

**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.**

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday**

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm -

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C - 30th December**

**First Reading: Samuel 1:20-22,24-28**

*For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm: 83: R.v.5**

**All: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **(R)**

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the roads to Zion. **(R)**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **(R)**

**Second Reading:**

**1 John 3:1-2,21-24**

*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.*



**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 2:41-52**

*What, then, must we do?*

**Memorial Acclamation:**

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your Cross and Resurrection



**“LOVE**

is the measure of  
**FAITH”**

Pope Francis

## DAY BY DAY

### Monday, 31st December

No Service

### Tuesday, 1st January 2019

#### New Year's Day

9.00am Mass

### Wednesday, 2nd January

9.00am Mass

### Thursday, 3rd January

9.10am Communion Service

### Friday, 4th January-

12.20pm Communion Service

2.00pm Funeral Prayers - Jan Bryant

### Saturday, 5th January

feast of the Holy Family, Jesus Mary and Joseph

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 6th January

The Baptism of the Lord

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Sunday Service in the  
Absence of a Priest. Gulgong -

10.30am Rosary Kandos

## **PLEASE NOTE PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY**

*The office will be closed on*

**Mon. 31st Dec and Tues. 1st Jan**

**Mon. 7th and Tues. 8th Jan.**

**Mon. 14th and Tuesday 15th Jan.on.**

**Normal hours Wednesday, Thursday and  
Friday each week.**

**Return to normal office hours Monday -  
Friday 2 from 1st January**

Saturday 5th /	Sunday 6th	January 2019
<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	M.McLean
<b>Readers</b>	L.Nicholson M.Bannister	M.Dorney J.O'Brien
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	I.Byrne P.Dick *	R.Gawthorne J.Keipert *
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	S & M Milton	E.Csuba M.Knight
<b>Welcomers</b>	L.Cahill K.Isbester	C.Hayman L.Ford
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Counters</b>	S & G Robinson Wed. 2/1/19	

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	6/1/2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	6/1/2019
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<i>Leader</i>	S.Parnell		
<i>Commentator</i>	D.Hudson		
<i>Reader</i>	J.Ritar	<b>Reader</b>	P.O'Connor A.Krusvar
<i>Offertory</i>	C.Holland Family	<b>Intercessions</b>	H.Roberts
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R.Saliba M.Carney	Special Minister of Communion	L.McPherson K.Morrissey
<i>Sacristan</i>	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	<b>Sacristan</b>	H.Roberts

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2019

**Evangelization:** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### **Thank you from Nam Le**

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to each and all of you for being a part of my life over the last eleven months. It has been such a wonderful year and I really enjoyed my time in Mudgee. I will miss it!



Many thanks to all of you for allowing me to be a part of this beautiful community. Thank you for your love and care as fathers and mothers. Thank you for your guidance and help as educators. Thank you for your prayers and support as holy men and women. To the children and students, thanks for your friendship as friends.

Please keep me in your prayers and I am sure you are always in mine.

May God bless you all.

Wishing you all a holy and happy Christmas and a bright New year!

**Nam**



**Masses and prayers  
Requested for the following.  
We pray for the recently  
deceased especially** Jan  
Bryant and Andrew McPhee  
(Sydney).

**We remember the anniversaries of** Michael Kelly, Pat Gorrie, Michael Gibbins, Bob Pilley, Daphne Talbot, Frances Condon, Ted Mahon and Gwen Porter.

**We also pray for** Mervyn Costello, Sid and Reta Otley, Phil Draby.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Lucia Zaccaria, Sr Mary Clement, Anton Blazavic, Joe Saliba, 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.

**Thank you** to all who assisted with the preparation for Christmas and to all who assisted with the various ministries at the Masses.

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**Thank you** also to all who contributed to Bishop Michael McKenna's Christmas appeal for the Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland, North East India giving the gift of education to the children of Kohima.

Total for the three parishes  
\$3389.50

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### **Ministries in January**

Many parishioners are away over the Christmas break - please help out where you can.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The specifics of customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but the values out of which they emerge are not. Though Sirach sketches a picture of ancient family customs, it is easy to look beneath them and find values that are enduring and that speak to us today. There we discover mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children and between the young and the old.



The model placed before us is the Holy Family. There we find mutuality in the relationships; compassion, kindness, and humility; gentleness and patience; obedience to parents along with respect for the uniqueness of children. In this portrait of the Holy Family, people do not claim privilege. Jesus, who was the Son of God, submitted himself to his human mother and father. Mary and Joseph, who exercised authority over Jesus, also stood in wonder of him.

While this feast considers the family unit, it also celebrates the Church as the Family of God. Thus the values of mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. Within the family of God, the virtues outlined by Paul are to be lived in a mature manner. We are all called in one body to live in a collaboration of love, of mutuality, and of service. We are joined in a bond of perfection.

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### **Living the Gospel** **Importance of family**

It is sometimes easy to glibly declare that our families are important to us, but it is in the everyday living of family life that we have the opportunity to demonstrate how serious we are. It is inevitable, as we establish our individual identity, that we will at times clash with our family's expectations and challenge the authority of parents. However, we can never forget the love, care and security our family has provided throughout our lives. Parents try to protect their children from disappointment and harm and reflect the love of God when they're repeatedly prepared to try again with damaged family relationships.