

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 C 12th December 2021

First Reading: [Zep 3:14-18](#)

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm: [Is 12:2-6 R. v.6](#)

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**



Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Phil 4:4-7](#)

The Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation: [Is 61:1 \(Lk 4:18\)](#)

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

Gospel: [Lk 3:10-18](#)

What, then, must we do?

Blessing of the Advent Wreath.



Today we rejoice as we reach the halfway stage of our Advent season and give thanks for John the Baptist who bore witness to Jesus, the light of the world. As we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, let us pray that we too will spread the light of Christ in the darkness of our world so that all may know Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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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Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

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GULGONG NEWS

Church Cleaning Thursday 16 December 9am

Volunteers needed, all are invited to come along and help, "many hands make light work."

Message from Phylis Lenard (GCWG):

On behalf of the Gulgong Catholic Women's Group, I would like to thank everyone for their support and wish them a happy and blessed Christmas.

MUDGE NEWS

Church Cleaning

Thank you to everyone who helped with the St Mary's Church Cleaning. Your work is appreciated.

We will be cleaning St Mary's church before Christmas, on Monday, 20th December, at 10am. Once again, we are asking for volunteers.

Please let the Parish Office.

Many hands make light work.



Clergy Moves

Bishop Michael has announce the following Clergy moves Fr Dong is being moved to Dubbo and Deacon Thao, currently at Lithgow, who is to be ordained a Priest on the 28th January, is being moved to Mudgee.. Both moves will take place in February.

Details of Fr Dong's farewell will follow.

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community



Nora Marshall

daughter of Joel and Hayley

Congratulations to:



Jack Stoddart
Charlie Speechley

who will be Confirmed this weekend

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

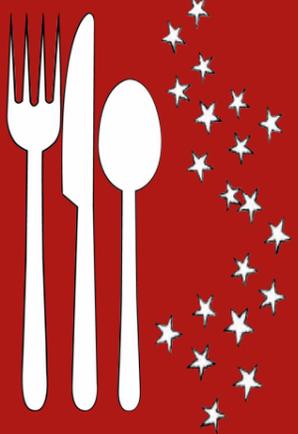
For the recently deceased: Ana Oros

We remember the anniversaries of: Maria Brec, Jack & Horah Babbage, Gwendoline Wolfe, Anna Perini, Joseph Tot, Douglas Richardson Vincent Whale, Laurence Hensley, Benjamin Rayner, Toidy Hyde, Harry Meyer and Melba Roberts

We also pray for: Varga and Blazevic families, Joy Gilbey, Michael Maloney and Bishop Bill Wright, Zvonko Glavacevic and family, Mijo & Ana Glavacevic, Marija Domitrovic, Ljubica Muretic, Katica Ivancic, 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 Trounson, Howard Brady, Sue Kearins, John Cross, Carmel Thompson, Elizabeth Donnelly, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins and all those in our Nursing Homes.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Fr Owen and Fr Dong will be hosting a relaxed Christmas lunch for any people who may not have family coming this Christmas and will be on their own. Come and celebrate with us at 12.30pm Christmas day in the Presbytery. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or if you would like to attend.

Have you thought? - A change of heart

The baptism that John preached and practised was a baptism of repentance. What he called on people to do was to recognise the areas of their lives that were unbalancing their relationship with God. There was a strong recognition that unless they were in right relationship with one another they could not be in right relationship with God. In recognising the need for change in their lives, John challenged them to also make a change of heart: to approach their lives differently. This is why they were questioning him about practical ways of living out their new commitment.

Dates for the Diary

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
11.00am Mass - Rylstone

Mudgee Roster Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th December 2021			
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	C. Furney	M. McLean	L. Croake
First Reader	L. Nicholson	P. Tracey	C. Devitt
Second Reader	D. Cunningham		A. Myles
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	I. Byrne		M. Devitt
Altar Servers			
Welcomers			
Counter	20th Dec	M. Walker	

Saturday 25th / Sunday 26th December 2021			
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	Please see the White Board at the back of the Church.		
First Reader		Help Needed	Help Needed
Second Reader			Help Needed
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion		Help Needed	Help Needed
Altar Servers			
Welcomers			
Counters	29th Dec	E. Goodlet	P. Kiddle

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
19th Dec	E. Donnelly	J. Ritar	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
25th Dec	D. Kelly	O. O'Brien	C. Holland
26th Dec	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba
2nd Jan	P. Leotta	K. Ritar	M. & E. Carney

Pope's Universal Prayer for December
Catechists
 Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 13th December
 12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 14th December
 9.30am Mass Mudgee
 10.30am All Hallows Whole School Mass
 12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 15th December
 12.00 Noon Angelus
 5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 16th December
 9.30am Mass Mudgee
 12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 17th December
 11.00am Mass - Kannadah Hostel
 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 - Anointing Mass

SATURDAY - 18th December
 11.00am Baptism
 12.00 Noon Angelus
 5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)
 6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 19th December
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C
 7.30am Mass Mudgee
 9.00am Mudgee Remembrance Mass
 10.30am Gulgong - Anointing and Remembrance Mass
 11.00am Kandos - Anointing and Remembrance Mass
 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.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C
Micah 5:1-4 Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-44

Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2021

This Christmas, give the gift of education to the children of Bongaon

The proceeds of Bishop McKenna's Special Christmas Missionary Appeal for 2021 will go to the completion of St Joseph's Primary School in Bongaon, St Joseph's Parish, Diocese of Calcutta, West Bengal. This is the second year that God's people in the Diocese of Bathurst have the opportunity to support this vital mission, giving much needed funds to complete the multi-staged school development, providing education for the children of the Diocese of Calcutta.

In addition to supporting the Appeal at all Christmas Masses in the Diocese, donations can also be made via:

In Person: At the Bathurst Chancery Office or any parish office

Post: PO Box 246, Bathurst NSW 2795

Online: www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

QR Code: scan the code on this flier to donate

Phone: 1800 451 760

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birthpangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

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

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATHURST

Year of St Joseph

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

