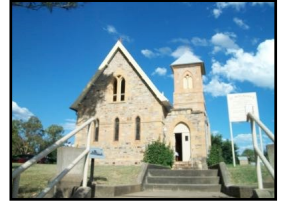


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY—YEAR B 19TH MAY 2024

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30](#)

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 15:26-; 16:12-15](#)

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Gospel Reflection

By Dianne Bergant

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.



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Gulgong Roster			DAY BY DAY	
	26th May	2nd June	Mon, 20/5	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church—Memorial
Commentator	D. Kelly	S. Parnell		Parish Office opens at 10am
Reader	M. Golino	D. Hudson	12 noon	Angelus
Sacristan	TBA	C. Holland	2.00pm	Funeral—Mudgee—Kevin Scott
Leader			Tue, 21/5	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Mudgee Roster			9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th May 2024			12 noon	Angelus
Commentator	A. McLean	M. Matthews	5.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
First Reader	C. Furney	A. Myles	Wed, 22/5	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Second Reader	P. Cannon	J. Tioseco	10.40am	Mass — SMCS Secondary Campus Yr 10
EMOC	A. Fergus	R. Gawthorne	12 noon	Angelus
Altar Server		Arlo S	5.20pm	Reconciliation
Music			5.45pm	Mass -Mudgee
Welcomer	D. Delahunty	M. Dunnachie	Thu, 23/5	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Offertory	C. Carberry	Children's Liturgy	9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
Children's Liturgy			12 noon	Angelus
Sacristan	L. Robinson	R. Gawthorne	12.15pm	Mass —Gulgong—All Hallows—All Welcome
Counter	20th May	M. Walker	5.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 1st/ Sunday 2nd June 2024			Fri, 24/5	Our Lady, Help of Christians
Commentator	B. Petersen	A. McLean	11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Reader	I. Bryne	E. de Vries	12 noon	Angelus
Second Reader	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews	12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
EMOC	C. Furney	M. Dunnachie	Sat, 25/5	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Altar Server			11.00am	Baptism
Music			12 noon	Angelus
Welcomer	K. Isbester	M. Gilbert	4.30pm	Reconciliation
Offertory	J. Goodlet	Children's Liturgy	5.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Children's Liturgy			Sun, 26/5	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Sacristan	K. Wall	R. Gawthorne	9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
Counter	20th May	M. Walker	10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
Bells	Mon—E. Goodlet Tue—R. Gawthorne Wed—J. Cooper Thu—I. Browne Fri— I. Browne Sat— I. Browne/Fr Owen Sun—R. Gawthorne		11.00am	Mass - Rystone
			12 noon	Angelus

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.....

Why is it hard to fool a snake?
Because you can't pull its leg!

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.

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.

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.

MASSSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING.

For the recently deceased especially:

Sr Patricia Adams, Kevin Scott, Sr Catherine Grant.

We remember the anniversaries of:

John Carney, Evelyn Vidler, Paul Harrison, Nikaya Tattersall, William Milton, Norman McVicker, Allen Robinson, David McLean, Yvonne Kelly, Sydney Day, Norma Andrew, John Orth, Emily Beter, William Hensley, Donald Lincoln, Neville Ryan.

For the deceased, especially:

Bishop Peter Ingham, Stephen Rohr, Kelly Williams, Alice Drew, Andrew Adams (Newcastle), Millicent Gourley (South Africa), 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.

Baptism



We welcome into our Mudgee parish:

Kalyn Alan Merlino

Son of Kai and Jade

Financially Supporting your Parish

As we approach the end on another financial year, we express our sincere gratitude to all parishioners who have supported our parishes financially over this past year.

Without your financial support, we can not continue to do what we are called by God to do—look after the pastoral life and outreach of our parishes which is our most important ministry.

To do this we must pay the everyday running cost of electricity, rates, salaries, the increasing insurance cost and attend to the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

They a many different ways that you can financially support your parish:

- ⇒ Planned giving—This is where you can pledge an amount that you are will to give to your parish over the year, This can be done via special envelope, Direct Debit or Direct Deposit. Planned Giving allows your parish to budget for maintenance. Over the next couple of weeks we will be asking you to either renew your Planned Giving or to sign up to Planned Giving.
- ⇒ A Bequeath in your Will
- ⇒ Investing in a Term Deposit with CDF—this is a win win option. You will earn interest on your money and the CDF will donate based on 2.5% of your annual investment to the Parish of your choice, at no cost to you. See below for more detail.

FIXED TERM INVESTMENT RATES

Interest is paid on maturity of Fixed Term Investment

Minimum Investment \$5,000.00

3 months	3.25%
6 months	3.75%
9 months	4.00%
12 months	5.00%
24 months	Rate by Negotiation



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(eg \$100,000 12month Term deposit = a donation of \$2,500 from the CDF to your Parish)

For more information:
www.cdfbathurst.org.au

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

National Reconciliation Week Mass

On Friday 31st May, students from St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee, All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong, St Michaels Catholic School Dunedoo and Sacred Heart Catholic School Coolah will be coming together to celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael and Fathers Owen and Cong for National Reconciliation Week at St Mary's Church. The day will begin at 11am with a smoking ceremony followed by Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and Mass at St Mary's will not take place on that day. However, you are warmly welcome to attend the Mass at the school.

Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop

Set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes and spirit of our nations' first saint.

11 Days—Departs Melbourne Saturday 3rd August and arrives in Adelaide on Tuesday 13th August
Fully Escorted with Chaplin, Fr Garry McKeown and Tour Coordinator Sr Helen Saunders.

For more information, see pamphlet on the notice board in church or call the parish office or go to havestjournneys.com/mm

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

One in the Spirit

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'One in the Holy Spirit'. All of today's readings speak about the Spirit of Jesus gifting his disciples with the talents and powers for going forth with courage to proclaim the Good News.

The first reading, from Acts, describes the events of Pentecost, in which the Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles in wind and fire. When they are filled with the Holy Spirit, they begin to speak in languages they never knew before. The crowd assembled is astonished. Though many of the crowd are foreigners, they understand that the disciples are speaking about the wonders of God. God has reversed the Tower of Babel. Rather than being confused by the different languages, the people can understand them.

Psalm 103 is a hymn of praise to God, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the whole earth.

The second reading is a reminder that the Spirit bestows gifts for proclaiming the Good News on everyone, but not everyone has the same kinds of gifts. The gifts of the Spirit are public gifts, not private ones. And when people use them to complement the gifts of others, the community forms the one Body of Christ in which the Spirit is alive.

The early Christians probably argued about whose gifts were the most important. As one Body in Christ, divisions such as race, age or nationality lose all meaning. The image of the body was chosen to highlight that the community is not a static, unmoving group. A living body grows and moves and changes; so, too, does the church community if it is to stay alive.

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. The disciples are hiding out, scared and defeated. Jesus comes to them and breathes new life into them – the breath of the Spirit. With the gift of the Spirit comes the gift of peace and a mandate to go out and forgive the sins of others.



The Spirit Brings

LOVE

I can show love by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

PEACE

I can be a peacemaker by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

JOY

I can show joy by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

Reading for next Sunday: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 R

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20