

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.

WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH THE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A
1ST JANUARY 2023

First Reading:

[Nm 6:22-27](#)

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2](#)

(R): *May God bless us in his mercy.*

God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Gal 4:4-7](#)

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 2:16-21](#)

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.



MAY THE LORD UNCOVER HIS FACE TO YOU AND BRING YOU PEACE. Pope Paul VI declared New Year's day the World Day of Peace. It is appropriate because on this day we honour Mary who brought the Prince of Peace into the world. Better than anyone else, she knew the peace that is at once her Son's gift and the fruit of a life lived in obedience to God.

Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons

Parish Deacon
Deacon Charles Applin

Parish Office Hours
Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
9.00am - 4.00pm
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1.00pm - 2.00pm

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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY 2nd January

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

12.00 Noon - Angelus

TUESDAY 3rd January

9.30am - Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

1.30pm Funeral - Mudgee - John Baggett

WEDNESDAY 4th January

11.00am Funeral - Gulgong - George Ashcroft

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.15 Reconciliation

5.45pm - Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY 5th January

9.30am - Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

FRIDAY 6th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus and Rosary

Reconciliation available on request

12.30am - Mass Mudgee

5.30pm Holy Hour - Mudgee

SATURDAY 7th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.15pm - 5.40pm - Reconciliation

6:00pm - Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY 8th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

9.00am - Mass Mudgee

10.30am - Mass Gulgong

11.00am - Communion Service - Kandos

12 Noon - Angelus

Anointing/ Home Communion:

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

George Ashcroft, John Baggett,

Doris O'Brien, Joan Loughrey.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Lucia Zaccaria, June Deveigne, John O'Brien,

Edward Hayman, Olga Bremer, Peter Power.

Frances Condon, Edward Mahon,

Daphane Talbot, Norman Maloney,

Gordon Player, Enda Condon, Bernard Egan,

Ivy Endacott, Albert Cashel, Nikky Boness,

Gwendoline Porter.

We also pray for:

John McNicol, Denis Donnelly

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

Ava Pettitt (Canada), Maria Knezevic, Ava

Marakovic (Syd), Anne Mead, Vikki Treves,

John Carney, Molly Jenkins, Debra

O'Loughlin, Eleni Roberts, Tony Spina, Joe

Saliba, Dennis Petersen, Geoffrey Munn,

Gwen Ausburn, Tony Harris, John Cross,

Dianne Brown, Cherylanne Adamson,

Molly Jenkins, Howard Brady,

Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all

those in our Nursing Homes.

"Make peace, create peace,

be the example of peace.

We need peace in the world".

Pope Francis

Pope's Universal Prayers 2023 January

FOR EDUCATORS

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th January 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Second Reader	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
EMoC	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Welcomer	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Offertory	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Counter	Tue 3rd Jan	R. Croake

Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th January 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	L. Nicholson	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Second Reader	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
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Counter	9th Jan	E. Goodlet

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
1st Jan	S. Parnell	J. Ritar	E. Donelly
8th Jan	C. Gaudry	D. Hudson	C. Holland
15th Jan	E. Donelly	P. Leotta	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.

SACRAMENTS 2023

ST MARY'S MUDGEE IMPORTANT DATES

If you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation or the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for your child in 2023, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

SAVE THESE DATES

From Year 6 onwards

School Term 1
 Tuesday 21st March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
 Thursday 23rd March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

From Year 3 onwards

School Term 2
 Tuesday 20TH June 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm or
 Thursday 22ND June 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

** Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 **

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) from Tuesday 20th December including registration to attend a Parent/Carer Information session. All enquiries to sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

Please pass this message on to anyone you feel would be interested.



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Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our Abba. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

Important Notice

As you may be aware, there will be a significant change in our Parishes next year. With Fr Thao leaving, Fr Owen will be our only Priest for the parishes of Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone and Mudgee. This means that some of the Masses will be change. The changes are:

1st Sunday in the Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong
11.00am Mass Kandos

2nd Sunday in the Month

10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Communion Service Kandos

3rd Sunday in the Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong
11.00am Mass Rylstone

4th Sunday in the Month

10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Communion Service Rylstone

5th Sunday in Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong
11.00am Mass Kandos

The Mass times for Mudgee will remain the same, for now.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Church Cleaning, and the Church Decorating and to everyone who has help with Ministries, Choir and setting and putting away for the Masses over this Christmas period. We appreciate the time and effort the each of you put in to help our parishes.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

Is 60:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12