

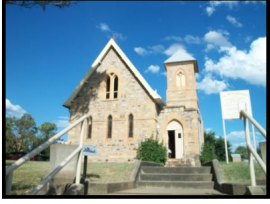


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 7TH MAY 2023



First Reading: [Acts 6:1-7](#)

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22](#)

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**

For 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.)**

Second Reading: [1 Pt 2:4-9](#)

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 14:1-12](#)

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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Gulgong Roster

	14 May	21 May	28 May
Commentator	C. Gaudry	S. Parnell	D. Kelly
Reader	M. Golino	D. Hudson	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn
Sacristan	E. Donnelly & G. Ausburn	C. Holland	R. Saliba
Leader	J. Thatcher		J. Thatcher

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 13th/ Sunday 14th May 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	S. Abbey
First Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
Second Reader	St Matthews	St Matthews
EMOC	C. Furney	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Violet F Willow F	Alyra K
Music	Choir	Barry & Rue
Welcomer	St Matthews	St Matthews
Offertory	St Matthews	St Matthews
Counter	Mon 8th May	P. O'Brien

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 20th/ Sunday 21st May 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	S. Abbey
First Reader	I. Byrne	St Matthews
Second Reader	I. Bryne	St Matthews
EMOC	G. Hennessy	R. Gawthorne
Altar Server	Michael W	Arlo S
Music	Marriane & Jerry	Choir
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Gilbert
Offertory	D. Bennett	M. Dunnachie
Counter	Mon 15th May	E. Goodlet

Pope's Intentions for May...

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 8th May

Parish Office opens at 10am.

12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

TUESDAY - 9th May

9.30am Communion Service - Mudgee

12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

WEDNESDAY - 10th May

12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

5.20pm Reconciliation

5.45pm Mass - Mudgee

THURSDAY - 11th May

9.30am Mass - Mudgee - SMCS Yr 4

12.00 Noon Regina Caeli

FRIDAY - 12th May

10.30am Mass - Whiddon Nursing Home

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation available on request.

12.00 Noon Regina Caeli and Rosary

12.30pm Mass - Mudgee

SATURDAY - 13th May

9.00am St Marys Craft and Friendship Group Craft Sale.

11.00am Baptism

5.15pm Reconciliation

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

SUNDAY - 14th May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass - Gulgong

11.00am Mass - Kandos

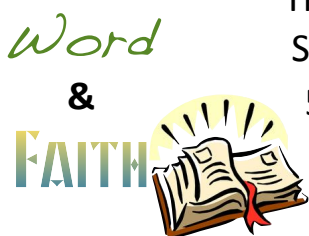
Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home

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.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.

GULGONG NEWS

Join us for a cuppa after Mass on Sunday 14th May.



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

Baptism

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:

Luke Adam Coughlan



son of Adam and Kelly

and

Eleanor Pretoria Winning

daughter of Mitchell and Emily

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to

Des and Jean Kelly



Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Laurel Burrow, Susan Morgan, Elaine Libertis,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Gerald Morgan, Mary Comer, Rodney Fittler, Stephen Reed, Raphael Flanagan, Leo Mahon, Gus Marshall, Gwendoline Keech, Norman Smith, John O'Neill, Shyla Akers, Joyce Fleming, Beau Drewe, Judith Fitzgerald, Fay Quirk, Robert Goard.

For the deceased, especially:

Miriam Byers, Yvette Smith.

Prayers requested for:

Lynne Daly, Frances Saliba, Joe Saliba, Ruth Hyde, Tony Spina, Tony Harris, Jackie Cummins, Charles Micallef, Ian Johnson, 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.

Annual Mass Count

During the Month of May, the Diocese will be hold our annual mass count. This will happen during the weekend mass.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

“Do good; seek justice.”

(cf Isaiah 1:17)

Learn to do good - Seek justice - Rescue the oppressed - Defend the orphan, plead for the widow

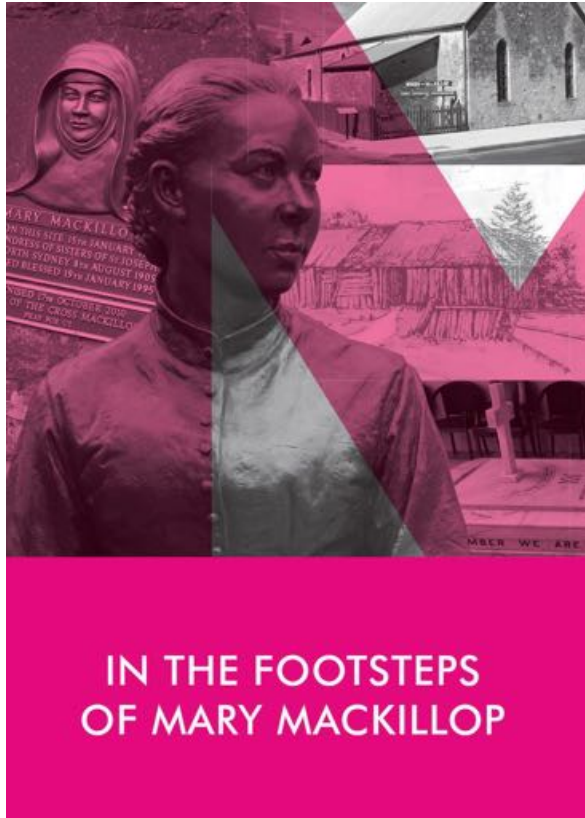


“Invasion” By artist John “Munnari” Hammond A’Hang ©

St Mary’s will host the Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, 28th May 2023 at 2.30pm

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 at her home. Topics covered include self-esteem, codependency and mental health. Eleni is a trained yoga teacher and the meeting concludes with a relaxation exercercise and a cup of tea. For further details, phone Eleni on 6372-0531.



An Australian Pilgrimage

An opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by the Sister of Saint Joseph& the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

For an application form or further information telephone Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818. Applications close 8th September 2023.

Living the Gospel

The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, ‘we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answers by saying, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.’ The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.’ Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.



MUDGE NEWS

Mass Friday 12th May - Mother’s Day is a difficult time for some, especially those who have previously lost a child. On Friday 12th May, the Mass will be offered for these parents and their children.

All Welcome.

Donation of flowers are needed for this Mass. If you would like donate flowers that can be used in a posy, please deliver to the Parish Office by Thursday Lunch time.

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

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

SACRAMENT OF
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023
ST MARY'S MUDGEEE



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.

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

Further information is available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) including booking to attend one of the above Parent/Carer Information sessions.

All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Traditionally, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, you are encouraged to pray the Regina Caeli or the Rosary and offer flowers to her. These activities show our great desire to have a spiritual Mother who would be there to protect us and comfort us when we are in danger and suffering.

The entire month of May falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical colour white – the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.



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.

St. Mary's Parish
Welcome Dinner for
New Parishioners

Friday 23rd June 2023 at 6pm



It's time to welcome new people to our parish.

Have you arrived in our Parish in the past year

OR

Do you know someone new to our Parish?

Please advise parish office of names and details as Fr Owen & the Parish Council wish to invite our new parishioners to a welcome dinner.

Phone St. Mary's Parish office on 6372 2122

Or email office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

RISE
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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST
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RISE

2023
THURSDAY 6 & FRIDAY 7 JULY
ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL
65 LLOYDS RD, SOUTH BATHURST

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