

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.

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The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B - 3rd January 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 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**

All: 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: Ephesians 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: Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king



Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially

Fr Joseph Dooley, Doreen Matthews, Wayne Morton.

We remember the anniversaries of

Mick Kelly, Shirley Moloney, Ted Mahon, Daphne Talbot, Kevin Stanmore, Frances Condon, Gwen Porter.

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

Jan Bailie, Bruce Eastburn, Eleni Roberts, Karen Freebody, Peter Power, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Katherine Szulc (Poland), Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Julie Collins, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of His first manifestations, and this takes place in CHRISTMAS TIME. Christmas Time runs from the First Vespes (Evening Prayer 1) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after 6 January.

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Mudge Roster Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th January 2021

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Reader	C.Furney	M. McLean	C.Devitt
Prayers of the Faithful	J.Newman	D.Mahon	M.Dunnachie
Special Ministers of Communion	D.Cunningham	Help Needed	M.Devitt

Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th January 2021

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.00am
Reader	L.Nicholson	D.Mahon	A.Myles
Prayers of the Faithful	S.Walker	Help Needed	Help Needed
Special Ministers of Communion	Help Needed	Help Needed	M.Dunnachie

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
3rd Jan 2021	D. Kelly	K. O'Brien	E.Donnely & G.Ausburn
10th Jan	C.Gaudry	K.Ritar	M.&E. Carney
17th Jan	S.Parnell	R. Saliba	E.Donnely & G.Ausburn
24 Jan	P. Leotta	D.Hudson	C.Holland
31 Jan	D. Kelly	S.Parnell	R.Saliba

Pope's Universal Prayer for January Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

DAY BY DAY

Monday, 4th January

No Service

12 Noon Angelus

Tuesday, 5th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

Wednesday, 6th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

Thursday, 7th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

Friday, 8th January

12.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

Saturday, 9th January

12 Noon Angelus

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 10th January

BAPTISM of the LORD

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

6.30pm Word & Faith Group Mudgee

Anointing/ Home Communion: Please ring and make an appointment, Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and we can visit you at home.

THANK YOU...

To all volunteers who helped to set up and assist with our Christmas Liturgies.

Have you thought? – Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

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Baptism:

We welcome to the parish community...

Alice Betty & George Brian Wurth

children of Nathan & Alysibeth

and

Masie Mac McDonald

daughter of Alisa, who is to be baptised



Marriage

Congratulations to...

*Steven Falconieri and
Talise Leslie Peet*

who celebrated the sacrament of
Marriage this week.

Readings for Next Week:

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isa 12: 2-6. R. v. 6

John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11

A message from Bishop McKenna about the death of
Fr Joseph Dooley P.E.

Dear Friends in Christ,

With sadness, gratitude and hope, I bring the news that Father Joseph Dooley P.E. died at St Catherine's Home, Bathurst on Christmas Day 2020. He is survived by his brother, Monsignor Maurice Dooley, and by his sister Mrs Catherine Loughran.

Father Joe served in many parishes of the Diocese as an Assistant Priest; for ten years as Chaplain in the Royal Australian Air Force; Administrator of the Cathedral; as Parish Priest of Gilgandra, Cowra, Mudgee and Canowindra; and as Vicar General.

We give thanks for Joe's great friendship and devoted priestly ministry, as we prepare for his funeral in the new year. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

A Requiem Mass for Fr Joe Dooley will be celebrated at the Assumption Church, Bathurst on Monday 4 January at 11:00am. The funeral will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. For Parishioners in Mudgee who don't have access to a computer, we will be livestreaming from our office. If you would like to watch the funeral at the Parish Office, please let us know.



Gospel Reflection

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The gospel of Mark, the first of the four canonical gospels to be written, does not bother at all with the question of the birth of Jesus. Written some ten or more years later, the gospels of Luke and Matthew both present a version of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. The gospel of John, written later still, also avoids details of Jesus' birth. The two accounts of the infancy that we do have from the gospels tell very different stories because they have each been used to place the rest of the gospel in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been mashed together so much that we now have one notion of the Christmas story that is a poor amalgam of the two unique narratives.

In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem and are forced to give birth out in a field because there is no room at the only inn in Bethlehem. The ones who bear witness to the birth in this account are shepherds – some of the lowest of the low – as the gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having a preferential option for the lowly ones. In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary are living in Bethlehem and give birth in their own house. They later flee to Egypt and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns need to be included in both accounts because they are named in some of the ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to the birth are wise men, dignitaries from another land. The Matthew writer wants to emphasise the 'kingship' of Jesus and it is fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts on the birth of a king.

The two stories deserve to be dealt with uniquely and should be unravelled from the muddled, entwined version that dominates our Christmas imagery.