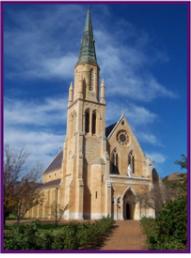


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Third Sunday of Advent Year A: 15th December 2019

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Parish Deacons

Deacon Karl Sinclair

Deacon Charles Applin (Kandos)

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Monday

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Ms Katrina Isbester

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<https://ahcpsgulgong.schoolzine.com>

Entrance Hymn : Prepare the way of the Lord. (Repeat)

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

God himself will come and save us.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

Response:

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: James 5: 7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

P.: May this rose-coloured light remind us that as we wait and prepare for Jesus' birth, our hearts feel the joy of knowing that soon we will be celebrating the gift of God's love and the light of the world.

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

ADVENT 2019



Let's not neglect the special graces that Advent offers.

In the midst of the distractions of a commercialised Christmas season; and the round of activities that marks the end of the year in Australia: let's not neglect the graces of this special time.

The Son of God came into our world unnoticed by it. He will come again, in glory, with our Resurrection and new life in the Kingdom of God. He is with us now, often hidden to our eyes, in the Church which is his body and in the faces of the poor.

I pray that we would all find some moments in Advent to be quiet with God and his Word. In that way, we might become ready to appreciate the wonderful gift who is Jesus: and celebrate Christmas with deep joy.

He will come down like rain on the grass, like showers moistening the land (Psalm 72:6)

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



DAY BY DAY

Monday 16th December

10.00am Mass Gulgong

All Hallows Catholic School End of Term

NO SERVICE MUDGE

Tuesday 17th December

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 18th December

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

PLEASE NOTE WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR & MASS IN THE PRESBYTERY

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee

7.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation Mudgee

Thursday 19th December

9.10am Mass

Friday 20th December

11.00am Mass Kanandah Hostel

12.00 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Anointing Mass - Mudgee

followed by lunch in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 21st December

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday 22nd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong - Remembrance Mass

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

Liturgy Roster 21st/22nd December 2019

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| Commentator | A.McLean | Susie Bennett |
| Readers | S.Walker J.Newman | C.Berridge N.Whitmore |
| Special Ministers of Communion | D.Cunningham A.Baker | Simon Bennett M.Devitt |
| Offertory Procession | K.Wall G.Roberts | R & S Loneragan |
| Welcomers | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED |
| Altar Servers | E & M English B.Scotti | VOLUNTEERS |
| Counters | 23/12 E.Goodlet D.Donnely | 23/12 D.Holden J.Potts |

| Gulgong Liturgy Roster | Sunday 22nd December 2019 | Kandos Liturgy Roster | Sunday 22nd December 2019 |
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| <i>Leader</i> | | | |
| <i>Commentator</i> | D.Hudson | | |
| <i>Reader</i> | C.Leotta | <i>Readers</i> | M.Chadwick L.McPherson |
| <i>Offertory</i> | S.Ellery G.Ausburn | <i>Intercessions</i> | Sr Kath |
| <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | M.Carney C.Gaudry | <i>Special Minister of Communion</i> | H.Roberts |
| <i>Sacristan</i> | C & E Holland | <i>Sacristan</i> | Sr Kath |

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY ROSTER:

We will require some assistance with ministries for the Christmas Masses in all three parishes.

Please contact Sr Kath for Kandos

Peter Leotta for Gulgong

Mudgee will have the whiteboard available in the church from next weekend. Please place your name on the board or contact the Parish Office.

MUDGE ALTAR SOCIETY: We would be most grateful for a few volunteers to assist with the flowers in the church to help those who have been doing this ministry for a long time. With a few more helpers we could organise on a rotating roster - it would be good to have someone who could just top up the fresh flowers during the week.



Qudgegong Choir

Presents

'Merry Little Christmas' Concert'

St Mary's Church, this

Sunday 15th December at 5.00pm

ADULTS \$10 CHILDREN: Free

Tickets available at the door.

Quote ...

Don't let the silly things steal your happiness.

Nominations Diocesan Pastoral Council

We are seeking representatives from Mudgee to take on a position on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Please contact Fr Owen if you are interested.

Nominations for Plenary Council

Bishop Michael is asking people of the Diocese of Bathurst to nominate fellow parishioners who could attend the Fifth Plenary Council in Adelaide from 4th-10th October 2020.

Nominations should be sent to the Chancellor, Mrs Fiona Lewis - email chancellor@bathurst.catholic.org.au no later than 20th December.

In your nomination please include:

- Your Name
- Your Parish

For the individual you are nominating :-

- Their Name
- Their Parish; and
- Why you believe they would be a good representative of the Diocese of Bathurst at Plenary Council.

St Vincent De Paul Mudgee



SVdP Christmas Appeal

Thank you to those who generously supported the Christmas Appeal. Donations can be made via the Parish Office, collection plate at Mass (in Vinnies envelope) or the SVdP Centre during the week.

The **SVdP Store** will close for a short break over Christmas from **Saturday 21st December until Monday 13th January**. If you have donations of clothes etc., the staff would be most grateful if you could please leave deliveries until after the 13th January.

MUDGE NEWS

Second Rite of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm.

Anointing Mass: Next Friday 20th December at 12.30pm. A light lunch will take place after the Mass in the Parish Centre. **Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you will be staying for lunch - 63722122.**

Christmas Liturgy Roster:

If you are able to assist with the Christmas liturgies please write your name on the whiteboard at the back of the church.

Ordination of Deacon Karl Sinclair -

There have been some interest in organising a bus to the Ordination on 21st February in Bathurst. The Ordination will be in the evening and we are seeking interest

1. To travel by bus over and back on Friday evening.

or

2. Travel by bus, staying overnight and attending Karl's first Mass on Saturday morning before returning to Mudgee. If we are to organise accommodation we would need to do in advance. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

GULGONG NEWS:

Gulgong Remembrance Mass:

Next Sunday 21st December. An invitation is extended to all who have lost a loved one during the year. Christmas can be a very difficult time for these people and we pause to remember these loved ones.

Gulgong Christmas Mass

9.00am Christmas Day

KANDOS NEWS

Our S.V.D.P. Collection raised \$312 .60
Our thanks to all for their kind donation and support through the year.
We wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas, and Gods Blessings for 2020
Thank You
Louise and Carol, Kandos

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially Mick Cooper, Dorothy Carey, Janet Millard.

We remember the anniversaries of Evica Knezevic, Douglas Richardson, Laurence Hensley, Andrew McPhee and Alan Nicholson.

We also pray for Ron Barry and Elaine Smith, deceased family and friends of the Richardson family, Syd and Rita Ottley, Max and Kim Pilley, Joe Swientek, Swientek and Smieszek family and friends, Tony Blazevic, Blazevic and Varga families.

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

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

Mudgee Combined 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.

Please contact the Parish Office as numbers will assist with catering.

ALPHA BEGINS AT ST MARY'S ON MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

From 6PM to 8PM at the Parish Centre (cnr Market St and Church St Mudgee)

Come and have a meal, watch a video and discuss some of life's biggest questions, including "Is there more to life than this?"

No cost! Just come and #TryAlpha



Baptism:

We welcome to the parish family

Braxton Alexander Harvey who was baptised this weekend.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalm 23: 1-6.R. cf. vv. 7. 10

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

In the beginning God created the whole universe. In Jesus we celebrate God's "New Creation".

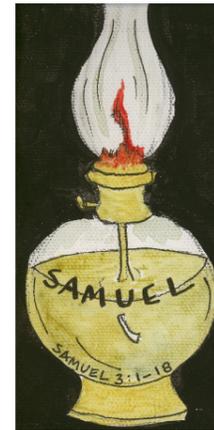


The Jesse Tree



God commissioned **Moses** to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the promised land.

Solomon was the son and successor of David, as King of Israel, a wise leader whose long reign was a period of peace.



God called **Samuel** to minister to him. At the appointed time he anointed first Saul and then later David, as Kings of Israel.

Parish Dinner



The Parish Dinner was well attended last Sunday evening, and a great time was had by all.

It was great to share a meal with friends and give thanks for our achievements over this past year. It was a timely break for some, given the difficult times some of our parishioners are facing.



The weather was kind to us, with the smoke haze not coming in until home time.

Thank you all who assisted to make this a joyful occasion.



Kandos

Mass Christmas Eve at 6.00pm.



Mudgee Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve:
6.30pm Children's Mass
9.00pm Mass

Christmas Day
7.30am & 9.00am



Gulgong Mass

Mass Christmas Day 9.00am

