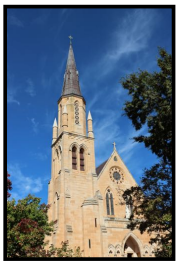


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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.

THIRD SUNDAY LENT - YEAR A 12TH MARCH 2023



First Reading: [Ex 17:3-7](#)

Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8](#)

**(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Rom 5:1-2. 5-8](#)

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the
Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!

Gospel: [Jn 4:5-42](#)

*The water that I shall give will turn
into a spring of eternal life.*



Project Compassion

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.



While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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.

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Deacon Charles Applin

Seminarian: Ha Tran

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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

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



Congratulations to:

*Benjamin Parry
and
Kathleen Douch*

and

*Aleksander Urbas
and
Rachel Keys*



who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Max Rohr, Anna Menegatos.

We remember the anniversaries of:

David Kiddle, John Babbage, Dympna Foo, Arthur Evans, Gordon Kimm, Monika Smith, Patricia O'Hare, Valentine Maffeo, Mahlon Jennings, Heather Tanti, Mona Cafe, Gertrude Jennings, Aileen Oliver, William Lawther, Bruce Talbot, Barbara Cox, Kathleen Rowlands, Robert Jones, Philip Gaffney, Sitze Olijve, William Campbell, James Ryan, Paddy Feighery.

For the deceased, especially:

Cherylanne Adamson, Tammy Bull.

Prayers requested for:

Francis Saliba, Ruth Hyde, Jackie Cummins, Anne Mead, Charles Micallef, Patricia Scott, 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.

**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.

**Word
&
FAITH**

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



**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.

All welcome.



"Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to Him as He speaks to us."

Pope Francis. Message for Lent 2023

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

Ministries in our Parish Community

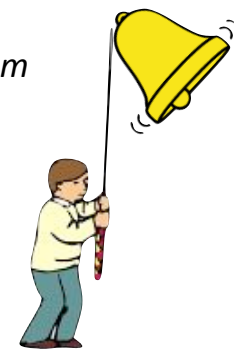
'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.'

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 Coordinators in your Parish. We still need more volunteers. If you volunteered 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



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 on 6372 2122 if you would like to participate or have any questions.

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.



On Good Friday each year, the Catholic Church throughout the world take up a very special collection – the “Collection for the Holy Land.” This special collection originated from the Popes’ wishes to maintain a strong bond between the Holy Places of the Holy Land and all Christians of the world. It is the main source of sustenance for life around the Holy Places and is also the tool through which the Custody of the Holy Land is able to sustain and carry forward the important mission to which it is called: to preserve the holy places, the stones of memory, and to favour the Christian presence, the living stones of the Holy Land, through many activities of solidarity such as the maintenance of pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures.



Holy Places Collection 7 April 2023

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 13th March

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 14th March

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 15th March

10.40am Mass

St Matthews Secondary Campus - Year 7

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.20pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 16th March

National Close the Gap Day

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 17th March

ST PATRICKS, bishop - Solemnity

11.00am Mass - Kanandah Nursing Home

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation available on request.

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

6.30pm St Patrick’s Day Dinner

SATURDAY - 18th March

11.00am Baptisms

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY - 19th March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Communion Service

11.00am Rylstone - 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 March...

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Gulgong Roster			
	19th Mar	26th Mar	2nd April
Commentator	D. Kelly	C. Gaudry	J. Thatcher
Reader	J. Thatcher	C. Golino	B. Toole
Sacristan	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader	P. Leotta		R. Saliba

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	Disher Family
Counter	Mon 13th Mar	D. Donnelly

Mudgee Roster Saturday 25th/ Sunday 26th March 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	M. McLean
First Reader	G. Brymora	L. Croake
Second Reader	L. Nicholson	K. Cassidy
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	I. Byrne	R. Croake
Altar Server	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Music	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	M. Gilbert
Offertory	K. Isbester	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 20th Mar	P. O’Brien

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: Fourth Sunday of Lent - YEAR A

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Ps 22 R. v.1

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

SACRAMENTS 2023 ST MARY'S MUDGE
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



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



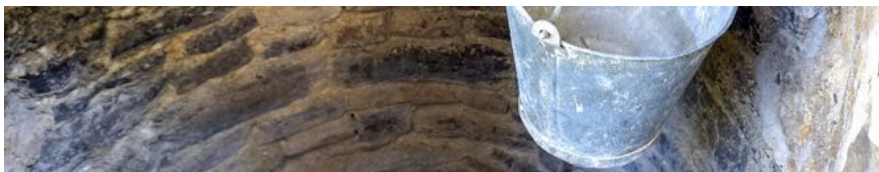
First Holy Communion

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.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into ‘too much’?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob’s well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

**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.



**Conversations about Dying,
Death and Bereavement**



All of us experience in our lives moments of loss and grief; times when we are reminded of the reality of death and how we respond.

Our Parish has been selected to be part of a pilot group program run in conjunction with Centacare, where, over a cuppa, in a relaxed environment, guided and gentle conversations can flow to inform and share about experiences of the death of someone we love and the bereavement and grief that follows.

These conversations will last about an hour once a month for 4 months, either on a Thursday or Saturday. If you would like to discuss the program more or express your interest in being part of these conversations, please give Kristie a ring at the Parish office.

**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

