

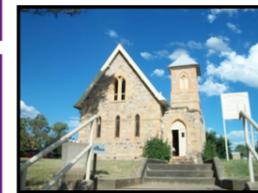
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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 C 28th November 2021

First Reading: [Jer 33:14-16](#)

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1](#)

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2](#)

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel Acclamation: [Ps 84:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 21:25-28. 34-36](#)

Your redemption is near at hand.



Blessing of the Advent Wreath.



Dear friends in Christ,

Today we begin the season of Advent. We open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives and homes.

The candles on this Advent wreath will remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom.

ADVENT LITANY

Response: **COME LORD JESUS**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world... **R**

You are the light in our darkness ... **R**

Son of God save us from our sins ... **R**

Bring hope into the lives of all people... **R**

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OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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GULGONG NEWS

GCWG CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

When: Monday 6th December 10.30am

Where: Mayne Street Cafe (\$20 each)

RSVP: Thursday 2nd December
Phyllis Lenard 6374 1441 or 0447 741 256

Please register interest (on clipboard) at back of church



Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community



Charles Benson Stephen Archbold

son of Lee and Sarah

Congratulations to:



*Leo Gilbert
Evie Hanson
Adam Muscat
Arlo Stratton*

who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased: Joy Gilbey, Michael Maloney and Bishop Bill Wright

We remember the anniversaries of: Joan Harmon, Maria Brec, Robert Williamson, Alice Polanetz, Pebbles Stojcevski, Merilyn Kinsela, Nola Doherty, Maureen Watson, Alice Hundy, Doreen Hyland, Angela Colaiacomo and John Quinlan

We also pray for: Robert Simpson, Ted Dermody, Zvonko Glavacevic and family, Mijo & Ana Glavacevic, Marija Domitrovic, Ljubica Muretic, Katica Ivancic, Tony Petchell, Norma Lynch, John Sullivan, Annie Meahan, Urszula Smieszek (Poland) and Amy Simpson (Muswellbrook)

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Alicia Knights, Eleni Roberts, Dyanna Thomeny, Marie Trouson, Howard Brady, Sue Kearins, John Cross, 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.

Congratulations to:



Rocco Densley

who will be Confirmed this weekend

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

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

6.30pm Vigil - on the St Matthews School Green - Mudgee
6.30pm Vigil - Gulgong
8.30pm Vigil - Mudgee

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

7.30am Mass - Mudgee
9.00am Mass - Mudgee
9.00am Mass - Kandos

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

7.30am Mass - Mudgee
9.00am Mass - Mudgee
10.30am Mass - Gulgong



Church Cleaning

On Monday, 29th November, there will be cleaning of the church. All are invited to come along and help.

Many hands make light work.



*Advent increase our hope, a hope which does not disappoint.
The Lord never lets us down.*

Pope Francis

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.

Mudgee Roster Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th December 2021			
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	K.Fitzsimmons	M. McLean	S. Abbey
First Reader	I. Byrne	R. McKeown	R. Disher
Second Reader	L. Nicholson		L. Disher
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	D. Cunningham	P. Tracey	M. Gilbert
Altar Servers			
Welcomers			
Counter	6th Dec	L. Nicholson	

Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th December 2021			
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	P. Tracey	M. Matthews
First Reader	A. Fergus	M. McLean	M. Barrett
Second Reader	K.Fitzsimmons		L. Croake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A. Baker		R. Croake
Altar Servers			
Welcomers			
Counters	13th Dec		

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
5th Dec	P. Leotta	B. Toole	R. Saliba
12th Dec	S. Parnell	C. Leotta	M. & E. Carney
19th Dec	E. Donnelly	O. O'Brien	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
25th Dec	D. Kelly	J. Ritar	C. Holland

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.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 29th November
 12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 30th November
 9.30am Mass Mudgee
 12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 1st December
 12.00 Noon Angelus
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 2nd December
 9.30am Mass Mudgee
 12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 3rd December
 12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of Church)
 12 Noon Reconciliation (Back of Church)
 12.30pm Mass Mudgee
 5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Mudgee

SATURDAY - 4th December
 11.00am Baptism
 12.00 Noon Angelus
 5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)
 6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 5th December
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C
 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.

Mass time on Wednesday's will change to 5.45pm from the 1st December.

With restrictions lifting, you no longer need to register to attend Mass in Mudgee on the weekends.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C
 Bar 5:1-9 Ps 125. R. v.3 Phil 1:3-6. 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

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.

Current Mass capacity:

Mudgee	160 people
Gulgong	96 people
Kandos	100 people
Rylstone	80 people

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

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.

REFLECTION

by Diane Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.



Friday, 3rd December 2021

God of all people,

You have made us in your image, delighting in your creation. Help us to see and receive each person as a beloved and unique part of your body.

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

You desire all people to use their gifts to enrich the world around them. Help us to celebrate and support the participation and leadership of people with disability in our communities.

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

You give and sustain life, opening ways of thinking and doing that allow all to grow. Help us to be inclusive in welcoming people with disability as a vital part of "us".

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

We ask this through Christ, who lives within us and calls us all to fullness of life.

Amen.



Year of St Joseph

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

