

**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 Baptism of the Lord - Year C - 9th January 2021



First Reading:

[Is 40:1-5. 9-11](#)

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 103:1-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1](#)

(R): Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **(R.)**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill.
(R.)

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7](#)
God has made salvation possible.

Gospel Acclamation: [See Lk 3:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 2:1-12](#)

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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 10th January

11.00am Funeral - Rylstone

12.00 Noon - Angelus

TUESDAY 11th January

9.30am - Communion Service Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

WEDNESDAY 12th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.45pm - Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY 13th January

9.30am - Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

FRIDAY 14th January

11.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
in St. Mary's Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus and Rosary (front of
Church)

12.00 Noon - Reconciliation (back of Church)

12.30am - Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY 15th January

11.00am - Baptism

12.00 Noon - Angelus

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

6:00pm - Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY 16th January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

9.00am - Mass Mudgee

10.30am - Mass Gulgong

11.00am - Mass Kandos

12 Noon - Angelus

Anointing/ Home Communion:

Fr Owen & Fr Dong are able to visit at your home, please call the parish office to arrange.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Liam Matthew Abbey

and

Caitlin Maire Taniane

who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

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

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

NSW regulations as per 07/01/2022:

1) Masks **MANDATORY** for 12 years & over

2) QR Code or Manual Check-in **MANDATORY**

3) Density limits no longer apply (including weddings and funerals)

4) No requirement to be fully vaccinated

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 15th / Sunday 16th January 2022		
	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	<i>Help Needed</i>	<i>Help Needed</i>
First Reader	L. Nicholson	<i>Help Needed</i>
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	I. Byrne	<i>Help Needed</i>
Counter	17th January	M. Walker

Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd January 2022		
	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	A. Baker	<i>Help Needed</i>
Counter	24th January	<i>Help Needed</i>

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

June Deveigne and Matthew Norris

We remember the anniversaries of:

Father Tim Cahill, Nikky Boness, Edna Condon, Frances Condon, Lawrence Dolan, Bernard Egan, Ivy Endacott, Karyn Howden, Patricia Hudson, Ted Mahon, Norman Maloney, Shirley Moloney, Bob Pilley, Gordon Player, Gwen Porter, Kevin Stanmore and Daphne Talbot

We also pray for:

Lucilla Balajadia Decena, Gavin Edwards, Ana Oros, Robert Simpson (Turramurra) and Louise Smithson (Sydney)

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

Cherylanne Adamson, 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.

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
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 are still needing help.

Please contact the parish office on 6372 2122, if you are able to commentate, read or to be a Eucharistic Minister.

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

The optional readings for this feast recapitulate the themes of the entire Advent-Christmas season. Within the Christian tradition the voice that announces the future events is associated with John the Baptist. However, the reading itself proclaims the coming and manifestation of the Lord, clearly an Advent theme. The gospel reading from Luke moves us from anticipation of the coming of the messiah to fulfillment of God's promise. This theme of fulfillment is at the heart of the Christmas message. In the baptism narrative we see that Jesus has come into our midst, not only as a helpless infant, but as our anointed messiah. There is a dimension to this same gospel reading that opens us to a future yet to be fully realized in our lives. The one upon whom the Spirit descends has come to baptize us in that same Spirit.

The reading from Titus is similar to the gospel. Both herald the appearance of Jesus and promise a future fulfilment for us. Renewed by the Spirit, we will be justified and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The readings clearly announce that: the Lord is coming; the Lord has come; the Lord will continue to come to and through us into the whole world. Under all of this rings the melody of God's creative power as seen in the Psalm response. In view of the Isaian passage, God promises to create something new in the wilderness of chaos. There the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

Historical Context – BAPTISM

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.



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



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

Is 62:1-5

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11