



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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B 5TH MAY 2024

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48](#)
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Responsorial Psalm:
[Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2](#)

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 John 4:7-10](#)
God is love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 15:9-17](#)

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his
friends.*

Gospel Reflection

By Dianne Bergant

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.



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Gulgong Roster			DAY BY DAY	
	12th May	19th May	Mon, 6/5	Sixth Week of Easter
Commentator	R. Saliba	P. Leotta		Parish Office opens at 10am
Reader	C. Golino	K. Ritar	12 noon	Regina Coeli
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M & E Carney	Tue, 7/5	Sixth Week of Easter
Leader			9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
			12 noon	Regina Coeli
Mudgee Roster			Wed, 8/5	Sixth Week of Easter
Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th May 2024			10.40am	Mass—SMCS Secondary Campus Yr 11
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. Myles	12 noon	Regina Coeli
First Reader	L. Nicholson	L. Croake	5.20pm	Reconciliation
Second Reader	J. Thomet	M. Dunnachie	5.45pm	Mass -Mudgee
EMOC	I. Bryne	K. Cassidy	Thu, 9/5	Sixth Week of Easter
Altar Server	Nicko And Han W	Sabella W	9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
Music			11.00am	Mass- Christian Living Camp—Lake Burrendong
Welcomer	S. Walker	O. O'Brien	12 noon	Regina Coeli
Offertory	K. Isbester	Children's Liturgy	Fri, 10/5	Sixth Week of Easter
Children's Liturgy			10.30am	Mass—Whiddon Nursing Home
Sacristan	I. Browne	R. Gawthorne	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Counter	6th May	R. Croake	12 noon	Regina Coeli
Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th May 2024			12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Commentator	C. Furney	L. Croake	Sat, 11/5	Sixth Week of Easter
First Reader	St Matthew's	St Matthew's	4.30pm	Reconciliation
Second Reader	St Matthew's	St Matthew's	5.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Croake	Sun, 12/5	The ASCENSION of the LORD
Altar Server	Nicko And Han W	Sabella W	9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
Music			10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
Welcomer	C. Carberry	S. Walker	11.00am	Mass - Kandos
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy		
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Sacristan	L. Nicholson	R. Gawthorne		
Counter	13th May	E. Goodlet		
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne			

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2024

MAY—FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

JOKE JUNCTION.....
 What's a lion's favourite day of the week?
 Chews-day!

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:



Eliza Cristie Harries
daughter of Robert and Claire

Claire Marie Harris
Daughter of Ben and Sally

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 Marilyn Carney or Carolyn Holland.

Training will be provided.

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's Group will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 2pm in the convent. New members are always welcome. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

Welcome Morning Tea for Fr Cong

On Sunday 19th May, there will be a morning tea following Fr Cong's first Mass at Gulgong. All welcome.

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 area.

Living the Gospel – Love One Another

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?



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MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:

Stephen Rohr, Kelly Williams, Alice Drew.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Jacqueline Pthie, Janice Martyn, Stephen Reed, Gus Marshall, Gwendoline Keech, Norman Smith, John O'Neill, Beau Drewe, Judith Fitzgerald, Fay Quick, Raymond Williamson, Mary Carn, Laurel Barrow.

For the deceased, especially:

Andrew Adams (Newcastle), Millicent Gourley (South Africa), Fr Jim Wilkins, Miriam Byers, Warwick Gleeson, Maggie Swientek.

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

Prayers requested for the sick:

Ron Muscat, Carla Perrotto, Carmen Archer, Trish Buckley, Joe Saliba, Doreen Wurth, Horace Saliba, June Ritar, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Elizabeth Donelly, Tony Harris, Tracy Donelly, 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

12 - 19 May 2024



*"You shall love the Lord your God ...and
your neighbour as yourself..."*

(Luke 10:27)

St Mary's of the Presentation

Would like to invite you to help celebrate

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

When: Sunday, 19th May 2024

Time: 2.30pm

Where: St Mary's Catholic Church



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Giving Appeal
05 May 2024



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Christian Love Versus Worldly Love

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'God is love'.

The young church was grappling with questions of membership. Who should belong? Who should be baptised? In the reading from Acts, Peter says that God shows no partiality. As a sign of God's impartiality, the Spirit comes upon all the listeners – Gentiles as well as Jews. All who believe are baptised in the name of Jesus and welcomed into the new church.

The responsorial psalm announces that God's salvation is not just for Israel, but for other people as well.

The second reading and the Gospel are love letters from God. For the writer of First John, the message is simple: God loves us and is the source of our love for one another. This love is revealed through the gift of Jesus Christ and his offering of his life for our sins.

In the reading from John's Gospel, we learn that to love means to participate in the love between God the Father and Jesus. Jesus' commandment is to

'love one another as I have loved you'. In last week's readings, our relationship with Jesus was described as branches on the vine. This week we are invited to be part of Jesus' inner circle – one of his closest friends. We are called again to bear fruit by loving one another.

Jesus is our friend. He loves us so much that he was prepared to give up his life for us. What are some things you can do to show Jesus that you are his friend?



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ART EXHIBITION AND SALE at St. Mary's Parish Centre

(Cnr Church and Market Streets)

Open Friday, 10th May 2024 5.30PM—7.30pm

Official Opening 6.00pm

Open Saturday, 11th May 2024 9.00am—2.30pm

All welcome to attend Opening

Reading for next Sunday: **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20