



*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.



### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A 2ND APRIL 2023

**First Reading:** [Is 50:4-7](#)

*I did not cover my face against insult and  
I know I will not be ashamed.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R. v.2](#)

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**



**Second Reading:** [Phil 2:6-11](#)

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** [Mt 26:14 – 27:66](#)

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



### Project Compassion

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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

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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

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**All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:**

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

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[www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au)



**IMPORTANT...**

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

Mudgee - **Church Cleaning**  
Monday at 9.30am. All welcome.

Gulgong Roster			
	9th Apr	16th Apr	23rd Apr
Commentator	P. Leotta	E. Donnelly	D. Kelly
Reader	C. Leotta	J. Ritar	E. Donnelly
Sacristan	M. & E. Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland
Leader		D. Kelly	

Mudgee Roster Saturday 8th/ Sunday 9th April 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	<b>Easter</b>  <b>Please see roster at the back of the church.</b>	
First Reader		
Second Reader		
EMOC		
Altar Server		
Music		
Welcomer		
Offertory		
Counter	Mon 27th Mar	E. Goodlet

Mudgee Roster Saturday 15th/ Sunday 16th April 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean
First Reader	M. Dorey	M. Barrett
Second Reader	M. Dorey	L. Croake
EMOC	G. Hennessy	R. Croake
Altar Server	Maeve K Layla W	Arlo S
Music	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	D. Bennett	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 3rd Apr	M. Walker

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 3rd April**  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.45pm Chrism Mass - Cathedral Bathurst

**TUESDAY - 4th April**  
9.30am No Service  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
6.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgee

**WEDNESDAY - 5th April**  
11.00am Anointing Mass - Kandos  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
2.00pm Funeral - Mudgee - James Winter  
5.20pm Reconciliation  
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 6th April**  
9.30am **NO MASS**  
10.30am Opal Nursing Home Mass  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
1.00pm Funeral - Mudgee - Patrick Power  
5.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Rylstone  
6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Mudgee

**FRIDAY - 7th April**  
10.00am Stations of the Cross - Kandos  
10.00am Stations of the Cross - Mudgee  
Followed by Reconciliation in Mudgee.  
12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary  
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion - Gulgong  
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion - Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 8th April**  
5.00pm Easter Vigil - Gulgong  
6.30pm Easter Vigil - Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 9th April**  
**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
7.30am Mass - Mudgee  
9.00am Mass - Kandos  
9.00am Mass - Mudgee  
10.30am Mass - Mudgee

**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 call the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

*Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.*

**Daylight-Saving ends**  
on Sunday 2nd April.

Saturday Night Vigil Mass in Mudgee will remain at 6pm until after Easter.



**Baptism**

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:



*Charlotte Belle Smede*  
daughter of James and Laura

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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

James Winter, Patrick Power, Anne Mead, Maria Lourdes 'Baby' Araneta Fores. **We remember the anniversaries of:** James Milton, Olive Milton, Anthony Rob Furney, Ivy Sproule, Vera Przegalinski, Isabella Boehm, Joseph Hawkins, Zena Brennan. Thelma Power, Charles Blackert, Trevor Robinson, Charles Lee, Raymond Condon, Gloria Norris, Ivan Dinjes.

**For the deceased, especially:**

Lon Schreck, Anna Menegatos, Rex Donnelly, Malcom Whiteley, Bradley Quinn, Owen Milton.

**Prayers requested for:**

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

Masses for Special Intentions, Thanksgivings and for all the Holy Souls.



The group meets on Sunday evenings at 5pm in the Parish Centre, Mudgee. All welcome.

**Pope's Intentions for April...**

**For a culture of peace and non-violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**GULGONG NEWS**

Catholic Womens Group meeting on the Tuesday 4th April at 2pm in the Convent. All Welcome.

**MUDGE NEWS**

Flowers needed for Easter services. Please bring to back of Church on Thursday afternoon.



**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, starting on **Saturday 22nd April at 10am**. 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.

**Women's Eucharistic Retreat**

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20. Financial assistance is available.)

Doors open at 9:30am for a 10am start. Saturday 3 June 2023 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**LOCATION**

Cathedral School  
98 George Street, Bathurst NSW 2795

**REGISTRATION**

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1035789>

**CONTACT DETAILS**

[sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)



Have you arrived in St. Mary's Parish in the past year?

OR

Do you know someone new to our Parish?

If so, we invite you to provide your name and contact details to the Parish Office Phone St. Mary's Parish office on 6372 2122 Or email [office.mudgee@cdob.org.au](mailto:office.mudgee@cdob.org.au)

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St. Mary's Parish is planning a Welcome Function for New Parishioners

**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –**

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Peter is devastated when he hears the crowing of the rooster. It is as if the rooster watched him, heard his denials of Jesus, and cried out for justice to be done.

Imagine the earth witnessing and suffering with every act of injustice: the night stars seeing Judas betray Jesus, the grasses being crushed as Jesus falls to the ground carrying the cross, all the trees feeling the awful pounding of the nails of crucifixion, and the earthquake trembling when Jesus dies.

Is this point of view far-fetched, or does it contain some truth? Can you imagine the organic planet at unrest with all the violence done to people and to nature? Or do you view most of nature as unfeeling, inanimate matter, more or less disconnected from us?

So often we think it is 'okay' to do something if we 'don't get caught'. If you see that your decisions affect all of nature, how would it change the attitude of 'try to get away with whatever you can'?

**Fr Michel Remery Seminar**

**HOW TO GROW IN FAITH: A life changing course to explore faith and how to share it**

Are you a parish worker, school teacher, SRE teacher, youth minister or youth group leader? Are you looking for more engaging resources? Then this 'train the trainer' seminar is for you.

Entry is free.

Registration:

[admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:admin@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

Date: 8 May 2023,

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Venue: Conference room, The Chancery, 118 Keppel St Bathurst



**REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must to be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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**The World  
tell us to seek  
success, power and  
money;  
God  
tell us to seek  
humility, service and love.**  
Pope Francis

**Reading for Next Sunday: Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord- YEAR A**

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24 Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

## Holy Week and Easter Services

### Monday 3rd April

5.45pm Chrism Mass - Cathedral Bathurst

### Tuesday 4th April

6.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgee

### Wednesday 5th April

11.00am Anointing Mass - Kandos

Followed by a Cuppa

5.45pm Mass - Mudgee

### Thursday 6th April

10.30am Opal Nursing Home Mass

5pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Rylstone

6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Mudgee

### Good Friday 7th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross - Mudgee

Reconciliation after Stations of the Cross - Mudgee

10.00am Stations of the Cross - Rylstone

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion - Mudgee

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion - Gulgong

### Easter Saturday 8th April

5.00pm Easter Vigil - Gulgong

6.30pm Easter Vigil - Mudgee

### Easter Sunday 9th April

7.30am Mass- Mudgee

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

9.00am - Mass Kandos

10.30am Mass Mudgee



On **Good Friday** each year, the Catholic Church throughout the world will 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. There will be a leaving collection after the 3pm Passion Liturgy.



## Hail Redeemer King Divine

Patrick Brennan

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, whose name creation thrills

Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,

Till in peace each nation rings

With thy praises, king of kings.

### Refrain

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## What is the Paschal Triduum?

The Paschal Triduum is a single liturgical celebration that spans three days. It begins on the Thursday before Easter and ends the evening of Easter Sunday. “Isn’t that four days?” you might ask yourself. The Church counts these days liturgically, so the “day” begins the evening before. (Remember, “evening came, and morning followed, the first day” from Genesis). Thus: Thursday evening to Friday evening (Day 1), Friday evening to Saturday evening (Day 2), Saturday evening to Sunday evening (Day 3).

Another unique element about the Paschal Triduum is that a single liturgy encompasses all three days. It is not three separate liturgies. This is best seen when all three days are celebrated physically in the same church.

At the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday, you’ll notice there is no final blessing or dismissal. People are invited to pray quietly before the Blessed Sacrament and then leave when they are ready. The liturgy doesn’t formally conclude; it simply pauses.

On Good Friday with the Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. Like Holy Thursday, the Good Friday liturgy doesn’t have a formal dismissal; rather, the priest simply says a prayer over the people before departing. And although the Easter Vigil begins with the sign of the cross, it begins in a different location — outside, around a fire without an opening song or procession. We pick up our prayer from where we left off the day before. And it is only at the end of the Easter Vigil Mass we hear the formal dismissal of the assembly, “Mass is ended,” with the double alleluia. The Easter Vigil, which always is to begin after sunset on Saturday, takes place on the third day of the Triduum, so the vigil is considered the Easter Mass. Subsequent Masses are celebrated on Sunday for those unable to attend the vigil.

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