

*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.



## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: 29th December

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

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Deacon Karl Sinclair

Deacon Charles Applin

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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

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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### First Reading:

**Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14**

*Whoever fears the Lord  
honours his parents.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*Psalm 127: 1-5.R. cf. v. 1*

### Response:

*Happy are those who fear the  
Lord and walk in his ways.*

O blessed are those who fear  
the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you  
shall eat. You will be happy and  
prosper. (R.)

Your wife like a fruitful vine in  
the heart of your house; your  
children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you  
from Zion all the days of your  
life! (R.)

### Second Reading:

**Colossians 3: 12-21**

*Concerning the Christian life in  
the world.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the  
peace of Christ rule in your  
hearts, and the fullness of his  
message live within you.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel:

**Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23**

*Take the child and his mother,  
and flee to Egypt.*

### Memorial Acclamation:

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



*Thank  
you*



*Our grateful thanks to all for your Seasons  
greetings, and generous gifts at Christmas.*

*May this joyful season with family and friends  
be a time of great joy for you.*

*Thank you to those who helped with the  
preparation of the church, music and liturgies  
over Christmas. Let us continue to work  
together in the new year.*

*We continue to pray for rain for our drought  
stricken land and an end to these terrible fires  
that have brought such despair to so many.*

*May the New Year bring happiness and good  
health to you and your family.*

Fr Owen  
and  
Deacon Karl

**DAY BY DAY  
DURING JANUARY**

**\* DAILY MASS EXCEPT FOR FRIDAY WILL BE  
CELEBRATED  
IN THE PRESBYTERY CHAPEL.  
\* NO HOLY HOUR DURING JANUARY.**

**Monday 30th December**  
NO SERVICE MUDGE

**Tuesday 31st December**  
9.00pm Mass Mudgee

**Wednesday 1st January 2020 - NEW YEARS DAY**  
9.00am Mass

**Thursday 2nd January**  
10.00am Memorial Mass - John Mahon

**Friday 3rd January**  
12.30pm Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

**Saturday 4th January**  
5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee  
6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**Sunday 5th January**  
9.00am Mass Mudgee  
10.30am Gulgong  
Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion  
**NO ROSARY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
11.00am Mass Kandos

**Liturgy Roster 4th/5th January 2020**

<b>Commentator</b>	D.Cunningham	M.McLean
<b>Readers</b>	L.Nicholson A.McLean	M.Dorney J.O'Brien
<b>Special Ministers of Communion</b>	I.Byrne S.Abbey	P.O'Brien R.Gawthorne
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	S & M Milton	M.Knight M.Dorney
<b>Welcomers</b>	K.Isbester HELP NEEDED	C.Hayman M.Knight
<b>Altar Servers</b>	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>Counters</b>	30/12 E.Goodlet L.Nicholson	6/1/20 D.Holden S & G Robinson

<b>Gulgong Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 5th January 2020</b>	<b>Kandos Liturgy Roster</b>	<b>Sunday 5th January 2020</b>
<b>Leader</b>	S.Parnell		
<b>Commentator</b>	P.Leotta		
<b>Reader</b>	J.Ritar	<b>Readers</b>	P.O'Connor M.Chadwick
<b>Offertory</b>		<b>Intercessions</b>	L.McPherson
<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	C.Gaudry C.Holland	<b>Special Minister of Communion</b>	K.Morrissey Sr Kath
<b>Sacristan</b>	Z.Drew M.O'Brien	<b>Sacristan</b>	H.Roberts

**Pope's Universal Prayer for January  
Promotion of World Peace.**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



**Liturgy Rosters over the holidays**

Many of our locals are away during January.

If you see there are not enough ministers please come forward to assist where you can.

**Quotes:**

*Whatever you decide to do  
make sure it makes you  
happy.*

*Work hard in silence.  
Let success be your noise.*

## Office Hours During January

The Parish Office will operate on limited hours during the holiday break:

**Thursday 2nd Jan. 9.00am to 1.00pm**

**Friday 3rd Jan. 9.00am to 1.00pm**

**Monday 6th Jan. 10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Friday 10th Jan. 9.00am to 1.00pm**

**Monday 13th Jan. 10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Friday 17th Jan. 9.00am to 1.00pm**

**Monday 20th Jan.** - Return to normal hours 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

If you need assistance during the shortened office hours please leave a message on the phone 0263722122 and we will get back to you. Staff are on call to assist if required.

### 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?"



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Visit of the Relics of St Therese  
and Ss Louis and  
Zelie Martin  
Dioceses of  
Bathurst.**



The relics will arrive in Kandos on Monday 2nd March, travel onto Mudgee later in the day for the night. Travel on to Gulgong on Tuesday 3rd March and then depart for Lithgow.



### MUDGE NEWS

**Ordination of Deacons  
Karl Sinclair and Dong  
Van Nguyen.**

There has 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 so in advance.

**If you are interested please contact the Parish Office ASAP.**

### Clergy Appointments for 2020

Following consultations with the Clergy Appointments Board and the priests involved, Bishop Michael McKenna has made the following appointments, which will take effect on the third Sunday of Lent 2020:-

**Reverend Karl Sinclair** - Assistant Priest, Orange; (to be ordained 21st February 2020)

**Reverend Dong Van Nguyen** - Assistant Priest, Mudgee; (to be ordained 21st February 2020)

**Reverend Pius Khaoya** - Priest in Charge, Coonamble; (Reverend Reynold Jaboneta PP will continue as Administrator of Coonamble);

**Reverend Antony V attakkunnel**, cmi - Assistant Priest, Dubbo;

**Reverend Owen Gibbons PP** - Administrator of Dunedoo; (Reverend Augustine Matthew, cmi will continue as Priest in Charge of Dunedoo).

**NO** Fr Owen is not leaving Mudgee. Father will remain Administrator of Gulgong and Kandos Parishes and also takes on the Dunedoo/Coolah Parish as Administrator.

### Masses and prayers requested for the following:

**For the recently deceased especially**  
John Mahon, Aileen Rogan and Margaret Melinz.

We remember the anniversaries of Mick Kelly, Paul Bennett, Catherine O'Brien.

**We also pray for** Doris Cauchi, Kurtis Woods, Dorothy Carey, Janet Millard, Tony Newman, Nate Darcy, Ronald Wellsmore, Patricia Cruz, Rosemary Douglas, Vena Robinson, Anton Blazevic, Lorna Wakeling, Penelope Hoyer, Patrick Woods, Liliana Diaz, Kathleen Windle, Alex Lynch, Phyllis Archer, Don Price, Joyce Riley, Wallace Chapman, Noel Hodges, Joan Mc Kerchar, Michael Power, Patricia Leonard, Gloria Windle, Barry Fittler and Janice Bryant.

Ed Ristau, Lucia Zaccaria, Warren Carberry, Arthur Tatham, Cliff Miller, Jean Doorey, Marie Thirtle, Fay Shepherd, Dennis McGrath, Jill Baskerville, Anne McDonald. We also pray for Mario Zaccaria.

Barbara Lennon, Col Gardiner, Maree Gruppetta, John Camilleri, Sharon Frost, Una Cunningham, Veronica Butler and Agnes Turczak. Genevieve Newman, Marian O'Hare, Sr Mary Clement, Sr Maria Mahon, Sr Lucia Carroll, Mgr John Frawley, Max Pilley, Stanton Pilley, Val and Ivan Croake, Eileen McGuinness, Dianne Yeo, Arthur, Anne, John, Bonnie and Ron Lynch, Russ, Dulcie and Ron Smith, Olive Ryan, Hugh, Isabel and Keith Cluff, Mai Robinson, Meg Gleeson, Adriel Maloney, Jim and Dorothy Betts, Jack, Norah and John Babbage, Phil Darby, Miriam Halpin, Betty Gibbons, Val Rheinberger, Bill and Pat Milton, Miriam Byres, Joan Nangle, Adrian Ryan, deceased members Varga, Blazevic, Gibbons, Heaslip and Archer family.

**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, Marg Doble, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon and all those in our nursing homes.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R. v. 11

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12





## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Imagine being Mary when Joseph awakens her in the middle of the night to tell her that he had a dream from God and they need to move the whole family to Egypt right away because the baby's life is in danger.

What do you think they packed? What would you pack if you were suddenly awakened and had to move immediately? What would you be thinking?

A parent makes all kinds of sacrifices for his or her children. What is one sacrifice you can think of that a parent made for you? What sacrifices are you prepared to make for your children, if you are blessed with any? What sacrifices would you make for the children of your brothers or sisters or friends? for children you don't even know?

## Christmas 2019

A Message from  
Bishop Michael McKenna



As I write these words of Christmas greetings, we are still in a time of drought, waiting for rain.

We know all too well the human cost of this, for farmers, families, local enterprises and communities. Faced with this situation, as people of faith we turn to God in honest and sorrowful lamentation.

Turning to God, we remember that Jesus has told us to pray for what we want, and to persevere in that prayer. We do want rain, and plenty of it, so we should keep praying for that. We also need to pray for one another: and in that prayer seek the wisdom to know how best to be of service to those who are suffering the most from this adversity. And, in the midst of our affliction, rejoice in the love of neighbour that is already God's gift.

The long wait for a Messiah ended when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. But, "he was in the world that had come into being through him and the world did not recognise him". (John 1:10)

Am I still waiting for Jesus, or is he still waiting for me to recognise him? I hope you meet him soon and have a truly Happy Christmas.

+Michael McKenna  
Bishop of Bathurst

## Gospel Reflection

Today's liturgy celebrates the feast of the Holy Family; recognising the important role Joseph and Mary played in the life of Jesus and also celebrating the role of family in all of our lives. However, the gospel reading is the conclusion of the infancy narrative – the 'what happened next' part of the story of the birth of Jesus. Apart from the involvement of the holy family, the passage doesn't appear to have a lot of connection with the celebration of the feast of the Holy Family. This isn't really surprising as the gospels are accounts of the life of Jesus – predominantly his active ministry – and don't give many details at all of his childhood and family life. However, what we can see in the passage is that Joseph quickly adopted a role of protector of his wife and child and did all he could to keep them from harm. His family was vitally important to Joseph and he took the extreme measure of fleeing his homeland to protect them.

The passage in the lectionary skips over three verses from the gospel (16-18) that describe Herod's massacre of all boys under the age of two born in Bethlehem and its surrounds. Joseph's fears for the safety of his family were very real! Even after the death of Herod, when Joseph is advised to return to his own country, he finds that Archelaus, one of Herod's sons, is in control of Judaea. Bethlehem was in Judaea and so Joseph and his family may still have been in danger. Instead of returning home, they made a new life in Nazareth in the Galilee region.

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**"All families need God.** Every single one. We need his help, His strength, His blessing, His mercy and His forgiveness. It takes simplicity. To pray as a family, simplicity is needed.....

As a family, you can pray the 'Our Father' around the dinner table. That's not difficult

to do, it's easy. Praying the Rosary together, as a family is very beautiful and it gives strength. Also praying for one another: A husband for his wife and a wife for her husband. Parents praying for their children and children praying for the parents and grandparents. Praying for one another."

- Pope Francis