

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 Epiphany of the Lord - Year C - 2nd January 2021

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8.
10-13, R. see v.11**

(R): Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.
(R.)

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.



Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons

Parish Deacon
Deacon Charles Applin

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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm
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DAY BY DAY

PLEASE NOTE: **NO SUNDAY 7.30AM MASS**

MONDAY 3rd January

12.00 Noon - Angelus

TUESDAY 4th January

9.30am - Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

WEDNESDAY 5th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.45pm - Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY 6th January

9.30am - Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

FRIDAY 7th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus and Rosary (front of Church)

12.00 Noon - Reconciliation (back of Church)

12.30am - Mass Mudgee

5.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Mudgee

SATURDAY 8th January

11.00am - Baptism

12.00 Noon - Angelus

3.00pm - Wedding

5.15pm - 5.40pm - Reconciliation (back of Church)

6:00pm - Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY 9th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

9.00am - Mass Mudgee

10.30am - Mass Gulgong

11.00am - Mass Rystone

12 Noon - Angelus

Anointing/ Home Communion:

Please call the office, Fr Owen & Fr Dong are available to visit at home.

BAPTISM:

We welcome to the Parish community

Ainslie Rae Murphy

child of Brett and Emma

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the wonderful and thoughtful cards and gifts we received over Christmas and for the goodies towards our Christmas lunch.

Also, to all those who assisted with the Christmas preparations and celebrations in Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos.

Father Owen and Father Dong

Pope's Universal Prayers 2022

January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

New COVID regulations from 15/12/21:

- 1) Density limits do not apply (including weddings and funerals)
- 2) No requirement to be fully vaccinated
- 3) **QR Code or Manual Check-in must be used**
- 4) **Masks are mandatory (indoors)**
- 5) *Singing (wearing masks) permitted*

Please continue to practise COVID-safe behaviours, including social distancing, stay at home if unwell and get tested if experiencing COVID symptoms.

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 8th / Sunday 9th January 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	C.Furney	<i>Help Needed</i>
First Reader	I. Byrne	J. O'Brien
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	D.Cunningham	P. O'Brien
Counter	10th January	E. Goodlet

Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th February 2021

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	<i>Help Needed</i>	<i>Help Needed</i>
First Reader	<i>Help Needed</i>	<i>Help Needed</i>
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	<i>Help Needed</i>	<i>Help Needed</i>
Counter	17th January	<i>Help Needed</i>

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Gavin Edwards and Louise Smithson (Sydney)

We remember the anniversaries of:

Fr Joe Dooley, Sr Claire Hopper,
 Fr John Frawley, Peter George,
 Mick Kelly, John O'Brien, Alison Orth,
 Kim Pilley and Peter Power

We also pray for:

Lucilla Balajadia Decena, Ana Oros
 and Robert Simpson (Turrumurra)

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

Howard Brady, Dianne Brown,
 John Cross, Elizabeth Donnelly,
 Rodrigo Jaboneta, Molly Jenkins,
 Sue Kearins, Alicia Knights,
 Eleni Roberts, Barry Slater,
 Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson,
 Marie Trounson and all those in our
 Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and
 for all the Holy Souls.

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
9 Jan	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
16 Jan	S. Parnell	D. Hudson	C. Holland
23 Jan	D. Kelly	F. McConville	R. Saliba

HELP NEEDED

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist with our Masses during January. We still need help. Please contact the parish office on 6372 2122, if you are able to commentate, read or to be a Eucharistic Minister.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

"Like the Magi, believers are led by faith to seek God in the most hidden places, knowing that the Lord waits for them there."
Pope Francis

This Christmas.....
mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Write a love letter.
Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage youth.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.
Apologise if you were wrong.
Think first of someone else.
Be kind and gentle.
Laugh a little.
Laugh a little more.
Express your gratitude.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.
Speak your love.
Speak it again.
Speak it still once again.
ANONYMOUS

Thank you to those who supported the Bishop's Christmas Appeal 2021. Donations can still be made at: The Bathurst Chancery Office, any parish office, or online at www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

Is 40:1-5. 9-11 Ps 103:1-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16. 21-22