

**SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024**

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Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo



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**New deacons to be ordained on Sat 20 April 11am**



All are welcome in Bathurst as Joshua Taylor and Stuart Border are ordained as deacons. Many will know Stuart from Gilgandra where he will continue to serve. We look forward to Josh (currently serving in Sydney at Leichardt Anglican) and his family, moving to one of our parishes (still to be decided) in 2025.

**Narromine's answer to prayer**

With joy and gratitude to God, Luke Merriman will commence as Lay Stipendiary Minister during May in the Parish of Narromine.



**Saturday 13 April in Mudgee**

Join us at St John the Baptist Church at 11am for the Commissioning service of The Venerable Tim St Quintin, Rector of the Cudgong Valley Parish (Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos) and new Archdeacon of the Eastern Region. Praise be to God!

**The Bishop's Commissary writes...**

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

At Easter, together with Christians across the globe, we celebrate Jesus risen from the dead and in unity and great joy we sing "Alleluia"! Our faith tells us that the resurrection is real yet at times we should also ask ourselves, do our lives truly reflect this reality?

The reality of the resurrection is that Jesus rose from the dead and death no longer has the last word. It does not have the last word in His life and ours. But we don't have to wait until we are dead to experience what resurrection actually means or can mean, in the here and now.

There is no need for us as believers to live our lives here on earth as if we are already dead, as Christians are supposed to reflect on the outside what we believe on the inside. If Jesus' death and resurrection is ever going to change us, then we need to live our lives accordingly.

The joyful hope of the resurrection of Christ continually reminds us that there is much more to each of us than meets the eye and that our souls are immortal. Our bodies will decay or turn to dust, but our souls will forever live with God.

The challenge for us is to therefore live with a purpose in this life so that we can prepare for and reflect the new life that is to come. In this life we will inevitably run into obstacles that can leave us feeling without hope. This Easter I am mindful of our Christian sisters and brothers in places like Ukraine and Gaza in situations that must seem to be hopeless.

As people of faith, we are not immune from the challenges that may come our way. In the face of these, we must seek to remain focussed on the promise of a

**Diocesan Conference Saturday 18 May in Dubbo**

Did you come to Diocesan Conference Day last year? What a sensational time of encouragement it was. Over 180 people from parishes around the diocese attended. Please join us from 9am-3pm and be inspired as we consider the role of prayer in our church life.

There will be programs for children and youth, a bookstall, delicious food, good coffee, plus talks from Rev'd Peter Rodgers, International Director of CMS Australia from 2011-2022, responsible for the training, placement and care of missionary families in over 40 countries. He previously served 10 years as a missionary in Indonesia and today serves at Newtown Erskineville Anglican.

glorious future precisely because our Lord charts a way forward for those who remain close to Him. So, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection, his victory on behalf of us all over death, let us renew that joy which surely lies at the heart of the Christian message with a cry that sums up the whole of our lives – and our response must be: "Alleluia, Alleluia, He is risen!"

Your brother in Christ,

*James*

*The Very Rev'd James Hodson  
Bishop's Commissary*

## Video Sermons

### EASTER - THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

MAR 29 GOOD FRIDAY

MAR 31 EASTER DAY

### EASTER ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN JESUS

APR 07 With Thomas John 20:19-31

APR 14 With the disciples Luke 24:36b-48

APR 21 With YOU John 10:11-18

### THERE IS ONLY ONE GOSPEL! - EXPLORING GALATIANS

APR 28 So why are you turning to another gospel? Gal 1:1-10

MAY 05 It's not MY Gospel! Gal 1:11-24

MAY 12 It's the Gospel of the historic leaders Gal 2:1-10

MAY 19 It is NOT a Gospel of keeping rules! Gal 2:11-20

MAY 26 It is a Gospel about Christ's rescue Gal 3:1-14

JUN 02 And it is for freedom Christ has set us free Gal 5:1-12

JUN 09 ... so that we are not under law Gal 5:13-26

JUN 16 May our only boast be in the cross of Christ Gal 6

## Key Dates and Upcoming Events

**2-5 Apr** Retired clergy retreat

**7-15 Apr** Moore College mission to Orange

**9 Apr** Bishop Mark returns from long service leave

**10 Apr** Zoom 7pm, Safe Ministry Training Level 3 (for senior leaders)

**13 Apr** Mudgee 11am Commissioning Ven. Tim St Quintin

**20 Apr** Bathurst 11am Ordination in Bathurst: Stuart Border and Joshua Taylor

**4 May** SMBC Children's Ministry Conference: (option to livestream from Sydney or watch later)

**18 May** Diocesan conference with speaker Rev'd Peter Rodgers in Dubbo

**9-11 Aug** Diocesan camp at Ridgecrest with speaker Rev'd Andy Martin

**31 Aug** National Grandparent Conference (attend online or in Sydney)

**20 Sep** Stipendiary clergy gathering 2pm - prior to Synod

**20-21 Sep** Synod in Bathurst

**19 Oct** Diocesan Women's Conference Bathurst

**4-7 Nov** Clergy retreat - Galong

**The 2024 National Grandparent Conference (31 August)** will inspire and equip grandparents to share their love and faith in Christ with their grandchildren so they are able to leave a living faith legacy.

Find out more at: <https://ngmlegacy.com.au/2024-conference>

**Our deep thanks to Rev'd Paul Dale for providing our Lenten Studies.** Videos, sermon notes & study questions are accessible on our website. Look for Lent 2024 - "[Gazing at God's Goodness](#)".

## Please Pray

**For the efforts of the Safe Families Working Group** - Established after Synod to support and address abuse in families. The group meet monthly, with a focus on three areas: awareness, education & resourcing. Please contact any member, if you would like to know more: Ven. Jono Williams, (Canowindra) Rev'd Phil Howes, (Bathurst) Rev'd Sally Phelps, (Forbes) Kirsten Stevenson, (Family worker Cowra/Canowindra) Olla Hockey (Family Law Orange).

**Give thanks and praise** - For the new staff appointments around our Diocese! What an answer to prayer. Lay Children's Ministry worker Gemma Clipsham commenced at the Cathedral in Feb. Please pray for Tim & Sarah St Quintin as they move & settle in Mudgee, and the Merriman family as they make plans to move to Narromine. Give thanks for our new ordinands, Josh & Stuart, for their humble and obedient hearts, desire to share Jesus for life in our diocese, and that God will continue to work in them as He prepares them for these orders.

**Parishes without clergy** - That God will provide people to serve in Kelso, Coonabarabran, Warren, Coonamble, Nyngan, Gilgandra, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock, Coolah-Dunedoo, Condobolin and Trundle.

**For the Moore College Mission to Orange in early April** - for the students exploring ministry opportunities in our diocese and that hearts will be open to Christ.

**The Bishop's 2024 Prayer Diary** can be accessed online or phone the office to request a copy.

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## Cathedral Services

### Saturday Vigil

5pm (6pm during daylight saving)

### Sunday

8.30am Traditional

10am Contemporary

*Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu;*

*10am Fri*

## Supporting our clergy

We would love your support for Phil Howes, Bec Choi, Tim Smith, Jonny Lush and Jono Williams. Please indicate in the reference, who you wish to support.

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