

*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.



### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR A 9TH APRIL 2023

#### EASTER 2023



Do not be afraid the angel tells the women who have come to the empty tomb. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen as he said he would!

Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him."

Life is calling them, calling us away from dead things. Love is calling them and us out of the tomb of our fears and despair. Will we go and see where he is coming to meet us?

Each Easter, we repeat the familiar rites. We come together and take simple things - fire and light - water and oil - bread and wine. This is beautifully echoed in the artwork by Poppy Wishart which I selected from our Easter Art Exhibition. We tell the great story again. We sing, we pray, we move together. We stand at the doorway of a mystery where past and present and future come together.

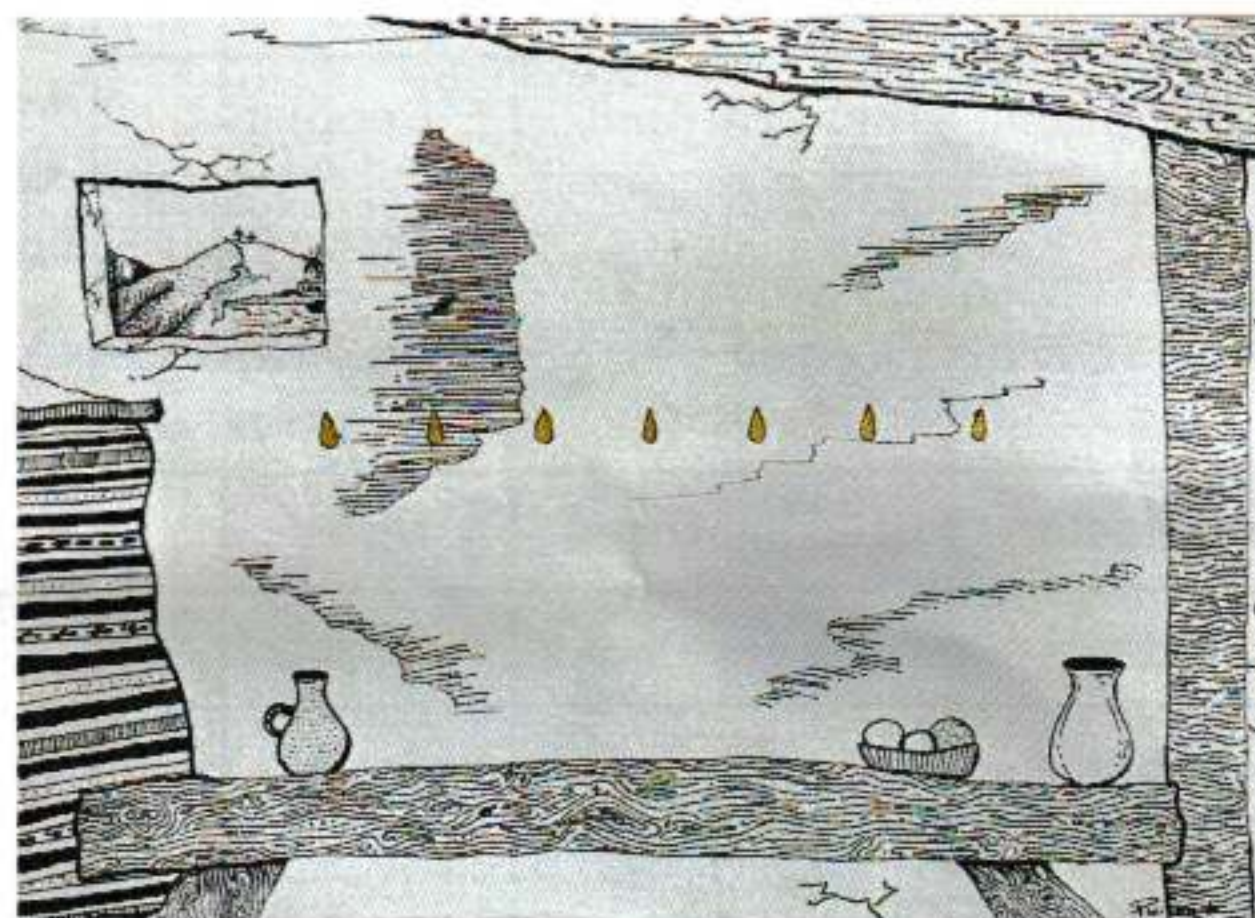
This mystery is our relationship with God. We don't understand it fully now, but we can touch it and we can enter it.

This mystery is Jesus Christ, son of God and son of Mary. Two thousand years ago, his friends saw him die and then they met him after he rose from the dead, the same man but transformed. Their story has been handed on to us. It can become our story too, because Jesus is alive and we can meet him too, wherever Galilee may be for you or me.

The story has been handed on, not in words alone, but in the community of the Church and her sacraments. In Baptism we celebrate not just an outward ceremony: we receive faith and eternal life from God. For those who are baptised, the new creation has already begun.

Each Christian's story of receiving forgiveness and a new beginning is their own. And, as each person's story opens out to the life of God's Kingdom, we discover, in the communion of saints, in the life of the Church, that it is one great story and it is ours.

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst



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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

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**IMPORTANT...**

**Saturday Mass Time**

The Saturday night Vigil Mass will remain at 6pm until the end of April.

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

Gulgong Roster			
	16th Apr	23rd Apr	30th Apr
Commentator	E. Donelly	D. Kelly	R. Saliba
Reader	J. Ritar	E. Donelly	C. Gaudry
Sacristan	E. Donelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader	D. Kelly		S. Parnell

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	Tues 11th April	E. Goodlet

Mudgee Roster Saturday 22nd/ Sunday 23rd April 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. Myles
First Reader	C. Furney	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	C. Furney	E. de Vries
EMOC	G. Brymora	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	Patrick C Lincoln C	Steph R
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S. Walker	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	K. Isbester	M. Gilbert
Counter	Mon 17th	L. Nicholson

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 10th April**

Office Closed  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 11th April**

Office will open at 10am.  
9.30am Communion Service - Mudgee  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 12th April**

12.00 Noon Angelus  
5.45pm Communion Service - Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 13th April**

9.30am Communion Service - Mudgee  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 14th April**

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 - 15th April**

5.15pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 16th April**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
9.00am Mass - Mudgee  
10.30am Communion Service - Gulgong  
11.00am Mass - Rylstone

**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.

**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  
Date: 8 May 2023,  
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm  
Venue:  
Conference room, The Chancery,  
118 Keppel St Bathurst.

**ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Maree and Reg Gilbert who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



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

**For the recently deceased especially:**  
James Winter, Patrick Power, Anne Mead.

**We remember the anniversaries of:**  
Clem Robinson, Patricia Milton nee Mahon, Jean Murray, Nene Arn, William Stewart, Margaret Wilson, Bruce Rayner, William Sheath, Gladys Dickie, Victor Bulinski, Gael Hundy, Jane Drummond, Patricia Morrison, Joan Gallagher, Mavis Whale, Joan Mc Kerchar, Robert Wakeling, Konrad Kebel.

**For the deceased, especially:**  
Emma Wade, Ally Wade, Barry Wade, Colin & Leanne Killer, Lon Schreck, Penny Bell Marskell, Rex Donnelly, Colin & Pearl Marskell, Owen Milton Anna Menegatos, Malcom Whiteley, Bradley Quinn.

**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.

*Word & FAITH*

**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.

**REFLECTION**

*Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen*

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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**WE PROCLAIM  
 THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST  
 WHEN HIS LIGHT  
 ILLUMINATES THE DARK  
 MOMENTS OF OUR EXISTENCE...**  
*Pope Francis*”

**REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The linen burial cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this 'death business' for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to know the sufferings of death again.

Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way? Obviously Mary, Peter and the other disciple were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?



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)

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

**HYMN**

**SONG OF JOY**

Come, sing a song of joy,  
 for peace shall come, my brother;  
 Sing, sing a song of joy,  
 for men shall love each other.  
 That day will dawn, just as sure  
 as hearts that are pure and hearts and hearts set free.  
 No man must stand alone,  
 with outstretched hand before him.

Come, sing a song of joy,  
 for peace shall come, my brother;  
 Sing, sing a song of joy,  
 for men shall love each other.  
 Reach out, and take them in your,  
 with love that endures forevermore.  
 Then, sing a song of joy,  
 for love and understanding.

Come, sing a song of joy,  
 of freedom tell the story,  
 Sing, sing a song of joy,  
 for mankind in his glory.  
 One mighty voice that will bring  
 a sound that will ring forevermore.  
 Then sing a song of joy,  
 for love and understanding.

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**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 10AM - 4PM

**LOCATION**

Cathedral School  
 98 George Street,  
 Bathurst NSW 2795

**REGISTRATION**

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

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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Reading for Next Sunday: *Second Sunday of Easter- YEAR A*

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, R. v.1

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

**First Reading: [Acts 10:34. 37-43](#)**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

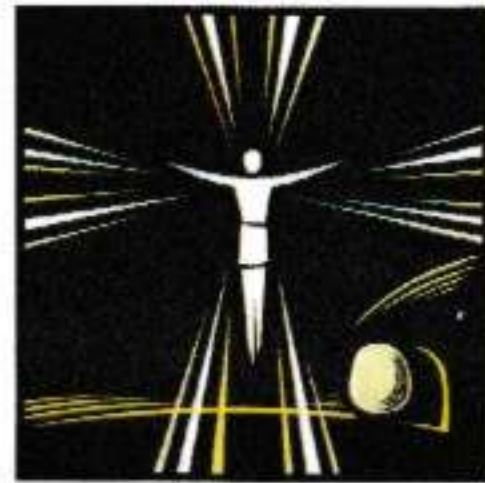
**Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)**

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**



The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: [Col 3:1-4](#)**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: [Jn 20:1-9](#)**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*



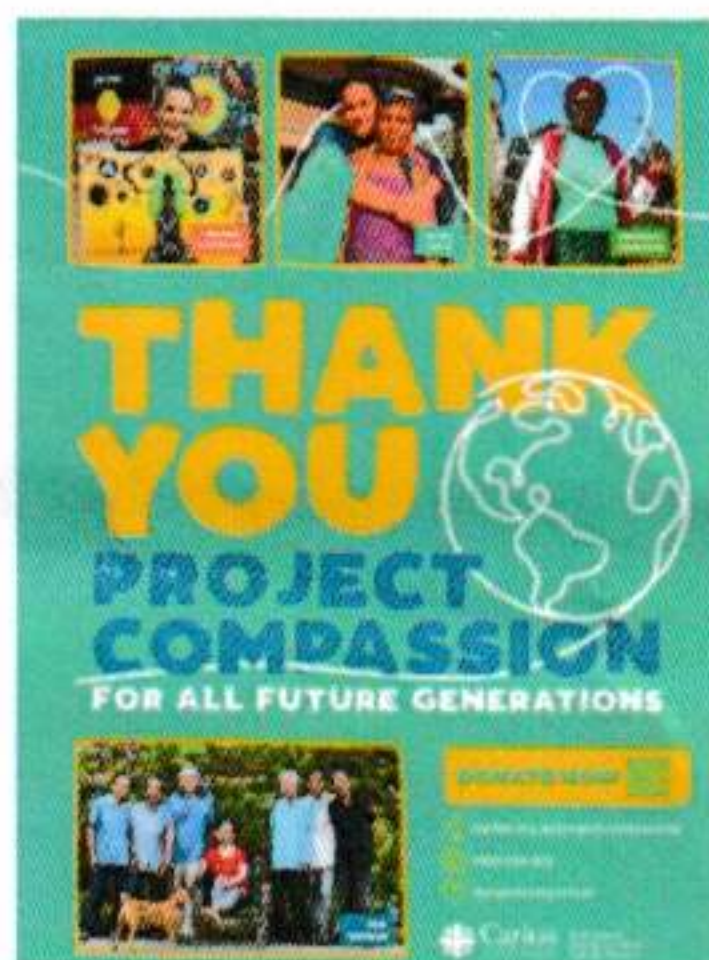
**Project Compassion**



**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

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.

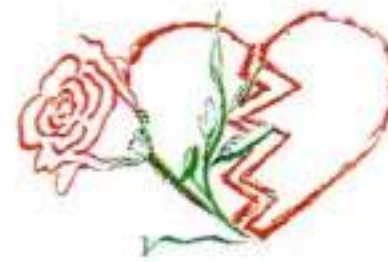
Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All envelopes and money boxes need to be returned to the Parish Office by the end of April.



**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.

**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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