

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 in Ordinary Time - Year C - 23rd January 2021

First Reading: [Neh 8:2-6. 8-10](#)

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63](#)

(R): *Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**



Second Reading: [1 Cor 12:12-30](#)

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation: [cf. 2 Luke 4:18](#)

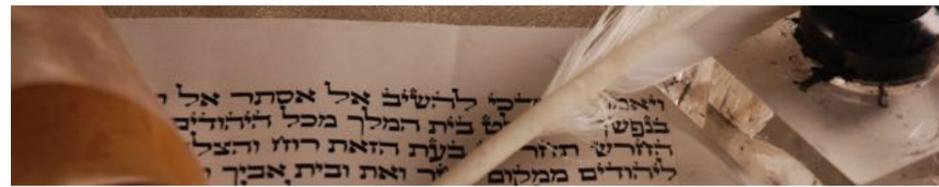
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21](#)

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

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Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Roslyn Hatfield (Rose Bay), Mary Magdalene Ho (Vietnam), Marie Trounson

We remember the anniversaries of: Raymond Power,

Ana Varga, Rosie Thomson, Anges Turzak,

Anne-Marie Breikopf, Elaine Morrisey, Arthur Tatham, David Brown, Carlo Colaiacomo

We also pray for:

Lucilla Balajadia Decena, Gavin Edwards, Ana Oros, June Deveigne and Matthew Norris

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

Paul Power, Tony Harris, Cherylanne Adamson,

Howard Brady, Dianne Brown, John Cross, Tony & Mary Dimmock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Rodrigo Jaboneta,

Molly Jenkins, Sue Kearins, Alicia Knights, Eleni Roberts, Barry Slater, Dyanna Thomeny, Carmel Thompson and all

Baptism: We welcome to the Parish community



Willow McCarthy

child of *Lincoln* and *Sandra*

Congratulations to:



Marvick Cushieri

and

Tamara Margaret Donovan

who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend

Mudgee Roster

Saturday 29th/ Sunday 30th January 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	D. Cunningham	Help Needed
First Reader	L. Nicholson	M. McLean
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	A. Barker	Help Needed
Counter	24th Jan 2022	E. Goodlet

Saturday 5th / Sunday 6th February 2022

	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 9.00am
Commentator	C. Furney	Help Needed
First Reader	I. Byrne	Help Needed
Second Reader		
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counters	31st Jan 2022	D. Donnelly

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
30 Jan	R. Saliba	O. O'Brien	R. Saliba
6 Feb	E. Donnelly	M. McGregor	M. & E. Carney

DAY BY DAY

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

MONDAY - 24th January

12.00 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 25th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 26th January

AUSTRALIA DAY

9.30am Australia Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus



THURSDAY - 27th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 28th 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)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 29th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

5.15-5.40pm Reconciliation (Back of Church)

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 30th January

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12.00 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Word & Faith Group - Parish Centre

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.

Ministries in our Parish Community

'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different people, it is working in all of them.'

1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13

Thank you to all who have participated in parish ministries over the past very challenging year. We are very grateful to have so many parishioners from a variety of age groups involved in various ministries.

We are asking for you to volunteer to help with one or more ministries in our parish. There is something for everyone. We thank everyone who has volunteered in the past and urge you to re-commit for another year. We also encourage anyone who is volunteering for the first time or looking at a different ministry, there will be training provided for some of the ministries and plenty of support from the Parish Office. Commitment is for one year.

Commentator

Vocalist



Reader

Musician

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Liturgy Group

Altar Service

HOSPITALITY

Catechists

Sacramental Team

Safe Church Awareness Workshops

Being a safe church is everyone's responsibility and that is why the Diocese and Parishes have committed to providing parishioners and employees free Safe Church Awareness Workshops. Safe Church Workshops are informative, engaging and interactive and are designed to raise everyone's understanding and awareness of Christian foundations of safe ministry, duty of care, vulnerable people protection (abuse prevention), due diligence in recruiting and supervising church leaders, and risk management.

When: Saturday 12 February 2022

Time: 9:00am - 2:30pm (finish time may be earlier for those completing a refresher)

Location: Bathurst Baptist Church, 188 Eglinton Road, Bathurst

Please register at <https://forms.gle/rqPXwfdmdD5yu41F9>

If you have any questions about the workshop please contact:

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The National Church Life Survey is coming!

The NCLS provides an insight into the lives of our Diocesan churches. Our congregation is important to us and we invite you to participate. Every survey form represents the voice of a church attender, leader or child. The survey listens to their thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life. It is designed to be a positive, inclusive process to reflect on ministry and mission together and to help equip leaders to build for the future.

How can you complete the upcoming National Church Life Survey? The Survey is available online and in person. Your Parish Office will be sharing the details of our Diocesan wide scheduled survey in your Parish Bulletins in the coming weeks.

For more details: <https://www.2021ncls.org.au/about>

Historical Context – Theophilus

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work – Luke-Acts – as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19 Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v. 15 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 Lk 4-18

PRAY FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock.

Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.



PRAYER FOR TONGA AND THE PACIFIC



Loving God,
We hold before you in our hearts
The people of Tonga in this time of need.
We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.
Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami
And degradation of land and water through ash,
We ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.
They are communities of great faith.
May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.
May they turn to each other for comfort and community.
And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.
We all share this mysterious world
Which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.
May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage
And fill us with the gift of Hope.
Amen.

GULGONG NEWS

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group (GCWG)
The first meeting for 2022 will be held Tuesday 1st February 2pm, in the convent.
New members are most welcome.
Covid rules apply.

Sunday and Week Day Missal.

The Parish will be ordering some Sunday and Week Day Missals.
If you are interested in purchasing a Missal, please contact the Parish Office 6372 2122.

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 recognised, 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.

Farewell



Fr Dong will be saying farewell to the Parishes of Mudgee and Gulgong before he moves on to Dubbo. The details are:

Gulgong

Sunday 23rd January - Mass followed by a Morning Tea in the Convent grounds.

Mudgee

Saturday 29th January - 6pm Mass followed by a Light meal in the Parish hall. Please contact the Parish office if you can help with catering.

Sunday 30th January - 9am Mass followed by Morning Tea in the Church grounds. Please call the Parish Office if you can help with catering.

For catering purposes, if you would like to attend either Farewell, please contact the Parish Office.



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

