Offertory	K. Isbester	HELP NEEDED
Counter	Mon 6th Mar	R. Croake

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 18th/ Sunday 19th March 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
First Reader	I. Byrne	R. Disher
Second Reader	M. Quilty	M. Dunnachie
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	L. Nicholson	M. Gilbert
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	D. Bennett	HELP NEEDED
Counter	Mon 13th Mar	D. Donnelly

IMPORTANT...

We need more people to take on ministries in our Parish. Please complete a Ministry Volunteer Form and return ASAP.

Reading for Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent - YEAR A

Ex 17:3-7

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.8

Rom5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42



Come and join us for a night of fun
as we celebrate
St Patrick's Day



Friday, 17th March, 6.30pm
St Mary's Parish Centre
2 course dinner

\$10pp - Pre pay at the Parish Office.
Children free.

BYO refreshments

RSVP - Monday 13th March.

Please place your name on the clipboard at the back
of the church

or leave your name at the Parish Office.



SACRAMENTS 2023 ST MARY'S MUDGEE IMPORTANT DATES

If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for your child in 2023, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

SAVE THESE DATES



From Year 6 onwards

School Term 1

Tuesday 21st March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
Thursday 23rd March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm



First Holy Communion

From Year 3 onwards

School Term 2

Tuesday 20TH June 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
Thursday 22ND June 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

** Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 **

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) from Tuesday 20th December including registration to attend a Parent/Carer Information session. All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Please pass this message on to anyone you feel would be interested.

HSC PRAYER PARTNERS 2023

Thank you to all parishioners who have volunteered to support the students in prayer during this year. The students invite you to join them for Mass in the School Chapel, Secondary Campus on Wednesday 29th March at 10.40am. Morning tea will be provided after the Mass to give you an opportunity to meet and greet the students.



Please collect your invitation and personal note from your nominated student on the table at the back of the church.

Mini Retreat at St Patrick's Church, Lithgow Saturday 18th March 9am - 4pm

ADORING GOD WITH MARY

An interactive retreat drawing on Scripture, sacred art, music and the writings of priests, religious, scholars and saints, we explore how to love Jesus with the heart of Mary and in return how to love Mary with the heart of Jesus.

The day includes time for Prayer and Adoration. You are welcome to stay for Reconciliation (5pm) and Mass (6pm), celebrated with the Lithgow Parish

Please bring a plate to share for lunch.
Tea and coffee provided.

Enquiries to Marie Morrison 0417150240
RSVP 12/3/23



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.