

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.

**JUBILEE YEAR
OF HOPE**

**24/12/2024 —
24/12/2025**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — 5TH JANUARY 2024

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*](#)

(R.) 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.



Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons
Fr Cong Hoang

Parish Deacon

Rev Charles Applin

Parish Secretaries

Mrs Kristie Newman
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Parish Office Hours

Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 4.00pm

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- 2.00pm

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We welcome to our Mudgee Parish:
Kate Esther Flower-Emblen



who will
*be Baptised, Confirmed
 and share in the Holy
 Eucharist
 this weekend.*






“The sight of the
 star filled them
 with delight.”
Matthew 2:10

CHRISTMAS SEASON BLESSING

“Lord God of heaven and earth,
 You revealed your only-begotten Son to
 every nation
 By the guidance of a star.
 Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
 Fill them with the light of Christ,
 That their concern for others may reflect
 your love.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord”.
 Amen

May the joy of Christmas bring peace and
 happiness to you and your family.

GULGONG ROSTER		
	12th Jan	19th Jan
Commentator	J. Thatcher	P. Leotta
Reader	C. Golino	D. Hudson
Sacristan	R. Saliba	M.& E . Carney
Leader		

THANK YOU for all the cards, gifts and expressions of Christmas and New Years blessing that we have received over the last couple of weeks. They are very much appreciated.

Father Owen and Father Cong

A big thank you to Louise Nicholson and her helpers for the preparation of the Christmas Day Combined Churches Lunch in the Anglican Hall. A wonderful job and a delicious meal enjoyed by all.

MUDGEE NEWS

CHRISTMAS “UNDECORATING”

Help needed to pack away the Christmas decorations and church cleaning at St. Mary’s, Monday 13th January, from 9am. Any amount of time that can be given will be greatly appreciated. Names are not needed, please just “turn up” on the day.

As yet there is not a roster available for January in Mudgee, as per minimal numbers volunteering. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours on 6372 2122 to advise what you will be helping with.

The Pope’s Monthly Intentions 2025

JANUARY - For the Right to an Education



For migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected .

DAY BY DAY	
Mon 6/1	Weekday of Christmas Time
10am	Parish Office Opens
10.30am	Funeral — Lawson Room E&C— <i>Catarina Moszczynski</i>
11.00am	Funeral —Mudgee— <i>Val Murphy</i>
12 noon	Angelus
Tue 7/1	Weekday of Christmas Time
9.30am	Mass —Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
Wed 8/1	Weekday of Christmas Time
10.30am	Funeral — Gulgong — <i>Angel Esber</i>
12 noon	Angelus
5.15pm	Reconciliation —Mudgee
5.45pm	Mass — Mudgee
Thu 9/1	Weekday of Christmas Time
9.30am	Mass - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
Fri 10/1	Weekday of Christmas Time
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Angelus & Rosary
12.30pm	Mass - Mudgee
2.00pm	Funeral - Gulgong - <i>Tony Dimmock</i>
Sat 11/1	Weekday of Christmas Time
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass - Mudgee
Sun 12/1	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YR C
8.30am	Rosary - Mudgee
9.00am	Mass - Mudgee
10.30am	Mass - Gulgong
11.00am	Mass —Kandos
12 noon	Angelus

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the recently deceased especially:

Angel Esber, Elicia Moszczynski, Val Murphy, Jim Cavanagh, Tony Dimmock, Lance Tito.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Fr Joe Dooley, Sr Clare Hopper, Mick Kelly and Nikki Lynch.

For the deceased:

Eileen Csuba, Clare Van Oploo, Carmen Archer, Miriam Byers & Family, Marion & Bartholomew Sheehan, Sheehan, Lynch and Quinn Family members past & present, Ashley Knight, Alm, Cliff & Ashley Thomas, Ken Brown, Jack, Julie, John Paul & Brian Bennett, Members of the McGuiness & Clayton Families, Craig Lynch, Michael Azar, Lawrence & Margaret McGuiness, Graham Hawkins, John O'Brien, Kay Daly (Ireland), Nauma Buchanan, Blake Pool (Denman), Eleanor Bryant, Fr Max Blumenthal, Mick Batson, Denis Matthews, Elleen Ellsmore, Denis Flynn, Francis McDermott, Tom & Edna Power, Paul Power, Peter Power, Patrick Power.

For the sick and Special Intentions:

Olive Quinn, Ellen Johnson (Sheehan), Glennie McGrath (Fr Owen's sister), Mary Rheinberger, Fr Peter Dresser, Catrina McGhee, Cathy Ward, Donna Pilati, Keiran Micallef, Daniel Lee, Sigrid Germon, June Ritar, Ron Muscat, Tony Harris, Carla Perrotto, Trish Buckley, Paula Ryan, Tony Spina, Horace Saliba, Lynne Daly, Kim Barry, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tracy Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Trevor Roberts (England), Iris McBeath, Josephine Debaksta, Dennis Petersen, Carmel Thompson, Rodrigo Jaboneta and all those in our Nursing Homes.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Is a time to embrace hope, deepen our faith, and draw closer to God. Whether through local pilgrimage, community events, or spiritual acts at home, all are invited to be part of this remarkable journey of renewal and trust in the Gospel of Christ .

The logo for the Jubilee Year of Hope shows four figures stylised to indicate humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. They are embracing each other to indicate the solidarity and brotherhood which joins the peoples. The figure at the head is holding onto the cross.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
Into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope
A yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
The joy and peace of our Redeemer
Throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
Be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen

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The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

Readings for next Sunday: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16. 21