

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.



The Presentation of the Lord - Year A: 2nd February 2020

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Monday

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9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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First Reading:

Malachi 3: 1-4

*The Lord whom you seek will
come to his temple.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23: 7-10. R. v. 10

Response:

*Who is this king of glory?
It is the Lord!*

O gates, lift up your heads; grow
higher, ancient doors. Let him
enter, the king of glory!

(R.)

Who is the king of glory? The
Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

(R.)

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

(R.)

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies, he is the
king of glory.

(R.)

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2: 14-18

*He had to be made like us in all
things.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the
light of revelation to the
nations, and the glory of your
people Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 2: 22-40

*My eyes have seen your
saving power.*

Memorial Acclamation:

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



REFLECTION

 by Diane Bergant CSA

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

Dianne Bergant CSA ©

DAY BY DAY

Monday 3rd February

9.00 am No Service

Tuesday 4th February

9.00am Mass Mudgee - Church

10.30am Funeral Service - Johanna Breitkopf

2.00pm GCWG Meeting in the Convent.

Wednesday 5th February

St Agatha, virgin, martyr

4.00pm Holy Hour

5.00pm Mass Mudgee - Presbytery Chapel

Thursday 6th February

St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

9.10am Mass Mudgee - Presbytery

10.30am Mass Gulgong

All Hallows beginning of year Mass followed by morning tea.

Friday 7th February

10.30am Mass Opal Nursing

12pm Reconciliation Mudgee

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1.00pm Mudgee Josephite Associates Meeting

Saturday 8th February

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday 9th February

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong Mass

11.00am Rylstone

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

Mudgee Liturgy Roster 8th/9th February 2020

Commentator	A. Flynn	M. Matthews
Readers	P. Cannon G. Brymora	M. McLean M. Barrett
Special Ministers of Communion	P. Dick G. Hennessy	Kylie Scott L. Rodgers
Offertory Procession	D. Bennett C. Carberry	L. Rodgers Family
Welcomers	K. Wall G. Roberts	Mr Sandy Walker
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEERS	L. Cahill
Counters	03/02 E. Goodlet D. Donnelly	10/2 D. Holden J. Potts

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 9th February 2020	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 9th February 2020
Leader			Deacon Charles
Commentator	R. Saliba		
Reader	S. Parnell	Readers	L. McPherson M. Turner
Offertory	M & R. Morrissey	Intercessions	K. Morrissey
Special Minister of Communion	C. Gaudry M. Carney	Special Minister of Communion	
Sacristan	Z. Drew M. O'Brien	Sacristan	A. Krusvar



We are looking for parishioners who may be able to support our Alpha Group via a roster in the following areas.

- * Setting up the hall for meeting and meal
- * Cooking a meal to share for the group
- * Praying in your home while the Alpha Group is taking place in the Parish Centre.



Is there more to life than this?
How does God guide us?

How can I have faith? Who is the Holy Spirit?

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.

Please contact the Parish office to reserve to your place.

Just come and #TryAlpha

Pope's Universal Prayer for February

Universal prayer intention - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and

Mudgee News**REMINDER -****PRESBYTERY CAR PARK:**

Please be aware of the work vehicles using the Presbytery Car Park. Currently there are several tradespeople working in and around the back section of the school with traffic coming and going in the Presbytery driveway. We apologise for the inconvenience to parishioners as in the short term there is limited parking, this will improve once the immediate work is complete.

NOTE TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL

Children are not be dropped off for school via the presbytery driveway except for those who have permission due to specific needs. It is extremely dangerous with the volume of traffic. This is a Work Health and Safety concern.

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**WELCOME** to all our new families who have joined the parish community over the holidays.

Pastoral Council are organising a welcome function to be held shortly. Please make yourself known by filling out a new parishioner card at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

**JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES MEETING**

First Meeting for 2020 will be held on 7th February at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

**GULGONG NEWS**

**Gulgong Catholic Womens Group** are meeting on Tuesday, 4th February at 2pm in the Convent. New members welcome.

**Thursday 6th February - 10.30am**

All Hallows beginning of school year Mass followed by morning tea. All welcome.



*Thank you to everyone who gave so generously on the Australia Day weekend. Parishioners still wishing to donate can do so at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au).*

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

There are insufficient numbers for a bus so we will now look at car pooling. **It is intended to stay overnight and attend Karl's first Mass on Saturday morning before returning to Mudgee.** We will need to finalise accommodation soon.

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

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Fri. 21st 6pm - Sun. 23rd Feb.

**RISEN** this year will be held on the 21-23rd of February at Perthville. Commencing about 6 pm on Friday night and concluding with lunch on Sunday.

This weekend is designed for those in years 10-12 and will be a great chance to go a little deeper into reflecting on life and how faith is part of this.

So please consider this date claimed!!!...we would love to have you there.

**Mon. 2nd - Tues. 3rd March  
Visit of the Relics of St Therese and  
Ss Louis and Zelig 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.

**Hospital Visits**

If any parishioners have family in hospital or at home and would like Fr Owen to visit, please contact the Parish Office. Please note unless the patient/family give permission we are unable to visit due to privacy laws.

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

*For the recently deceased especially*

Johanna Breitkopf

*We remember the anniversaries of* Evelyn Gawthorne, Geoff Anson, Richard Roberts, Llwellyn Davies, Baz Fittler, Michael Sgroi, Valerie McGarth, Tobias Brennan and Garry Longhurst.

**We also pray for** Charlie & Rita Saliba, McNamara & Mahon Family, Siegfried Braun.

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

Maria Brec, 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.



We welcome to the parish family  
**Cooper Daniel Craig**  
son of  
Justin and Ashley.

**4-Day Heart Healing Retreat at  
Shalom**

**Wednesday 26th February  
2020 9:30am to Sunday 1st March  
11:30am.**

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins St Carcoar, NSW

Cost: \$500 (includes accommodation and meals)

Max number participants: 8

Bookings enquiries: Ph: 02 63673058 or

email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)

**Quote for the week .....**

**There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limits you place on your own thinking.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalm 111: 4-9. R. v. 4

Corinthians 2:1-5 2: 14-18

Matthew 5:13-16



## Liturgical & Parish Ministry

*“There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.”*

*1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13*

Thank you to all who have participated in parish ministries over the past year. We are very grateful to have so many parishioners involved in various ministries.

At the back of the Church is an overview of some of the ministries within our the parish community which we ask you to consider. There is something for everyone.

**PLEASE FILL OUT AN INDIVIDUAL FORM FOR EACH FAMILY SO AS WE HAVE CONTACT DETAILS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NEW AND WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MINISTRY WITHIN OUR PARISH.**

If you are interested in any of these Ministries or wish to continue in your current Ministry, please fill in the Ministry sheet at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office.

If you would like more information about the Ministries in our Parish community, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.



As we approach this Lenten season we are again offering the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program. It provides daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday and can be used in a group or for personal reflections as we journey to Easter.

If you would like to host a Lenten Group in your home or participate in a group, please contact the Parish Office.

Books are available for sale in the Parish Office - \$8 each. There are a limited number of books so purchase early.

## The Gospel Connection



### Reflecting on God's Promises

As Christians, we are a Resurrection people. We live each day in the joy of Christ's victory over death. We know that life and love always win, but sometimes it is easy for this to move from the forefront of our minds. Our world is filled with systems of oppression and injustice. Poverty is prevalent and violence seems unending. Kindness often falls to selfishness, and trust fades to disbelief. But this is not the end.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we wait for something more. Like Simeon and Anna, we long to see the fullness of the reign of God here on earth. We ache for the peace that God alone can bring. We yearn for the Light that will vanish all darkness. We wait, trusting God's promise to be with us always. Will we try to live as Christ now, we wait for the day when we will live in the joy of the Resurrection, because the Kingdom is both here and not yet. We wait for the day when we, like Simeon and Anna, will know the salvation of God that has been promised to us.

Simeon's words in today's Gospel, known as the Canticum of Simeon, are typically prayed at the end of each day. This evening, pray Simeon's words before you go to sleep. Ask God to let you sleep in peace, knowing God's promise to be with you. Rest confident and assured that Christ is the light that destroys all darkness.

***What are some of the other promises God makes to God's people? How do these promises impact you?***

**“There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself.”**

**Pope Francis**

