



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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B 21ST APRIL 2024 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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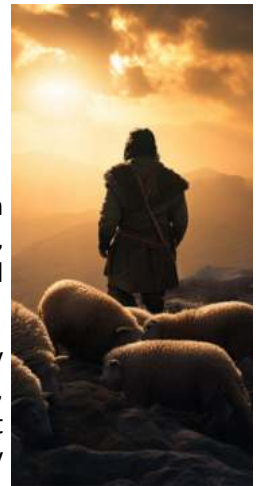
Dear Friends in Christ,

Just over a week ago, I had the joy of ordaining two new priests for our Diocese: Fathers Cong Van Hoang and Duong Van Ha. These men, like all our priests are not, as the Gospel today reminds us, merely "hired hands." They have generously offered their lives to share in the work of the Good Shepherd.

Every Christian has his or her part to play in the mission entrusted to the Church; and the dignity of each vocation is enhanced in appreciating more deeply the specific service of each one. Today, we give thanks for the unique and irreplaceable gift of the ordained priesthood, which does not exist for itself, but to serve the pilgrim Church. It is both an awesome call and, properly understood, a humble office.

For Catholics, this is a day not only to pray and give thanks for the priests who generously serve us, but to recommit ourselves to supporting them. This means a willingness to be generous in our own service, working with them for the Church and her mission. It also means playing our part in ensuring that their modest material needs are cared for.

Each year, we also make a collection on this day to help meet the expenses of training future priests. In the old days, the expenses of educating seminarians were met by their families. These days, we accept that this is a responsibility to be shared by the whole local church.



At the moment, our Diocese has five young men at various stages of formation and discernment. You can contribute to their support either through your own parish, or directly on-line at bathurst.catholic.org.au.

Please pray for the priests we have, for those who are preparing for ordination; and for those whom the Lord is calling to leave everything and follow him.

Yours in Christ,
+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons

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Rev Cong Va Hoang
Rev Charles Applin

Parish Secretaries
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Ms Krista O'Brien

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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm
Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

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Gulgong Roster		
	28th April	5th May
Commentator	E. Donelly	C. Gaudry
Reader	J. Rita	M. McGregor
Sacristan	TBA	C. Holland
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th April 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	G. Myles
First Reader	D. Cunningham	K. Cassidy
Second Reader	K. Barker	B. Redden
EMOC	A. Fergus	M. Dunnachie
Altar Server	Michael	Arlo
Music		
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	S. Walker
Offertory	C. Carberry	K. O'Brien
Children's Liturgy		
Sacristan	D. Cunningham	R. Gawthorne
Counter	22nd April	P. O'Brien
Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th May 2024		
Commentator	B. Petersen	M. Mclean
First Reader	D. Delahunty	M. Cassidy
Second Reader	A. McLean	O. O'Brien
EMOC	C. Furney	M. Gilbert
Altar Server	Violet & Willow F	Patrick C
Music		
Welcomer	F. Lupton	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	J. Goodlet	Children's Liturgy
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Sacristan	A. Baker	R. Gawthorne
Counter	29th April	L. Nicholson
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne	

DAY BY DAY	
Mon, 22/4	Fourth Week of Easter
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Regina Coeli
Tue, 23/4	Fourth Week of Easter
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 Noon	Funeral - Wellington Fr Jim Wilkins
12 noon	Regina Coeli
5.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wed, 24/4	Fourth Week of Easter
12 noon	Regina Coeli
5.30pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass -Mudgee
Thu, 25/4	ANZAC DAY
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee followed by a a Cuppa
11.00am	ANZAC Service—Robertson Park Mudgee
12 noon	Regina Coeli
Fri, 26/4	St Mark, evangelist—Feast
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Regina Coeli
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 27/4	Fourth Week of Easter
5.30pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 14/4	Fifth Sunday of Easter
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Communion Service - Rylstone

MUDGEE NEWS

Saturday Vigil Mass will move to 5pm from 4th May.

Mudgee Classic is on Sunday 5th May. Church St will be closed from 4am. Please enter the church via the Market St gate.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024

April—For the Role of Women



We pray that the dignity and immense value of women by recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in parts of the world.

JOKE JUNCTION.....

*What wears glass slippers and weighs over 4,000 pounds?
Cinderellephant*

MILITARY ITEMS found recently in the grounds of St. Mary's. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Baptism

We welcome into our Mudgee Parish:

Tilly Grace Neil

Daughter of Matthew and Belinda



Willow Lee Martin

daughter of Jack and Ashley

Archer Luke Ridsdale

Poppy Charlotte Ridsdale

Harriet Kate Ridsdale

children of Luke and Brooke

Kandos Parish welcome:

Kayne Matthew Swords

Bonnie May Swords

children of Benjamin and Amy

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 April 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The Fourth Sunday of Easter this year is called Good Shepherd Sunday and also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We remember and thank God for the people who have been the good shepherds in our life. In a particular way, we give thanks and gratitude to the priests who also offered their whole life in faithful service of the God's people in the Bathurst Diocese.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also an opportunity to pray for vocations. We pray for more men to hear and generously respond to God's call to the priesthood, especially in our Diocese. We need more men and women who can offer themselves in service of God's Kingdom and in preaching the Good News. As Pope Francis tells us, we need priests and consecrated people who have hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.

Dear young men of the Diocese of Bathurst, have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a priest? If you feel that you are called to be a witness of God's love and presence in this world by your ministry as a priest, do not be afraid to discern that call, and be courageous in saying "yes" to it!

If you think God may be calling you to be a priest, please talk to your parish priest or myself, the Associate Vocations Director of the Diocese of Bathurst.

Fr Nam Le
Associate Vocations Director
Email: nam.le@cdob.org.au

Congratulations to:



Joshua John Murray

and

Georgia Meg Cosier

who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

GULGONG NEWS

SACRISTANS - Due to ill health etc we are appealing for people to come forward and assist as Sacristans, to help prepare the church for Mass. Please consider helping with this ministry. Just give your name to Merylyn Carney or Carolyn Holland.

Training will be provided.

KANDOS NEWS

Prayer meeting will be held at 10am on 6th May at Rylstone followed by a cuppa.

Donations are being accepted for a new organ for St. Malachy's church, Rylstone. Donations will be acknowledged. Please contact Fr. Owen or the Parish Office.

Save the Date

St Vincent de Paul thanksgiving Mass on 4th August at 11am at Kandos. Celebrating over 90 years of Caring in our

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:

Andrew Adams (Newcastle), Millicent Gourley (South Africa), Warwick Gleeson, Fr Jim Wilkins,

We remember the anniversaries of:

Peter McDonnell, Sharon Frost, Catherine Quinn, Marjoire Curran, Peter Rayner, Lynette Wakeling, Barbara Muller, Colin Sampson, Judith Morris, Ethel Ottley, Elizabeth Gleeson, Marion Sheehan, Leonora Bond, Joyce Power, Lilian Munro, Brian Croake, Margaret Mellor, Jason Chapman, Kevin Byrnes, Leo Tobin, Peter Byrnes, John Fitzpatrick, Thomas Hundy, Lorna Malone, Mary Cannon, Elaine Libertis, Gael Hundy, Bill & Pat Milton.

For the deceased, especially:

Fr. Paul Jennings MSC, Luzviminda Vicedo, Monica Monds, Michael O'Shea, Belinda Holden, Don and Millie McCauley, Mal Whiteley, Brad Quinn, Maggie Swientek.

Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Carla Perrotto, Carmen Archer, Trish Buckley, Joe Saliba, Warwick Gleeson, Doreen Wurth, Horace Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Harris, Tracy Donnelly, Angela Marakovic, Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Iris McBeath, Graham Hawkins, Josephine Debaksta, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Lynne Daly, Carmel Thompson, Kim Barry, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

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- Never believe emails that have different names within the email body, email address or the sent from fields.
- Do not open messages or their attachments, or click on links from unfamiliar individuals or organisations.
- Remember that reputable organisations including banks, government departments, online shopping and social media companies will not call or email to verify or update your personal information. This includes companies such as Amazon, PayPal, Google, Apple and Facebook.
- Do not provide personal information to unverified sources and never provide someone with remote access to your computer.
- Keeping your devices up to date with their software updates (computers, phone, Tablets etc..)
- Never share passphrases with others.
- Use strong unique passphrases for every account.

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12](#)

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22](#)

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

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

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

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 John 3:1-2](#)

We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 10:11-18](#)

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The Voice of the Shepherd

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'the voice of the shepherd'.

The reading from Acts shows the early Christian community continuing the work of Jesus and celebrating the power to heal and save in Jesus' name. Peter is in a lot of trouble with the Jewish leaders because he is preaching and healing in Jesus' name. The healing miracle is a sign of the salvation that came in Jesus, but Peter is still rejected by those who will not accept Jesus' messiahship. They do not believe that the only path to salvation is through Jesus.

Today's responsorial psalm repeats the theme of the last four Sundays: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.' Rejected by Israel, Jesus is now the very foundation of faith. We are told to trust the Lord instead of earthly princes. This is a psalm of thanksgiving all the way through, and we are told that those who do all in the Lord's name will be blessed.

In First John, Christians are called children of God who enjoy a very close relationship with God. Unfortunately, being God's children is not without risk. The world fails to recognise them. At the same time, being children of God promises a remarkable future.

In today's reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus likens himself to a humble shepherd. But unlike shepherds who work for pay and might abandon the sheep when danger appears, Jesus lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus regards all people as his sheep, not just those who join his flock as Christians.

We, as Christian members of Jesus' flock, are called to be shepherds like him – not to lead with power and ambition, but to put the welfare of others before our own welfare.

Reading for next Sunday: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32 R. v.26

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8