

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.



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 14th November 2021

First Reading: [Dn 12:1-3](#)

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1](#)

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Heb 10:11-14, 18](#)

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection
of those who are sanctified.*

Gospel Acclamation: [Lk 21:36](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mk 13:24-32](#)

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.



REFLECTION

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Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

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Dates for the Diary

5th December

11.00am Christmas Gathering - Kandos

17th December

12.30pm Anointing Mass - Mudgee

19th December

9.00am Remembrance Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Remembrance and Anointing Mass - Gulgong

11.00am Remembrance and Anointing Mass - Kandos

21st December

7.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgee

24th December Christmas Eve

6.30pm Vigil - on the St Matthews School Green - Mudgee

6.30pm Vigil - Gulgong

8.30pm Vigil - Mudgee

25th December Christmas Day

7.30am Mass - Mudgee

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

9.00am Mass - Kandos

26th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7.30am Mass - Mudgee

9.00am Mass - Mudgee

10.30am Mass - Gulgong

11.00am Mass - Rylstone

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community



Jack Walter Hudson
son of Benjamin and Ashlea

Congratulations to:



Anna Cecchini
Violet Freeman
Willow Freeman
Fynn Menchin
Isla Forrester
Sophie Stoddart

who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for

Congratulations to:



Cooper Azar
Thomas Briggs
Matilda English
Alice Portelli

who will be Confirmed this weekend.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased... Tony Petchell and Norma Lynch

We remember the anniversaries of: *Ciro Spedaliero, Joseph Tutill, Marie Hundy, Lawrence Cluff, Joy McGrath, Margaret Robinson, Gary Szymkarczuk, Helen Friend, Kath Fuller, Patrick Rily, Richard Kinsela and Mark Kane.*

We also pray for: John Sullivan, Annie Meahan, Urszula Smieszek (Poland) and Amy Simpson (Muswellbrook)

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Michael Maloney, Marie Trouson, Howard Brady, Sue Kearins, John Cross, Tomislav Glavacevic, Carmel Thompson, Elizabeth Donnelly, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

Living the Gospel – People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.



A different approach to poverty is required. This is a challenge that governments and world institutions need to take up with a farsighted social model capable of countering the new forms of poverty that are now sweeping the world and will decisively affect coming decades. If the poor are marginalised, as if they were to blame for their condition, then the very concept of democracy is jeopardised and every social policy will prove bankrupt.

With great humility, we should confess that we are often incompetent when it comes to the poor. We talk about them in the abstract; we stop at statistics and we think we can move people's hearts by filming a documentary. Poverty, on the contrary, should motivate us to creative planning, aimed at increasing the freedom needed to live a life of fulfilment according to the abilities of each person.

[Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor 2021, n 7](#)

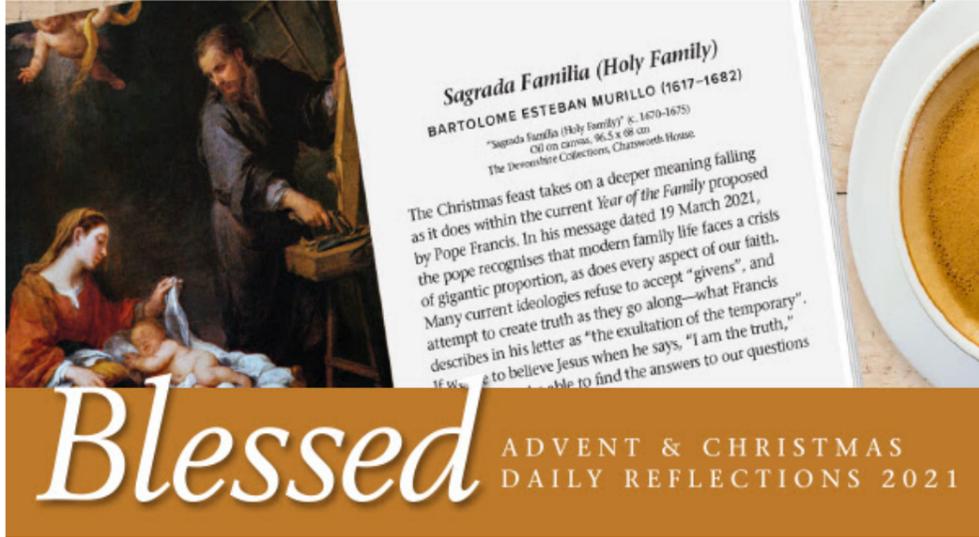
| Mudgee Roster Saturday 20th / Sunday 21st November 2021 | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Sat 6.00pm | Sun 9.00am | |
| Commentator | St Matthews | St Matthews | |
| First Reader | St Matthews | St Matthews | |
| Second Reader | St Matthews | St Matthews | |
| Special Ministers of Communion | St Matthews | St Matthews | |
| Altar Servers | | | |
| Welcomers | | | |
| Counter | 22nd Nov | M. Walker | |
| Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th November 2021 | | | |
| | Sat 6.00pm | Sun 9.00am | |
| Commentator | C. Furney | L. Croake | |
| First Reader | L. Nicholson | C. Devitt | |
| Second Reader | D. Cunningham | M. McLean | |
| Special Ministers of Communion | I. Byrne | M. Devitt | |
| Altar Servers | | | |
| Welcomers | | | |
| Counters | 29th Nov | E. Goodlet | |
| 21st Nov | D. Kelly | J. Thatcher | E. Donnelly G. Ausburn |
| 28th Nov | C. Gaudry | F. McConville | C. Holland |
| 5th Dec | P. Leotta | B. Toole | R. Saliba |
| 12th Dec | S. Parnell | C. Leotta | M. & E. Carney |

| DAY BY DAY |
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| MONDAY - 15th November 12.00 Noon Angelus |
| TUESDAY - 16th November 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12 Noon Angelus |
| WEDNESDAY - 17th November 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus 5.00pm Finance Meeting - Mudgee |
| THURSDAY - 18th November 9.30am Mass Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting |
| FRIDAY - 19th November 10.30am Mass Kanandah 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary's Mudgee 12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church) 12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church) 12.30pm Mass Mudgee |
| SATURDAY - 20th November 11.00am Baptism 12.00 Noon Angelus 5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church) 6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee |
| SUNDAY - 21st November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 7.30am Mass Mudgee 9.00am Mass Mudgee 10.30am Mass Gulgong 11.00am Mass Kandos 12.00 Noon Angelus 6.00pm Word and Faith Group |
| Anointing/ Home Communion: If you know of anyone who would like Anointing/ Home Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and can visit at home or in hospital. |

Pope's Universal Prayer for November
People Who Suffer from Depression
 We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

7.30am Mass on Sunday in Mudgee will resume next weekend. No bookings required.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B
 Dn 7:13-14 Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33-37



Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections books will be on sale after Mass this weekend. Cost \$5 per book.

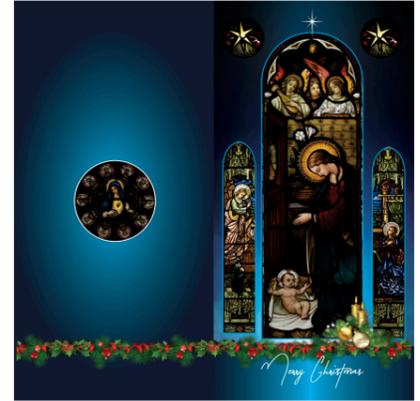
Advent is a great opportunity to form or join groups such as a Word and Faith group to explore and discuss the Gospel.

Christmas Cards

This year, we will be selling Christmas Cards with images from St Mary's Church. Photographed and design by Fr Dong.

The Cards will be on sale at the Parish Office for \$3 each.

All proceeds will go to the parishes.



Covid Restrictions

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY...

- All people may attend a place of worship, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks must continue to be worn inside.
- The **1 person per 2sqm** density limit must continue to be observed.
- QR code or manual register must continue to be used.
- Congregational singing is still not permitted.

Our Parishes and Diocese are guided by NSW Health. These restrictions can change at any time.

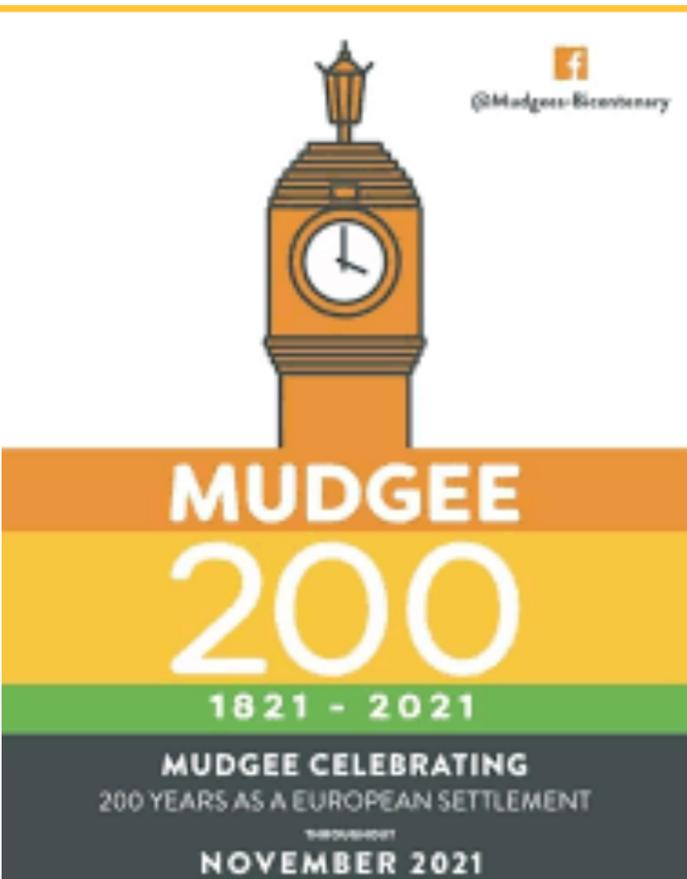
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| Current Mass capacity: | |
| Mudgee | 160 people |
| Gulgong | 96 people |
| Kandos | 100 people |
| Rylstone | 80 people |

With the new restrictions, there is no need to booking in for mass

MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass envelopes will be available at the back of the Church. Names will be printed in the Book of Remembrance and placed on the altar at Mass.

At the 10am Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 21st November - The Feast of Christ the King - Bishop McKenna will Admit seminarian Ha Van Tran to the Ministry of Acolyte, and seminarian Kieu Van Le to the Ministry of Lector.



Bell Ringers Needed...

As part of the 200 years celebration of Mudgee, the churches have been invited to ring their bells 200 times. We invite any families or individuals who would like to share in this historic event of ring our St Mary's bell, please contact the Parish Office for details.

"Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons."

Pope Francis June 7 2013

Year of St Joseph

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

