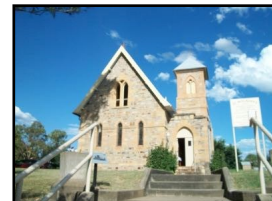


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

## 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.



### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—YEAR B 12TH MAY 2024 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

**First Reading:** [Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#)

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6](#)

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Ephesians 1:17-23](#)

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Mark 16:15-20](#)

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of God.*



### Gospel Reflection

By Dianne Bergant

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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**Closed for Lunch** 1.00pm - 2.00pm

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Gulgong Roster		
	19th May	26th May
Commentator	P. Leotta	D. Kelly
Reader	K. Ritar	M. Golino
Sacristan	M & E Carney	TBA
Leader		
Mudgee Roster		
Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th May 2024		
Commentator	C. Furney	L. Croake
First Reader	St Matthew's	St Matthew's
Second Reader	St Matthew's	St Matthew's
EMOC	D. Cunningham	R. Croake
Altar Server	Nicko And Han W	Sabella W
Music		
Welcomer	C. Carberry	S. Walker
Offertory	D. Bennett	Children's Liturgy
Children's Liturgy		
Sacristan	L. Nicholson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	13th May	E. Goodlet
Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th May 2024		
Commentator	A. McLean	M. Matthews
First Reader	C. Furney	A. Myles
Second Reader	P. Cannon	J. Tioseco
EMOC	A. Fergus	R. Gawthorne
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Offertory	C. Carberry	Children's Liturgy
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Sacristan	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne
Counter	20th May	M. Walker
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, 13/5	Seventh Week of Easter
	Parish Office opens at 10am
12 noon	Regina Caeli
Tue, 14/5	St Matthias, apostle
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee—SMCS Year 5
12 noon	Regina Caeli
Wed, 15/5	Seventh Week of Easter
10.40am	SMCS Secondary Campus Assembly
12 noon	Regina Caeli
5.20pm	Reconciliation
5.45pm	Mass -Mudgee
Thu, 16/5	Seventh Week of Easter
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Regina Caeli
2.00pm	Funeral—Mudgee—Kevin Scott
Fri, 17/5	Seventh Week of Easter
10.30am	Mass—Kanandah Nursing Home
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Regina Caeli
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sat, 18/5	Seventh Week of Easter
11.00am	Baptism
4.30pm	Reconciliation
5.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun, 19/5	PENTECOST SUNDAY
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass - Kandos
2.30pm	Prayer for Christian Unity—St Mary's Mudgee

### 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 do you get if you cross an elephant with a kangaroo?  
Big holes all over Australia!

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

### 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.

#### 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 weekly on Mondays, will be held at 10am on 13th 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.

You are invited to join the *Mackillop Singers*. Practice on Thursday at 10am. Contact Lou or the Parish Office for further details.

### MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

#### For the recently deceased especially:

Kevin Scott, Sr Catherine Grant, Bishop Peter Ingham, Stephen Rohr, Kelly Williams, Alice Drew.

#### We remember the anniversaries of:

John Russell Anson, Armando Trinidad, Enrique Cojuangco, Rodney Fittler, Leo Mahon, John O'Hare, James Freeman, Uneta Bromka, Kingsley Walsh, Shyla Akers, Enid Sheath, Elizabeth Jervis, Isabel Cluff, Joyce Fleming, Mary Robinson, Brian Ward, Hubert Woodhouse, Robert Goard, David Power, Anthony Lynch, Mary Comer, Carol Anderson, Gregory Roberts.

#### For the deceased, especially:

Michael Azar, Anne Mead, William & Naney Gaffney, Katalin Dalmay, Millie Isbester, 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 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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### MUDGE NEWS

We are asking for volunteers to help with the Flower decorating in the church. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

### A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tender-hearted love.  
I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter and of tears.  
And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!  
— Author Unknown

## 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

## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

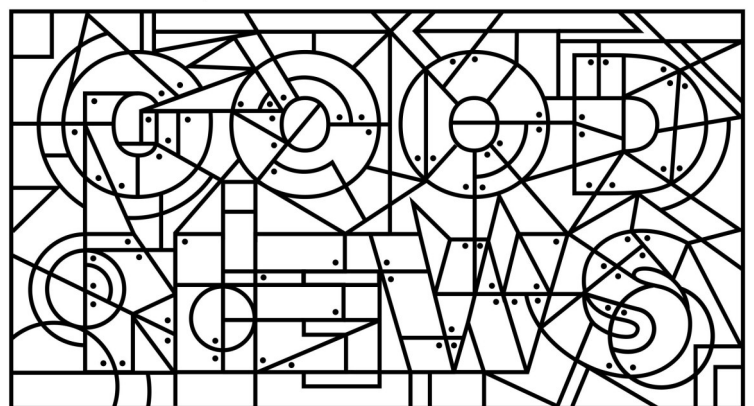
by Greg Sunter

This passage makes up the concluding verses of the Gospel of Mark. Actually, literary criticism of the Mark gospel suggests that the original gospel ended at 16:8 with the women fleeing from the empty tomb in fear. Verses 9-20 appear to be a later addition to the gospel. The community in which this gospel was written expected Jesus to return within their lifetime and so the dramatic and suspenseful conclusion of the gospel at the discovery of the empty tomb makes perfect sense. However, it soon became apparent that Jesus' return was not going to come as soon as the believers had hoped and so the post-resurrection appearances and the commissioning to continue on with Jesus' work became much more important.

If we were to read this passage literally, we would believe that to be a Christian one had to be able to perform exorcisms, speak in tongues, handle snakes, drink poison and heal by touch. If this were literally true, I guess there wouldn't be too many Christians around today! Rather, the purpose of the passage is that Jesus sends his followers out 'to the whole world' to continue his ministry. It is the 'whole world' to which they are sent; not just their cosy little corner of the world but the whole world. It's what Christian people for the last 2,000 years have been called to do: continue Jesus' ministry to the whole world. It's what each and every one of us is called to do today: 'proclaim the Good News to all creation'. That doesn't mean standing on street corners with a Bible in our hands but it means proclaiming the Good News through our everyday actions and by being open and honest about our faith. It means treating all people as Jesus would.



Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



## Hymn: Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Go now, you are sent forth  
to live what you proclaim;  
To show the world you follow Christ  
in fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth  
To walk this troubled earth,  
To share your faith with all we meet  
And prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth  
As God's ambassador;  
By serving God in those we meet  
We love God more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth  
And Christ goes with you too.  
Today you help God's kingdom come  
In everything you do.

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Reading for next Sunday: **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103:1, 29-31, 34: R

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15