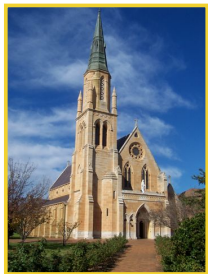


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.

Second Sunday of Advent Year C - 9th December 2018

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Second Candle On The Advent Wreath Is Lit.

Response: COME LORD JESUS

Give your peace to all nations... **R.**

Be the joy of all who love you... **R.**

Bless us as we gather here in your name... **R.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us... **R.**

First Reading: *Baruch 5:1 - 9*

Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Responsorial

Psalm: *Psalm 125: R. v.3*

All:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come

back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

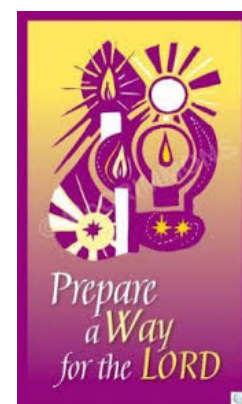
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 3:1-6*

All people shall see the salvation of God.

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



REFLECTION

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the

splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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DAY BY DAY

Monday, 10th December

No Service
12.30pm GCWG Christmas Lunch

Tuesday, 11th December

PLEASE NOTE NO 9.00AM MASS

12.00pm Mass SMCS Thanksgiving End of Term Mass
O'Donovan Centre (GYM)
1.00pm Altar Services Picnic - Parish Centre.

Wednesday, 12th December

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group Morning Tea
4.00pm Holy Hour
5.00pm Mass

Thursday, 13th December

9.10am Mass SMCS Year 6 Graduation Mass
NO GULGONG MASS
7.30pm AHCS Presentation Night, Memorial Hall.

Friday, 14th December

10.30am Mass Pioneer House
12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation
12.20pm Mass - SMCS Yr 7

Saturday, 15th December

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 16th December

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Remembrance Mass
Morning Tea After Mass - Please bring a plate to share.
10.30am Gulgong Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest.
10.30am Rosary Rylstone
11.00am Mass Rylstone

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th December 2018

Commentator	K. Fitzsimmons	A. McLean
Readers	M. Melinz P. Robinson	J. Hanrahan C. Devitt
Special Ministers of Communion	A. Fergus L. Nicholson S. Walker	R. McKeown M. Devitt J. O'Farrell
Offertory Procession	K.Isbester J. Goodlet	L. Bull J. Bull
Welcomers	C. Carberry L. Cahill	Hanrahan Family
Altar Servers	J. Wilkinson S. Hawes C. Wilson	P. Lonergan K. Hauville A & A Littler
Counters	D. Donnelly 3/12	J.Potts 10/11

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	16th Dec. 2018	Rylstone Liturgy Roster	16th Dec 2018
Leader	R.Saliba		
Commentator	M.O'Brien		
Reader	S.Parnell	Readers	L.McPherson T.Ryan
Offertory	E.Donelly G.Audburn	Intercessions	C.D'Ilio
Special Minister of Communion	J.Thatcher C.Gaudry	Special Minister of Communion	Sr Kath
Sacristan	E.Donelly G.Ausburn	Sacristan	L.McPherson G.English

Masses and prayers requested for the following:
We pray for the recently deceased especially
Warren Carberry,

We remember the anniversaries of Russel Hundy,
Mary Nealton, Carmen Toro, Eva Knezevic, Cecily
Conroy, Len Adams and Anna Perini.

We also pray for: Blazevic and Varga Family

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Sr Mary Clement, Debbie Brown, Anton Blazavic, Fortun Micallef, Joe Saliba, Dr R. Dick (England), Mary Armstrong, Jennifer Ryan, 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 Donelly, 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.



Baptism:

We welcome in Baptism this weekend
LUCAS SHANNON DAINES
son of Shannon and Evelyn.
JAXON PADRIC SOMERS son of Rohan
and Nikki.
OTTO ANTHONY SHERIDAN and
WILLA VIVIAN SHERIDAN
children of Amy and Richard.

Kandos News:

Sincere thank you to the ladies for the lovely lunch and celebration on Wednesday enjoyed by all who attended.

Christmas Raffle:

Prize Winners of the Christmas Raffle drawn at the lunch on Wednesday,

1st: Mario Palin

2nd: Ray Krusvar

3rd: Cherie Edwards

4th: Mario Palin

Christmas Day Mass
9.00am

Gulgong News:

GCWG Wish to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. They wish one and all a very Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year.

All Hallows School Presentation night

Thursday 13th Dec, 7.30pm Memorial Hall.

Remembrance & Anointing Mass
10.30am, Sunday 23rd December.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
6.00PM
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST GULGONG

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

MUDGEE COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH.

The Christmas Day Lunch is again being hosted by the Baptist Church.

The lunch is intended to offer hospitality and friendship to those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day.

If you wish to attend the lunch please contact the Parish Office and we will pass on your name.

Mudgee Parish News

Welcome

We welcome into our faith community this weekend through the RCIA program.

Sandra Egan
Elizabeth Ford
Elizabeth Cahill
Congratulations from all at
St Mary's Parish.

Parish Dinner: A wonderful parish community celebration was held last Sunday evening, despite the wind. Thank you to all who provided an array of beautiful food to share. Special thanks to Pastoral Council and men and women who helped set up and clean up afterwards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL wish to thank all who have contributed to their Christmas Appeal. 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.

GLOBAL GIFTS

Buy a Global Gift and help vulnerable mothers before during and after giving birth.

order online at

caritas.org.au/globalgifts

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



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the Light of God made Man.

Pope Francis

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm Isa 12: 2-6 R. v. 6

Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 10: 18

**The Jesse Tree -
This week we present**

Joseph: Genesis 37: 23-28, 45: 1-5

Joseph and God's Providence
Pharaoh has Joseph brought before him. Joseph hears the dreams and correctly interprets their meaning

Moses: Exodus 2:1-10

The Birth of Moses

The Levite woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months.

Samuel: Samuel 3:1-18

During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli, the word of the LORD was scarce and vision infrequent.

Jesus: Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel: How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for from among his sons I have decided on a king

David: Samuel 17:12-51

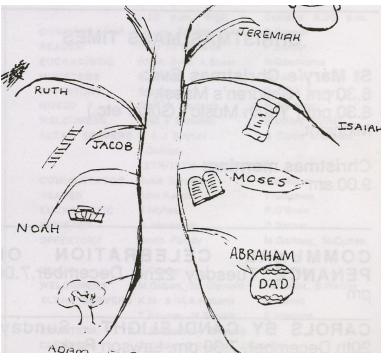
David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old.

Solomon: Kings 3:5-14

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25

What a wonderful father Joseph was for Jesus. We first meet Joseph as he contemplates how to deal with Mary's pregnancy. Imagine his wonderment and joy as he heard from the angel the good news and true identity of Jesus.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

MUDGE

Monday 17th December

7:00pm Mudgee Reconciliation

Friday 21st Dec - 12:20pm

Mass Mudgee - Anointing of the Sick and Elderly.

Christmas Eve

**6.00pm Mass
(Children's Mass)
9.00pm Mass**

Christmas Day

9.00am Mass

GULGONG

**6.00pm Mass
Christmas Eve**

KANDOS

**9.00am Mass
Christmas Day**



The Pope's Universal Prayer for December

Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Get Out of That Mainstream!

I remember a senior student in high school telling me one day that everyone at school knows she doesn't drink, do drugs, or have sex. I can't remember our exact conversation, but I do remember her confidence in the way she chose to live. She was a popular student too, but she was "out of the mainstream," according to some.

In many ways, she was like John the Baptist, "a voice ... crying out in the desert". John, like many religious leaders through history, removed himself from society's mainstream to promote a different message – a message that wasn't popular but was good for the people. "Change your lives," he was calling out, "You're on the wrong paths, even though it doesn't seem like it and even though those paths are leading you away from God."

Today, just like in John's time, there are a lot of paths out there. And many paths are promoted that lead people away from God. Drug and alcohol use. Sex before marriage. Gang lifestyle. Those are a few paths some people promote or accept. Each one can lead to what seems like good things at first. But eventually, statistics show, these paths lead to dead ends like broken relationships, single teen parenthood, addiction, violence, or jail.

God wants much more for you. So God has sent you people like John the Baptist. People that can live happy and healthy lives while changing the world. People that point to paths that will lead you to be all God knows you can be, if you watch or listen to them. My friend the senior student was such a voice. I don't know how many people she influenced. But I do know she was proud of her values. They helped her build strong self-esteem.

Can you be a voice in the wilderness this Advent by showing your peers the path to God? If not, can you listen closely this Advent for the voices pointing out new paths for you?

Is your life on a path you'd like to change? What people do you admire for following the Christian path?

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