

*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.

### First Sunday of Advent Year A: 1st December 2019

#### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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#### Parish Office Hours

##### Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

##### Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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#### First Reading:

**Isaiah 2: 1-5**

*The Lord will gather all  
nations in eternal peace  
in the kingdom of God.*

For love of my brethren  
and friends I say: 'Peace  
upon you!' For love of the  
house of the Lord I will  
ask for your good. **(R.)**

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Psalm 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9,  
R. cf. v.1**

**Response:** *Let us go  
rejoicing to the house of  
the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard  
them say: 'Let us go to  
God's house.' And now  
our feet are standing  
within your gates,  
O Jerusalem.

**(R.)**

It is there that the tribes  
go up, the tribes of the  
Lord. For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's  
name. There were set the  
thrones of judgement of  
the house of David. **(R.)**

For the peace of Jerusalem  
pray: 'Peace be to your  
homes! May peace reign in  
your walls, in your palaces,  
peace!' **(R.)**

#### Second Reading:

**Romans 13 :11-14**

*The time has come, our  
salvation is near.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

#### Gospel:

**Matthew 24: 37-44**

*Stay awake, you must be  
ready.*

#### Memorial Acclamation:

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

#### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**PRIEST:** God of all time and all seasons, you are the beginning and the end of all life, and your love for us is evergreen and eternal. As we begin our Advent time of preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of your Son, Jesus, we ask you to bless this wreath, that it may be a sacred symbol bringing grace and blessing to us as we use it during our Advent journey.

**ALL: Amen**

**PRIEST:** May this violet light remind us that we are waiting and longing for the coming of Jesus who is the true light of the world.

**ALL: We wait and long for Jesus, the light of the world.**



#### THE ADVENT WREATH

For many Catholic families, the centrepiece of their Advent celebration is the Advent Wreath. It is a very simple item, consisting of four candles, surrounded by evergreen branches. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, who will come into the world at Christmas. Add a candle to the centre at

Christmas (Christ's candle).

Children, in particular, find delight in the ceremony of the Advent Wreath, and it's a great way to remind them that, while there are Christmas specials on TV and the Christmas music in stores, we are still waiting for the birth of Jesus.

If you have never adopted this practice, what are you waiting for? Shape your frame from wire or purchase one from a craft shop, buy some candles and collect some greenery and pine cones. Simple, but effective. Light a candle each week with your family and pray the prayer together from the bulletin.

## DAY BY DAY

### Monday, 2nd December

NO SERVICE MUDGEES

### Tuesday 3rd December

#### Memorial St Francis Xavier, priest

9.00am Mass SMCS Hargraves - Yrs 7-10

11.00am Requiem Mass Dorothy Carey

### Wednesday 4th December

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass

7.00pm SMCS Awards Night

### Thursday, 5th December

9.10am Mass

### Friday, 6th December

9.30am SMCS Infants Presentation

10.30am Opal Nursing Home

12.00 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass - Mudgee

1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Christmas Lunch

### Saturday 7th December

12.00 noon St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group Lunch

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 8th December

#### Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Rylstone

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

**6.00pm St Mary's Parish Christmas Dinner**

## Liturgy Roster 7th/8th December 2019

<b>Commentator</b>	A.Flynn	M.Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	P.Cannon G.Brymora	M.McLean M.Barrett
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	P.Dick G.Hennessy	Kylie Scott Lara Rodgers
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	D.Bennett C.Carberry	L.Rodgers family
<b>Welcomers</b>	K.Wall G.Roberts	J.Potts M.Dunnachie
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A.Neaverson-Smith S.Hawes	B. Newman B.Hanrahan E.Bourke
<b>Counters</b>	2/12 E.Goodlet P.O'Brien	9/12 D.Holden D.Bennett

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 8th December 2019</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 8th December 2019</b>
<b>Leader</b>			C.Applin
<b>Commentator</b>	D.Kelly		
<b>Reader</b>	S.Parnell	<b>Readers</b>	Sr Kath C.D'Illio
<b>Offertory</b>	E & M Carney	<b>Intercessions</b>	H.Roberts
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	R.Saliba J.Thatcher	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	
<b>Sacristan</b>	R.Saliba H.Seymour	<b>Sacristan</b>	L.McPherson

### Pope's Universal Prayer Intention for December

#### The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



**Baptism:** We joyfully welcome to the parish community

Reginald William Wilson, son of Robert and Nicole.

Charlotte Clare Walter daughter of Gregory and Jennifer.



### Advent & Christmas

#### Daily Reflections - 'The Way'

Available for \$4 each  
after Masses this weekend.

There are a few copies still available  
They are a great resource for personal or group reflection  
as we prepare for Christmas.



### GULGONG NEWS:

#### Church Cleaning for Christmas:

Wednesday 4th December from 9.00am.

Cleaning of brass etc. All help gratefully accepted.

**GCWG** ladies are collecting recyclable bottles and cans. Please leave in the bin at the back of the Convent or contact Marlene O'Brien.

**On behalf of the GCWG**, we wish all our supporters a happy Christmas and a wonderful new year. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

**School and Parish Mass & BBQ**, Sunday 8th December at 10.30am.

### KANDOS NEWS

**Anointing and Remembrance Mass, Kandos, Wednesday, 11th December, at 11am.**

During the Mass we will pray for all who have lost a loved one during the year. Following Mass all are invited to a **lunch** to be held in the parish hall. Cost \$5pp. Please RSVP to Carol or Sr Kath. Your early acceptance will help with catering.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place next Sunday 8th December. Please give what you can to assist those who need a helping hand at this difficult time.

### Christmas Mass

**Kandos - Christmas Eve**

**24th December - Mass at 6.00pm.**

### Mudgee Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve:

6.30pm Children's Mass

9.00pm

#### Christmas Day

7.30am & 9.00am



### MUDGEE NEWS:

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL MUDGEE THIS WEEKEND 30TH NOV/1ST DEC.**

**St Vincent de Paul have for sale this weekend after Mass ...**

**Christmas Cards** - Pack of 10 (mixed designs) - \$6.00

**Columban Calendars** - \$9.00

Also available at the St Vincent de Paul store in Market Street.

**Mudgee Josephite Associates Christmas Lunch** - Friday 6th December after 12.30pm Mass at Alby and Esthers Coffee Shop.

**Mudgee Combine Churches Christmas Lunch, Christmas Day 25th December, 12 noon Mudgee Baptist Church.**

Volunteers required to help with setting up, and on the day to help organise meals etc. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Names are being taken for those wishing to attend. If you know of anyone who is on their own at Christmas please invite them to attend. All welcome.

**Masses and prayers requested for the following:**

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Mick Cooper, Dorothy Carey, Alberto Skoliber (Venezuela), Janet Millard.

**We remember the anniversaries of**

Joan Harman, Roger Kelly, Angela and Carlo Colaiacomo, Lorna Smith, Miriam Halpin, Warren Carberry, Kathleen Miller and John Quinlan.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:**

Barbara McCann (Blacktown), Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Jenny Bremner, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Lance Tito, Marg Doble, Dale Johnson (Melb), Margaret Melinz, Anna Swientek, Jennifer Ryan, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis and Mary Cannon and all those in our nursing homes. For all seeking special intentions.

Quote for the week...

**HOPE  
IS THE HEARTBEAT  
OF THE  
SOUL.**



### ST MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL PARISHIONER CHRISTMAS FUNCTION



**SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019. IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS, 6.00pm.**

All parishioners are invited to attend the annual Christmas function on Sunday evening, 8th December as we celebrate and give thanks for all who have contributed to our parish. We have so much to be thankful for. The simplest things all contribute to making our parish a place of welcome - just a smile or hello to someone you didn't know, a visitor or new parishioner. Everyone contributes in some way - **ALL** are welcome to attend.

As in previous years we invite you to bring a salad/sweet or BBQ chicken. The parish will provide the ham/rolls/tea & coffee and drink for the children. Other beverages BYO.

**We would be grateful for any assistance to set-up and clean-up. 'Many hands make light work'; this way we all get to enjoy the night.**

To assist with catering would you please place your name on the clipboards available at the back of the church. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending. Separate board for helpers.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 11: 1-10

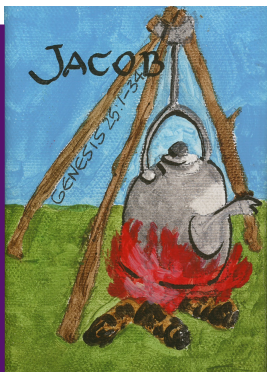
Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13., 17 R. cf. v. 7

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1-12



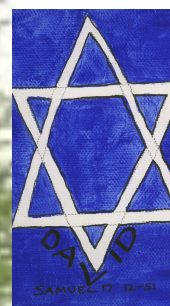
**Jacob:** In a dream, Jacob was told that God would give the promised land to him and his descendants. God also promised to keep him safe, and in return Jacob promised to trust in God as the only true God.



**Isaac:**

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

**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.



**David:** 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.

## GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

### Jump on a Boat This Advent

Several years ago, Hurricane Katrina flooded New Orleans. Hundreds died. Rescuers found hundreds trapped on rooftops. Some argued that many people suffered only because the government authorities weren't prepared for the storm.

As Advent begins this week, Jesus reminds us that people suffered in Noah's time because they weren't prepared. Remember the story? It tells us that sin and injustice – ignored by God's people – caused the world's destruction.

Are we ignoring sin and injustice today? This is a good season to think about that. As you do, prepare yourself for Christ in three ways. First, take time this Advent to read newspapers closely. Look for evidence of injustice: war, poverty, prejudice. Keep your eyes open at school. Keep your eyes open at work. Notice those people ignored by others and notice the bullies who prey on the weak.

Sadly, you'll see that our world is still plagued by sin and injustice.

But remember, Advent is also a season of hope. We light candles to remember that Christ's power seeks to beat back the darkness of injustice every day.

Second, prepare yourself by looking for evidence of grace. To every war, God sends peacemakers. To every kid who feels left out, God sends a friend. Stay awake, Jesus says, and you'll see reasons for hope all over the world.

Third, prepare yourself to be grace and hope this season, the person who shines light by standing for peace, feeding the hungry, forgiving an enemy, or welcoming an outcast.

Sure, sin floods our world, but God sends boats to the rescue. Jump on board this Advent. People stranded by pain and injustice are waiting for you.

**Where can you make a difference at home, at school, at work, or in the world this Advent?**

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