

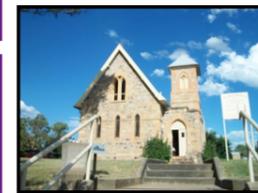
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C 19th December 2021

First Reading: [Mi 5:1-4](#)

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4](#)

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Heb 10:5-10](#)

I am coming to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: [Lk 1:38](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 1:39-45](#)

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



Blessing of the Advent Wreath.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we reflect on Mary's place in God's plan for our redemption. By her co operation, Mary brought Jesus into the world to be our light. As we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath let us pray that through our witness the light of Christ will enter the hearts and minds of those who do not know our Saviour.

ADVENT LITANY

Response: Come Lord Jesus

Give your peace to all nations...

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Be the joy of all who love you ...

R

Bless us as we gather here in your name...

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Lord Jesus, stay with us ...

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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

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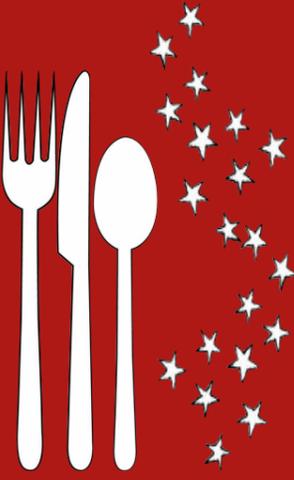
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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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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 would be on alone, 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, leave a message.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

GULGONG NEWS

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.

MUDGEE 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 contact the Parish Office.

Many hands make light work.



Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community

Sophia O'Reilly
 daughter of Brendan and Rachael



Living the Gospel – Looking for signs
 When Mary went to visit Elizabeth she was not looking for a sign that she had made the right decision. Rather, because she had accepted God's will the sign was given to her. Her acceptance and action came first. The sign came later as a confirmation. At times we look to God to provide us with a sign that our impending action is the right choice. However, faith acts in trust and confidence; it doesn't wait around for a green light from God. When we do act in faith, the flow-on effects are the sign of confirmation.

Congratulations to:

Charlie McKid
 who will be Confirmed this weekend



Covid Restrictions
 New COVID regulations from 15/12/21:

- 1) No density limits apply to places of worship - including weddings and funerals, which may now also be attended by unvaccinated people.
- 2) QR Code or Manual Check-in must continue to be used.
- 3) Masks are not mandatory (indoors or outdoors) - however, masks are strongly encouraged in settings where you cannot socially distance.
- 4) Singing is permitted.

It is still important for everyone to practise COVID-safe behaviours, including social distancing where possible, staying home if unwell and getting tested if suffering from symptoms of COVID.

Masses and prayers requested for the following:

For the recently deceased: Ana Oros
We remember the anniversaries of: Maria Brec, Margaret Melinz, Melba Roberts, Jeff O'Brien, John Mahon, Joyce Jone, Janice Bryant, Bernie Stewart, Marie Rob erson, Wayne Morton, Mollie McGarth. Francis McDermott, Eruine McDermott.

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,

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 Donelly, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins and all those in our Nursing Homes.

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.
 - Pope Francis

Mudgee Roster

Roster for the **24th and 25th December**, please check the White board at the back of the church.

Volunteers Needed... Please let the Parish Office know if you are available between 26th December and the end of January to read at Mass of to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
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
9th Jan	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosity is set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY - 20th December

10.00am Church Cleaning
12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 21st December

9.30am Mass Mudgee
12 Noon Angelus
2.00pm Wedding
7.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation Mudgee

WEDNESDAY - 22nd December

12.00 Noon Angelus
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY - 23rd December

9.30am Mass Mudgee
12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 24th December Christmas Vigil

6.30pm Mass Mudgee - St Matthews School Grounds
6.30pm Mass Gulgong
8.30pm Mass Mudgee - St Mary's Church

SATURDAY - 25th December Christmas Day

7.30am Mass Mudgee
9.00am Mass Mudgee
9.00am Mass Kandos
12.00 Noon Angelus

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
12.00 Noon Angelus

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 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR C

Micah 5:1-4

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 2:41-52

Prayer for Families at Christmas

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wonderful ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircles the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. For this we pray.

Amen.



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:

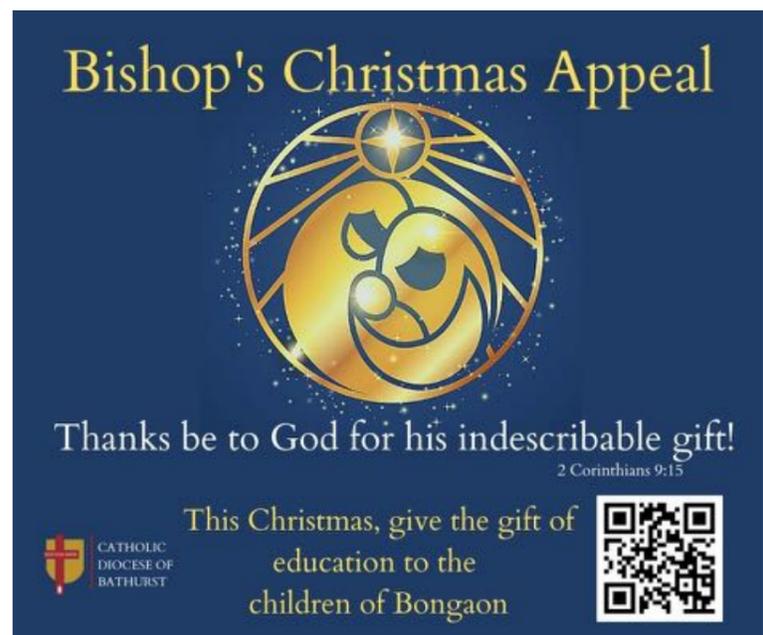
In Person: At the Bathurst Chancery Office or any parish office

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



Prayer to SAINT JOSEPH

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

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*



Bishop McKenna will ordain
Deacon Diep Quang Nguyen
and

Deacon Thao Van Nguyen
as Priests during Mass on
28th January 2022
6.00pm

Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst
Everyone is welcome



Year of St Joseph

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

