

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone.



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.



First Sunday of Advent - Year B 3rd December 2017

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from the PP's desk

We welcome the families of all those who have had a death in their family this year. We are conscious that Christmas is a most difficult time for you all.

We invite all to join us after Mass for our Annual Christmas Brunch in thanks to all who have supported us over this past year.

The celebration for the Feast of Christ the King was well supported last weekend. Thank you to those who remembered to wear white or gold as part of this celebration.

The Gulgong Parish with All Hallows School had their final Parish/School Mass for the year last Sunday. This incorporated the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Mass. Following Mass there was a light lunch and celebration cake for my 30th Anniversary in the school hall. My thanks to the Gulgong parish and All Hallows school.

Next weekend is the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal at weekend Masses. Please support this appeal which helps the most vulnerable in our community.

Fr Tony

Mass Of Remembrance We pray for the deceased:



Marilyn Denise Kinsela

Helen Letita Ryan

Lorna Mary Farr

Bertram Joshua Harris

Paul Barry Weatherly

Therese Anne Billmon

Marjorie Milton

James Harry Palmer

Doris "Dot" Clara Frances Carroll

Stephen John Waterton

Douglas Richardson

Anna Perini

Luciano Pagani

Maria Bolterstan

Robert John Gillham

John "Jack" William Fogarty

John Arthur Mini

Nellie May Goodman

Ernest "Pom" John Fitzgerald

James William Balston

Peter "Ross" Lovett

Gerald Douglas Doherty

Sonia Lopez Tioseco

Enid Devoy

Helmut Muller

Robert William Kidd

Brian Graham Duffy

Lorna Frances Milton

Mavis Veronica Nolan

John Kevin Waterhouse

Katrina Marie Robison

Suzanne Sutton

Neville John Box

Ian Graham Carter

Barry Simpson

Thomas Barry Rheinberger

Mavis Whale

John Forbes Robinson

Edward "Ted" John Hayman

Michael Sgroi

Julie Irene Walker

Edward "Ted" Mahon

Frances Mary Condon

Clarice "Toidy" Mary Hyde

John William Quinlan

Lorna Patricia Smith

Day by Day

Monday, 4th December

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Gulgong Catholic Women's Group Christmas Lunch
4.00pm Rosary (63721115).

Tuesday, 5th December

4.00pm Holy Hour
5.00pm Mass

Wednesday 6th December

9.00am Mass
9.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group.
11.00am Anointing Mass Kandos
Christmas Lunch to follow.
11.30am Altar Server Picnic Mudgee

Thursday, 7th December

9.10am Mass
10.30 St Mary's & St Matthews Playgroup.
NO MASS GULGONG
7.30pm All Hallows School Presentation

Friday, 8th December

9.30am St Matthews Infants Presentation - Farewell to Fr Tony from St Matthews School.
10.30am Pioneer House
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.
12 - 12.15 Reconciliation
12.30pm Anointing Mass Mudgee

Saturday, 9th December

5:15pm - 5:45pm: Reconciliation
6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday 10th December

9:00am Mass
10.30am Gulgong Mass (Anointing of the Sick)
10.30am Rosary Rylstone
11.00am Mass Rylstone
Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

Readings for next weekend

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 St Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8



Baptism: We welcome in Baptism this weekend **Huxley James Bartrim** son of **Bradley and Chloe.**

Saturday 9th/ Sunday 10th December 2017

Commentator	D.Cunningham	M. Matthews
Readers	J.Unsworth B.Carrigan	M.McLean Susie Bennett
Special Minister of Communion	K.Fitzsimmons E.Day	K.Baker M.Gilbert R.Gawthorne
Offertory Procession	C.Page K.Isbester	M.McDermott M.Dunnachie
Organist	E.Cooper	R.Newman
Welcomers	C.Page K.Isbester	E.Csuba M.Knight
Altar Servers	H.Vo A.Duncan A.Burgoyne S.Hawes	J.Nipperess S.Marchant D.Yule
Counters	S & G Robinson 4/12	M.Walker 11/12

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	10th Dec. 2017	Kandos Liturgy Roster	10th Dec. 2017
Commentator	P. Lenard		
Reader	D. Kelly	Readers	Sr Kath. A. Krusvar
Offertory	D. Germon & Family	Intercessions	L. McPherson
Special Minister of Communion	R. Saliba C. Holland	Special Minister of Communion	
Sacristan	R. Saliba H. Seymour	Sacristan	L. McPherson G. English



Masses and prayers requested for the following:

We pray for the recently deceased especially

Merilyn Kinsela (Gulgong).

Funeral prayers were held for Merilyn last Wednesday at Gulgong. Please remember the family in your prayers.

We remember the anniversaries of Lorna Smith, John Quinlan, Evica Knezevic, Allan Graham, Richard Douglas, Marie Sidoti and Darcy Fittler.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Margaret Melinz, Angela Krusvar, Jan Kirkman, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Gillham, Gunther Puls, Melinda Drew, Andrew McPhee, Tom Sheridan, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Dorothy Davidson, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, Rosa Maria Santos and the residents of all the nursing homes. Special Intentions.

KANDOS NEWS

Christmas Raffle: Tickets available this weekend at Mass.

Anointing Mass, 6th December at 11.00am: Following the Mass from 12 noon onwards will be the **Parish Christmas Lunch and gathering. Cost \$5pp.** Also included is the 30th Anniversary celebration and thank you to Fr Tony for his three years of service in the Kandos Parish. To assist with catering please contact Carol Morrissey or Sr Kath today.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Collection next weekend.

GULGONG NEWS

Thursday 7th December: All Hallows School Presentation night, 7.30pm

Anointing Mass Gulgong, 10.30am
NEXT Sunday 10th December

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Next Sunday

MUDGE NEWS

Friday 8th December -12.30pm Mass.
Anointing Mass Mudgee

Sunday 10th December - 6.00pm
Combined Churches Christmas Carols St John's Anglican grounds - Mudgee

Monday 18th December - 7.00pm
2nd Rite of Reconciliation Mudgee

**Mudgee Combined Churches
Christmas Day Lunch**

(Christmas Day) Mudgee Baptist Church, 152 Bruce Road. 11.30am for 12pm seating. **RSVP: 5th December to Georgia 0429 160 997.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can assist with the setting up or helping on Christmas Day it would be much appreciated. Please contact the mobile of Georgia as above or the Baptist Church 63726501 or 0429853800

Good News:

Parish/School Mass and First Reconciliation in Gulgong. Cuppa after positive experience for all.

Christ the King celebration in our region with the wearing of white and gold.

Sunday Mass Regional Timetable

Sunday 10th December

10.30am Mass Gulgong
11.00am Rylstone Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

Sunday 17th December

10.30am Gulgong: Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.
11.00am Mass Rylstone.

Saturday 23rd December

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday 24th December

9.00am Mass Mudgee
10.30am Mass Gulgong

**NO SUNDAY SERVICE KANDOS
(5.00PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS)**

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Gulgong
Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.
11.00am Mass Kandos

**Christmas Mass Timetable
Christmas Eve**

5.00pm Mass Kandos
7.00pm Mass Mudgee
(Children's Mass)
9.00pm Mass Mudgee

Christmas Day

8.00am Mass Gulgong
9.30am Mass Mudgee



Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th December.

Gulgong Catholic Womens Group Christmas Party.

Wednesday 6th December

Anointing Mass at Kandos followed by lunch (Christmas celebration). Celebration for Fr Tony's 30th Anniversary.

Thursday 7th December

All Hallows School Presentation night.

Friday 8th December

9.30am St Matthews School Infants Presentation.

** 12.30pm Anointing Mass Mudgee

9th/10th December St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Sunday 10th December - 10.30am

Anointing Mass Gulgong

Tuesday 12th December

St Matthews School End of Term Mass. (In the school gym).

Wednesday 13th December

9.30am Mass All Hallows end of year and Yr 6 Graduation.

11.00am Mass SMCS Year 6 Graduation with Kindergarten.

Thursday 14th December

St Matthews School Secondary Presentation.

Friday 15th December

St Cecilia's Day Concert in St Mary's.

Monday 18th December

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 25th December - Community

Christmas Day Lunch at the Baptist Church.



**Combined Churches
Christmas Carols
Mudgee**

Sunday 10th December
St John's Anglican Church
Grounds

Nativity dress ups from 6.00pm.

**ADVENT LITANY
BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

PRIEST: God of all time and all seasons, you are the beginning and the end of all life, and your love for us is evergreen and eternal. As we begin our Advent time of preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of your Son, Jesus, we ask you to bless this wreath, that it may be a sacred symbol bringing grace and blessing to us as we use it during our Advent journey.

ALL: Amen

PRIEST: May this violet light remind us that we are waiting and longing for the coming of Jesus who is the true light of the world?

ALL: We wait and long for Jesus, the light of the world.



THE ADVENT WREATH

For many Catholic families, the centerpiece of their Advent celebration is the Advent wreath. It is a very simple item, consisting of four candles, surrounded by evergreen branches. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, Who will come into the world at Christmas.

Children, in particular, find delight in the ceremony of the Advent wreath, and it's a great way to remind them that, despite the Christmas specials on TV and the Christmas music in stores, we're still waiting for the Birth of Christ.

If you've never adopted this practice, what are you waiting for?

Shape your frame from wire or purchase one from a craft shop, buy some candles and collect some greenery and pine cones. Simple but effective. Light a candle each week with your family and pray the prayer from the bulletin.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:: 1, 3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit the vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Corinthians 1 3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13: 33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
NEXT WEEKEND IN MUDGE GULGONG AND
KANDOS.**



Christmas is a time of love and great joy for some. There are many in our communities who need our love and support especially at this time of year. Some have no jobs and others find themselves in circumstances beyond their control where they reluctantly need to ask for assistance.

The money raised from the Christmas appeal assists the most vulnerable in our communities so please come prepared to give generously to the appeal at Masses next weekend. Envelopes are available for those who wish to use credit card facilities.