



*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.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — 12TH JANUARY 2025

**First Reading:** [Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11](#)

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1](#)

**(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

Lord God, how great you are,  
 clothed in majesty and glory,  
 wrapped in light as in a robe!  
 You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
 You make the clouds your chariot,  
 you walk on the wings of the wind,  
 you make the winds your messengers  
 and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**

How many are your works, O Lord!  
 In wisdom you have made them all.  
 The earth is full of your riches.  
 There is the sea, vast and wide,  
 with its moving swarms past counting,  
 living things great and small. **(R.)**

All of these look to you  
 to give them their food in due season.  
 You give it, they gather it up:  
 you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**  
 You take back your spirit, they die,  
 returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
 and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7](#)

*God has made salvation possible.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
 he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit  
 and with fire. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Luke 3:15-16. 21-22](#)

*The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.*



*Heaven opened and  
 the Holy Spirit  
 descended on him.*

Luke 3.22

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons  
 Fr Cong Hoang

**Parish Deacon**

Rev Charles Applin

**Parish Secretaries**

Mrs Kristie Newman  
 Ms Krista O'Brien

**Parish Office Hours**

**Mon** 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri**

9.00am - 4.00pm

**Closed for Lunch** 1.00pm  
 - 2.00pm

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GULGONG ROSTER		
	19th Jan	26th Jan
Commentator	P. Leotta	D. Kelly
Reader	D. Hudson	M. Golino
Sacristan	M.& E. Carney	TBA
Leader		

**BAPTISM:**

We welcome to our Gulgong Parish:

*Lacey Sophie Nesbitt-Cross*



*daughter of  
Timothy and Lauren*

who will be baptised  
this weekend.

MUDGEES ROSTER		
	18th Jan	19th Jan
Commentator	A. McLean	A. Myles
1st Reader	I. Byrne	E. de Vires
2nd Reader	D. Cunningham	M. Dunnachie
EMOC	C. Furney	R. Croake
Altar Server		
Welcomer		
Offertory		
Sacristan	I. Browne	R. Gawthorne
Counter	Tues 21st Jan	L. Nicholson
Bells	M - E. Goodlet T - R. Gawthorne W - J. Cooper T-I. Browne	F - I. Browne  S - I. Browne S - R. Gawthorne

**MUDGEES NEWS**

**Parish Carpark**

As you maybe aware, the Parish Carpark is currently closed. This is to allow for the Carpark and driveway upgrade that will be more suitable to the current traffic and usage.

While there is limited parking available for those with mobility issues on the church grounds, for the safety of all parishioners, especially children, we encourage you to park on the street or be dropped off close to the church.

We apologise for any inconvenient.

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Christmas “Undecorating” and church cleaning at St. Mary’s, Monday 13th January, from 9am.

Any amount of time given is appreciated. Names are not needed, please just “turn up” on the day.

Roster will be printed weekly only until end of the month, as per smaller bulletin.

**The Pope’s Monthly Intentions**

**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.

**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.*

DAY BY DAY	
<b>Mon 13/1</b>	<b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b>
From 9am	Christmas “Undecorating” and church cleaning — Mudgee
10am	Parish Office Opens
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Tue 14/1</b>	<b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> —Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Wed 15/1</b>	<b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b>
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> —Mudgee
5.45pm	<b>Mass</b> — Mudgee
<b>Thu 16/1</b>	<b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
12 noon	Angelus
<b>Fri 17/1</b>	<b>St Anthony, Abbott—Memorial</b>
11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Angelus & Rosary
12.30pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sat 18/1</b>	<b>1st Week in Ordinary Time</b>
12 noon	Angelus
5.20pm	Reconciliation
6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
<b>Sun 19/1</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8.30am	Rosary - Mudgee
9.00am	<b>Mass</b> - Mudgee
10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Gulgong
11.00am	<b>Mass</b> —Rylstone
12 noon	Angelus

## MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED

*For the recently deceased especially:*

Angel Esber, Tony Dimmock, Elicia Moszczyński, Val Murphy.



*We remember the anniversaries of:*

Ray Miller, Kevin Stanmore, Geoff Anson, Pat Gorrie, Julie Doble, Timothy Foreman, Lawrence Goldspink, Julie Walker, John Szymkarczuk, Kathryn Gleeson, James Munro, Noel Wheeler, Lawrence Dolan, Salvatore La Grassa, John McCarthy, Veronica Swords.

*For the deceased:*

Jim Cavanagh, Lance Tito, Eileen Csuba, Clare Van Oploo, Carmen Archer,

*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, Lynne Daly, Horace Saliba, Tony Spina, Elizabeth Donnelly, Tracy Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Kim Barry, Trevor Roberts (England), Iris McBeath, Keiran Micalles, Josephine Debaksta, Dennis Petersen, Carmel Thompson, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

### Have you thought?

### Trinity

The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove whilst the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, ‘You are my Son.’ It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul’s early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.



The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves.

The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters .

## REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to a couple of interesting aspects of Jesus' baptism, which offer useful lessons for Christians today.

One of these is his humility. The Pope wants us to reflect on how remarkable it was that sinless Jesus was there among the crowds, 'joining the queue of the penitents, mingling among them.' The Son of God did not separate himself or seek special treatment!

The crowd which Jesus joined therefore shows us something profound about the Incarnation. Being baptised among the common people, Jesus shows us what the Pope termed his 'willingness to immerse himself in the river of humanity.' Even the Lord of All does not lord it over ordinary folk! Nor then should we.

On another occasion, the Pope focuses our attention on Jesus' prayer life. In telling us how the Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove, Luke makes it clear that this happened while Jesus was praying. This, the Pope indicates, is an important point worthy of our contemplation: 'Jesus prays.'

'Prayer opens the heaven,' the Pope says, borrowing the image from today's Gospel. He then adds that prayer also 'enables us to have the same experience of Jesus by the Jordan: it makes us feel like beloved children of the Father.'

Readings for next Sunday: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3 1

Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11