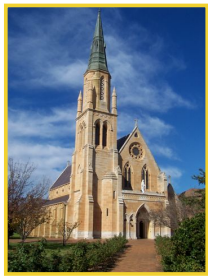


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

First Sunday of Advent Year C - 2nd December 2018

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Blessing of the Advent Wreath.

Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. We open our hearts to God's love as we prepare this Advent season to welcome Christ into our lives and homes.

The candles on this Advent wreath will remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom.

Advent Litany

**Response: COME LORD JESUS
(SUNG)**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world... **R.**

You are the light in our darkness ... **R.**

Son of God save us from our sins ... **R.**

Bring hope into the lives of all people... **R.**

The Jesse Tree

On this First Sunday of Advent, we present these symbols.

We remember **Creation**, "when the word was with God, and the Word was God".

We remember **Adam and Eve** who introduced sin into human history by their rebellious actions. The Bible affirms that every person who has lived since has followed their example.

We remember the **Fall of Man**. Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden because they ate of the forbidden fruit.

We remember **Noah**. God warned Noah that he was going to wipe mankind from the face of the earth. God gave him specific instructions for building the ark by which Noah and his family would survive the coming flood.

We remember **Abraham** who is "our father" in faith. Abraham was ready to listen to God, and follow God.

We remember **Isaac** who was the child of a promise from God, born when Abraham and Sarah were elderly.

We remember **Jacob**. In a dream, Jacob was told that God would give the promised land to him and his descendants. God also promised to keep him safe, and in return Jacob promised to trust in God as the only true God.

First Reading:.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring from David.

Responsorial

Psalm: Psalm 24: R. v.1

**All: To you, O Lord,
I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in you truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R)**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 3;12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25 - 28, 34 - 36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.



DAY BY DAY

Monday, 3rd December

Feast of St Francis Xavier

No Service

Tuesday, 4th December

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday, 5th December

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

7.00pm SMCS Awards Night

Thursday, 6th December

9.10am Mass

6.30pm Mass at Gulgong Cemetery

(Please note this is the re-scheduled date)

Friday, 7th December

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing Home

11.45am Rosary

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.20pm Mass - SMCS Yr 7

1.00pm Josephite Associates Christmas celebration lunch Cafe`89.

Saturday, 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 9th December

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Children's Liturgy

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Rylstone Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest.

The Pope's Universal Prayer for November

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.



Baptism:

We welcome in Baptism this weekend
Jordan James Clulow
son of Jared and Katie.

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December 2018

Commentator	D.Cunningham	M. McLean
Readers	A.Fergus M.Bannister	N. Whitmore L. Ford
Special Ministers of Communion	P.Dick M.Melinz G.Hennessy	S. Bennett C. Dawson J. Keipert
Offertory Procession	D.Bennett C.Carberry	M. Gilbert B. Price
Welcomers	K.Wall G.Roverts	E. Csuba M. Knight
Altar Servers	J & J Newman D.day	H.Rayner A.Walker-Cooke M. E Halpin
Counters	D. Donnelly 3/12	J.Potts 10/11

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	9th December 2018	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	9th December 2018
Leader			Rev C Applin
Commentator	E.Donnelly		
Reader	J.Thatcher	Readers	M.Chadwick K.Morrissey
Offertory	J & K Ritar	Intercessions	P.O'Connor
Special Minister of Communion	R.Saliba E.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	
Sacristan	R.Saliba H.seymour	Sacristan	L.McPherson G.English

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Darrel Bellamy, Kath Fuller, Ellen Seis, Stanton Pilley and Richard Gill.

We remember the anniversaries of Angela Colaiacono, Lorna Smith, John Quinlan and Marilyn Kinsela.

We also pray for Carlo Colaiacono.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Sr Mary Clement, Debbie Brown, Mary Armstrong, June George, Tony Petchell, Anne Stayner, Danielle Wolfenden, Sue Melinz, Brendan Stanford, Roseanne Telfer, Anne Stayner, Ben Fleitmann, Kristi Smith, Anne Troy Whitcombe, Liam Potts, Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Alma Ristau, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, and the residents of all the nursing homes. For those seeking Special Intentions.



Kandos News:



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Donations will be taken up at Mass today. These funds go to support the needy in our community especially during this Christmas season when we have so many who struggle with financial difficulties.

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In Loving Memory of



Anointing of the Sick

This Wednesday 5th December at, 11.00am Mass will be offered in St Dominic's for those who have lost a loved one during this year. Father will also anoint the sick and elderly. The Parish Christmas celebration lunch will follow the Mass.

**IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO STAY FOR THE LUNCH, AND HAVE NOT RSVP'D PLEASE DO SO TODAY TO SR KATH OR CAROL MORRISSEY.**

**Christmas Raffle:**  
IGA vouchers \$50, \$25 and \$15 to be drawn at the Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Now is the time to purchase your tickets.

**Gulgong News:**  
**Re-scheduled Mass at the Cemetery, this Thursday 6th December 6.30pm.** Please bring a chair or rug to sit on. Share a cuppa afterwards. In the event of rain the Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

**Gulgong Parish & School Mass**  
All Hallows School will host a BBQ after the Mass next Sunday. All Hallows invites all parishioners to attend and share in the celebration as we give thanks for a very successful year.

**GCWG Christmas Lunch**  
Next Monday 10th December, 12.30pm, Mayne Street Cafe, Gulgong. Cost \$30pp. Please RSVP to Phil Lenard by 3rd December ph. 63742996 or (m) 0447741256

**Mudgee Parish News**  
**ST MARY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FUNCTION.**  
**This Sunday 2nd December at 6.00pm in the Church Grounds.** Meat/Bread Rolls provided by the Parish.  
Parishioners invited to bring a salad/dessert for sharing. BYO drinks.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL wish to thank all who contributed to their Christmas Appeal last weekend. If you were not here and would like to make a donation the gifting envelopes are available on the back table of the church. They can be placed on the collection plates at Mass or handed in at the SVdP Centre. To date \$2000 has been collected which will be used to ease the burden on those in our community who need a helping hand during this Christmas Season.
SVdP still have Columban Calendars (\$9) and Christmas Cards (Variety pk of 10- \$6.00) for sale after Mass. They are also available during the week from the St Vincent de Paul Centre, Market Street.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Sun. 2nd December - 6:00pm** Mudgee Parish Christmas function
St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal Kandos.
- Wed. 5th Dec - 7.00pm** SMCS Presentation Night.
- Thu. 6th Dec - 6.30pm** Gulgong Cemetery Mass.
- Fri. 7th Dec -** Josephite Associates Christmas Lunch at Cafe 89.
- Sun. 9th Dec -** Gulgong Parish / School BBQ after Mass.
- Mon. 10th Dec -** GCWG Christmas Lunch.
- Tues. 11th Dec. - 12 noon** SMCS Thanksgiving and end of year Mass.
- 1.00pm** Altar Servers Picnic Lunch, Parish Centre.
- Thurs. 13th. Dec - 9.10am** SMCS Yr 6 Graduation Mass.
- 7:00pm** All Hallows School Gulgong Presentation Night.
- Sun. 16th Dec. - 9.00am** Memorial Mass Mudgee - Morning Tea after Mass.
- Mon. 17th Dec - 10:00am** All Hallows School End of Year Mass.
7:00pm Mudgee Reconciliation .
- Wed. 19th Dec -** End of school term.
- Fri. 21st Dec - 12:20pm** Mass Mudgee - Anointing of the Sick and Elderly.
- 23rd Dec. - 10.30am** Remembrance & Anointing Mass Gulgong.

Quote
There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

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• **Cudgegong Choir** •
• will be celebrating •
• • • • •
• **A Merry Little** •
• **Christmas** •
• **in St Mary's Church,** •
• **Friday 21st December at** •
• **6.00pm.** •
• • • • •
• Adults \$20/\$15 Children: Free •
• Tickets at the door. •
• Enquiries: Mary Mitchell •
• 63720155 or 0431 991743 •
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Advent



Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The colour of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This colour symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent.

Catholic Online

Position Vacant: Catholic Diocese of Bathurst Diocesan Agencies Business Manager (part-time, 0.8 FTE)

Supporting the financial operations of both Centacare, the social service agency of the Diocese, and the Diocesan Chancery Office, this is a shared position reporting to the Diocesan Financial Administrator and the Director of Centacare, Bathurst for the respective operations of these entities.

Willingness to work within the ethos of the Catholic Church, qualifications and experience in accounting and finance management systems, development and monitoring of budgets, preparation of financial reports, and payroll management are some of the essential criteria.

For a comprehensive position description and additional information please contact:

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Robert George, Director Centacare Bathurst p: 6331 8944 e: robert@centacarebathurst.com.au

Do You Want to See?

Some days I just don't want to see anymore.

The nightly news shows people starving across the world. I see homeless people on my street corner.



That lonely person who never seems to fit in comes to me needing some extra time when I'm already busy and tired. Honestly, I don't want to see at times because I get tired of trying to help. I want to focus on just my life, my wants, my friends, my pleasure.

Have you been there?

If so, you're a pretty normal Christian. If so, Bartimaeus, is a good person to think about. He called out to see Jesus, asking for sight. Jesus granted his request. And when Bartimaeus could see, he stood up and followed Jesus.

Bartimaeus reminds us that we have a choice. We can be blind. We can turn away from people and problems that call us to show compassion and sacrifice. Or we can ask Jesus to help us see.

But Christians sometimes focus their vision just on helping others. The good thing is that Jesus helps us see more than that – a lot more. He helps us see how valuable we are to God and how much God loves us regardless of our strengths or weaknesses. God helps us to see the good friends coming into our lives through our service and discipleship. He helps us see that we can't help everyone – that it's critical to say no at times in order to rest, relax, and avoid burning out from helping others.

So don't feel down when you want to just turn away. Ask Jesus to help you see why you should turn back to him and where you can find the support you need to keep going. He'll show you. He always shows me. And, like Bartimaeus, you'll "see" that the best choice in life is to get up and start following Jesus again.

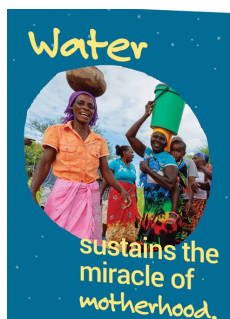
What are the hardest things for me about life as a Christian?

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