



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 OF EASTER - YEAR A 23RD APRIL 2023

First Reading: [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11](#)

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Pt 1:17-21](#)

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 24:13-35](#)

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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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			
	30th Apr	7 May	14 May
Commentator	R. Saliba	P. Leotta	C. Gaudry
Reader	C. Gaudry	K. Ritar	M. Golino
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M. & E. Carney	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
Leader	S. Parnell		J. Thatcher

Mudgee Roster Saturday 29th/ Sunday 30th April 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Furney	M. Matthews
First Reader	D. Cunningham	L. Croake
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	L. Nicholson	R. McKeown
Altar Server	Violet F Willow F	Portelli Family
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	K. Isbester	S. Walker
Offertory	Williams Family	A. White
Counter	Mon 24th Apr	R. Croake

Mudgee Roster Saturday 6th/ Sunday 7th May 2023		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	A. McLean	M. McLean
First Reader	G. Brynora	M. Matthews
Second Reader	G. Brymora	M. Barrett
EMOC	D. Cunningham	M. Gilbert
Altar Server	Nicko W	Jonathon P Haddie L
Music		Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	Mrs S Walker	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	C. Carberry	Cassidy Family
Counter	Mon 1st May	D. Donnelly

GULGONG NEWS

The Gulgong Catholic Women's Group will be having a meeting on Tuesday, 2nd May at 2pm.
All welcome to attend.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 24th April

Parish Office opens at 10am.
11.00am Funeral - Gulgong - Yvette Smith
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

TUESDAY - 25th April

Parish Office Closed
9.00am Anzac Mass - Mudgee
11.00am Anzac Day Service - Robertson Park
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

**WEDNESDAY - 26th April
St Mark, evangelist - Feast**

12.00 Noon Regina Caeli
3.30pm Gulgong - Confirmation Parent Meeting
5.20pm Reconciliation
5.45pm Mass - Mudgee
6.30pm Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY - 27th April

9.30am Mass - Mudgee
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli
**FRIDAY - 28th April
St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr - Memorial**
11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation available on request.
12.00 Noon Regina Caeli and Rosary
12.30pm Mass - Mudgee
2.30pm Wedding

**SATURDAY - 29th April
St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor - Memorial**

1.00pm Wedding
3.00pm Wedding
5.15pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 30th April
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Mudgee Classic - Church St will be closed.
9.00am Mass - Mudgee
10.30am Communion Service - Gulgong
11.00am Mass - Kandos

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.

Baptism

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:

Tallulah Lorna O'Sullivan

daughter of Patrick and Katana

and

Noah William McKeown

son of Thomas and Nicole



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

Word & FAITH



All welcome.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:
Yvette Smith

We remember the anniversaries of:
Gael Hundy, Sharon Frost, Catherine Quinn, Marjorie Curran, Thomas Rheinberger, Rose Roberts, Barbara Muller, Milfred Fitzpatrick, Eileen Kelsey, Judith Morris, Irene McEwen, Noelene Goodwin, Marion Sheehan, Michael Rowlands, Christine Kilgour, Brian Croake, Margaret Mellor, Leo Tobin, Peter Byrnes, Thomas Hundy, Lorna Malone, Mary Cannon

For the deceased, especially:
Brain Meere, Mary Barry, Russell & May Hundy, Anne Mead, Debra O'Louglin, James Winter, Patrick Power, Lon Schreck.

Prayers requested for:
Lynne Daly, Frances Saliba, Joe Saliba, Jackie Cummins, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Ruth Hyde, Roland Barros, Vikki Treves, John Carney, 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.



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 : Have you arrived :
 : in St. Mary's :
 : Parish in the past :
 : year? :
 : OR :
 : Do you know :
 : someone new to :
 : our Parish? :
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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

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life. We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

MUDGE NEWS

IMPORTANT The Mudgee Classic Cycling Events will be on Sunday 30th April 2023. The following roads will be closed around St Mary's for the 9am Mass.

- Church St will be closed from Mortimer St to Short St, from 4am to 9am.
- Mortimer St will be closed between Church St and Lewis St from 4am to 9am.



Living the Gospel – Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

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.

Women's Eucharistic Retreat

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. 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>

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12 Step Group

Eleni Roberts is running a General 12 Step group for people with mental health or addiction issues on Thursday's at 5.30pm. Topics covered include self-esteem, codependency and mental health. Eleni is a trained yoga teacher and the meeting concludes with a relaxation exercise and a cup of tea. For further details, phone Eleni on 6372-0531.

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.

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

Acts 2:14. 36-41

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

1 Pt 2:20-25

Jn 10:1-10



Good Shepherd Sunday will be celebrated on 30 April this year. It's an opportunity to thank God for our priests, who lead the mission of our local church in the parishes. Their ministry is unique and indispensable. On Good Shepherd Sunday, we look to those who will serve our Diocese as priests in the future: our five seminarians. Some are nearing the end of the long journey of formation and discernment; others are just beginning. We must never give up on our earnest prayer that more young men will hear and answer God's call to leave everything and follow him. Every year, we have a special collection to cover the cost of the investment in our seminarians' training. This year, the annual bill will be more than \$250,000. We ask for ongoing support with your prayers, your participation in the work of our church and your financial contributions.

St Matthews Catholic School
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PLAYGROUP

Four consecutive Wednesday mornings:
24th May, 31st May, 7th June and 14th June
 for 1 hour play sessions.

Session Times: 9.20am - 10.20am, 10.30am - 11.30am or 12.20pm - 1.20pm
Location: St Matthews Catholic School
 Open to all children who will be beginning school in 2024
Cost: Free
 All new and existing families are welcome
Registrations open: Monday, 27th March



The Regina Caeli



Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia:

For He Whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,

Has risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

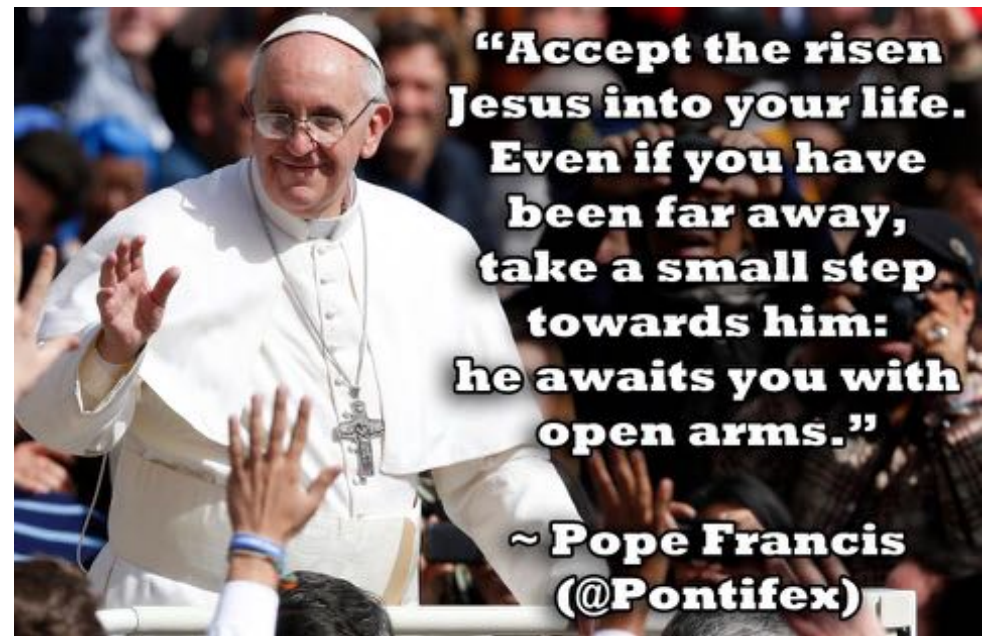
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Hymns for Mass Mudgee

Entrance Hymn - By Your Kingly Power, O risen Lord

Refrain

By your kingly power O risen Lord.

All that Adam lost is now restored:

In your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,

Sound it to the souls in prison,

Shout our triumph to the sky:

Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

Sing the joyful Easter cry,

Let all times and peoples listen:

Death has no more victory,

Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

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