

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
15TH JANUARY 2023

First Reading: [Is 49:3. 5-6](#)

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.](#)

(R): Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 1:1-3](#)

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Jn 1:29-34](#)

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



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Thank you for the many expressions of Blessing, cards and gifts received over the Christmas period, they were very much appreciated.

Fr Owen and Fr Thao

DAY BY DAY

MONDAY 16th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus

TUESDAY 17th January

9.30am - Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

WEDNESDAY 18th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.15 Reconciliation

5.45pm - Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY 19th January

9.30am - Mass Mudgee

11.00am - Funeral - Gulgong - Michael "Tex" Gillham

12.00 Noon - Angelus

FRIDAY 20th January

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Noon - Angelus and Rosary

Reconciliation available on request

12.30am - Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY 21st January

11.00am Baptism

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.15pm - 5.40pm - Reconciliation

6:00pm - Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY 22nd January

9.00am - Mass Mudgee

10.30am - Mass Gulgong

11.00am - Communion Service Rylstone

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.

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Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Michael "Tex" Gillham, James "Cricket" Corney, George Ashcroft, John Baggett, Doris O'Brien, Joan Loughrey.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Anna Varga, Daphne Talbot, Julie Walker, Ted Mahon, John O'Brien, Mick Kelly, Kevin Stanmore, Robert Pilley, Joseph Glascott, John Szymkarczuk, Karyn Howden, Ernest Kinnaird, Joseph Williams, John McCarthy, Marvis Riley, Douglas Halpin, Eleanor Gorrie, Patricia Hudson, Marie Trounson, Shirley Moloney, Lawrence Goldspink, Dylan Dunne.

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.

Ministry Corner...

Offertory - Gift Bearers.

Gift Bearers bring forward the bread and wine, which will become Christ's Body and Blood, at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They represent the entire worshipping community. Individuals, couples and/or families are encouraged to act as Gift Bearers. Families are invited to serve together. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like more information or would like to be apart of this ministry.

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd January 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	L. Croake
First Reader	I. Byrne	E. de Vries
Second Reader	R. Disher	M. McLean
EMofC	D. Cunningham	R. Croake
Welcomer	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Offertory	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Counter	16th Jan	L. Nicholson

Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th January 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	A. Myles
First Reader	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	M. Cassidy
Second Reader	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	O. O'Brien
EMofC	G. Hennessy	R. Gawthorne
Welcomer	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Offertory	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Counter	23rd Jan	R. Croake

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
22nd Jan	R. Saliba	M. McGregor	M.&E. Carney
29th Jan	D. Kelly	S. Parnell	G. Ausburn E. Donnelly
6th Feb	P. Leotta	C. Gaudry	C. Holland

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.

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.

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.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Perfume of Holiness

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

SACRAMENTS 2023

ST MARY'S MUDGEES IMPORTANT DATES

If you are considering the Sacraments of Confirmation or 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 on to anyone you feel would be interested.

Living the Gospel - *Pointing the Way*

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!'

However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

[Is 8:23 – 9:3](#)

[Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1](#)

[1 Cor 1:10-13, 17](#)

[Mt 4:12-23](#)