

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR C 27TH APRIL 2025



Message from Bishop McKenna on the death of Pope Francis.

When I heard that Pope Francis had died, my first prayer was from Matthew's Gospel:
"Well done, good and faithful servant! ...Come and share your master's happiness!"

Just a day before he died, the Pope left his convalescence to come to St Peter's square and
bless the Church and the world on Easter Sunday. Faithful to the end.

In the coming days, much will be written and said about this consequential papacy and the man who served
in it.

For now, let us pray for our brother, that the risen Lord will carry him to the common resurrection. And may
his prayers join with ours that the cardinals will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they prepare to call a new
Bishop of Rome.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



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Gulgong Roster		
	4th May	11th May
Commentator	R, Saliba	P. Leotta
Reader	D. Hudson	C. Leotta
Sacristan	TBA	C. Holland
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 3rd May/ Sunday 4th May		
Commentator	C. Furney	A. Myles
First Reader	D. Delahunty	W. Bodycote
Second Reader	P. Cannon	M. Bodycote
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. McKeown
Altar Server		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	L. Robinson	L. Browne
Counter	Mon 28th Apr	M. Cooper
Saturday 10th May/ Sunday 11th May		
Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	I. Byrne	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	R. Petersen	A. Myles
EMOC	C. Furney	P. O'Brien
Altar Server		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	R. McKeown
Offertory	G. English	Children's Liturgy
Sacristan	K. Wall	R. Gawthorne
Counter	Mon 5th May	L. Nicholson
Bells	Mon - E. Goodlet Tue - R. Gawthorne Wed - J. Cooper Thu - I. Browne	Fri/Sat - I. Browne Sun - R. Gawthorne

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 28/04	St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr—Memorial
12 noon	Angelus
Tue, 29/04	St Catherine of Sienna, virgin, Doctor—Memorial
9.30am	Mass—Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
Wed, 30/04	2nd week of Easter
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation - Mudgee
5.45pm	Mass - Memorial Mass for Pope Francis Mudgee
Thu, 1/05	2nd week of Easter
9.30am	Mass—Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
12.15pm	Mass—Gulgong AHCS Years 3 & 4
Fri, 2/05	St Athanasius, bishop, doctor—Memorial
10.30am	Mass—Opal Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Rosary
12.30pm	Mass—Mass
Sat, 3/05	Sts Phillip and James, apostles—Feast
10.00am	Mass and Burial of Ashes
11.15am	Baptism
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 04/05	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass—Kandos
12 noon	Angelus
5.00pm	Word and Faith Group

Mudgee Ministry Roster

May and June Ministry Roster is now available.
Please check you emails.

Bible Trivia

According to Acts 10:42, what role is Jesus appointed to by God?

- A. King of Israel
- B. High Priest
- C. Prophet
- D. Judge of the living and the dead

Answer: D. Judge of the living and the dead.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Holy Spirit

In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although 'advocate' carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Thank you to everyone who helped with ministries, music, singing, cleaning and decorating through Lent and into the Easter season in all our Parishes. Thank you for your generosity and time. It made these Holy seasons very prayerful and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your gifts.

GULGONG NEWS

SRE Teachers needed in the Gulgong area. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's Group will be on Tuesday 6th May at 2pm in the Convent. New members are always welcome.

KANDOS NEWS

Prayer Meeting will be held in Kandos / Rylstone each Monday at 10am.

1st Monday of the month—Kandos Church Hall
Every other Monday—Rylstone at the back of the church

Mudgee Bike Classic

On Sunday, 4th May, The Mudgee Bike Classic will be taking place. The starting line will be near the Crossing in Church St. There will be no parking or access to the church via Church St.



MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the recently deceased especially:

Pope Francis, Sr Moira Sullivan RSM, Tyson Perry, Annie Powell, Gabrielle Burke (Canberra)

We remember the anniversaries of:

Stephen Rohr, Noel Dorney, Minnie Mealy, Barry Sampson, Barry Rheinberger, Rose Roberts, Taidyn Roberts, Siobhan Woods, Therese Billmon, Leslie Wolfe, Joyce Gallagher.

For the deceased:

Sharyn Perry, Rex Donnelly, Gail Hume, Barry Price (Canberra), Irene Inder, Hilton 'Boof' Morgan, Shane Boesen, Yvonne O'Brien, Trish Buckley, Mabel Ryan, Ivan Brec, Maria Brec, Daniel Berke, Alojz Slatinsek, Esma, Ally & Barry Wade.

For the Sick, Special Intentions and Thanksgiving:

Paul Micallef, Luke Gaudry, Pat Ellis, Eleni Roberts, Marilyn Stuart (Kincumber), Suzana Marakovic, Stephen Lee, Olive Quinn, Ellen Johnson (Sheehan), Glennie McGrath (Fr Owen's sister), Peter Hoang, Catrina McGhee, Keiran Micallef, Donna Pilati, June Ritar, Ron Muscat, Charlie Perrotto, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Horace Saliba, Joe Saliba, Iris McBeath, Elizabeth Donnelly, Josephine Debaksta, Lynne Daly, Dean Pilati and all those in our Nursing Homes.

MUDGEE NEWS



POPE FRANCIS R.I.P.

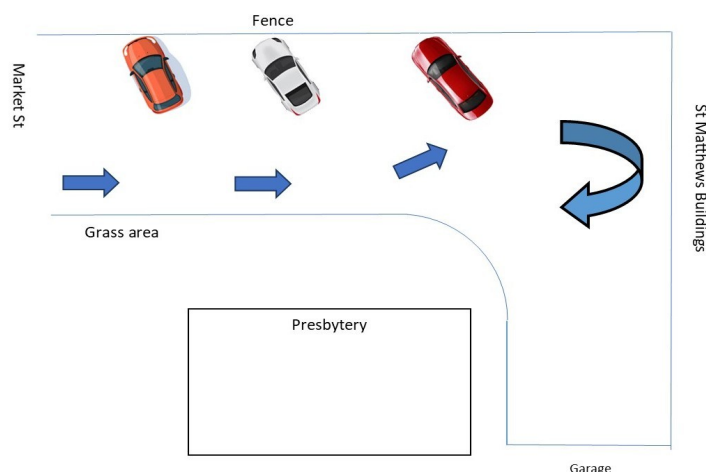
There will be a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis on Wednesday, 30th April at 5.45pm in St Mary's Church.

Please join us as we pray for him.

The church is open every day to pray.

NEW TRIAL CARPARK ARRANGEMENTS

As of this weekend, if you intend parking in the Presbytery car park please take notice of the following changes. As shown in the diagram below: Drive to the end of the car park (before parking), turn around and proceed to park your vehicle at a 45 degree ie the nose of your vehicle will be facing towards Market Street, not away from it as has been the current situation. When you are leaving, you simply reverse out of your car space (towards the Presbytery garages) then drive straight out onto Market Street. We are trialling this new approach in an attempt to avoid further damage to the new cement driveway. Please DO NOT drive off the cement onto the grass. Many thanks for your cooperation.



CHANGE TO MASS TIME

Our winter Mass times for Saturday Vigil Mass, will change to 5pm, starting Saturday 3rd May.

YEAR 12 PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM

As Year 12 have entered their final terms of their schooling, we are calling on parishioners to become Prayer Partners for these students.

The Prayer Partner program has been running in our Parish for many years and is an enriching experience for both the student and parishioner. Prayer Partners journey with the Students from the beginning of the year through to HSC exam time. This program will give opportunities to not only pray for them but to also meet with them and get to know them over the year.

At this stage, we need about **15 more Prayer Partners**, so that each Year 12 student can have their own Prayer Partner. Your help with this would be much appreciated.



This Sunday's Readings...

First Reading: *Acts 5:12-16*

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1*

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

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

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

Second Reading: *Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19*

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 20:19-31*

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Bishop Michael has announced Clergy appointments

Fr Owen Gibbons will be leaving the Parishes of Gulgong, Kandos and Mudgee to become the Parish Priest of Oberon. Details of farewells will be given in the bulletin over the next couple of weeks.

Fr Paul Devitt VG will be leaving the Cathedral Parish (Bathurst) and taking up the position of Parish Priest of Gulgong, Kandos and Mudgee and Administrator of Coonabarabran.

Fr Cong Hoang will remain in our parishes.

Other Clergy appointments are:

Fr Gregory Kennedy EV: Parish Priest of Dubbo;
Administrator of Gilgandra and Coonamble.

Fr Gregory Bellamy EV: Parish Priest of Orange and Molong; Administrator of Cowra.

Fr Francis Muhenda: Dean of the Cathedral;
Administrator of Blayney.

Fr Dong Van Nguyen: Post-graduate studies, Angelicum University, Rome.

Fr Pius Khaoya: Administrator of Dunedoo-Coolah.

Fr Ephrem Thadathil CMI: Senior Associate Pastor,
Cathedral and Blayney.

Fr Karl Sinclair: Priest in Charge, Coonabarabran.

Fr Diep Quang Nguyen: Priest in Charge, Gilgandra and Coonamble.

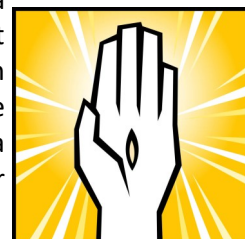
Fr Thao Van Nguyen: Priest in Charge, Cowra.

Fr Nam Dinh Le: Associate Dean of the Cathedral;
Associate Pastor, Blayney; Vocations Director; Chaplain to Charles Sturt University.

Have you thought?

Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!



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Reading for next Sunday: **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)**

Acts 5:27:32, 40-41

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Rev 5:11-14

John 21:1-19