

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of St Mary's Mudgee, St John the Baptist Gulhong, 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.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm -

4.00pm

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C - 6th January 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 60 : 1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R.v. 11

All: 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 Tarhish 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.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



DAY BY DAY

Monday, 7th January

No Service

10.30am Funeral Mass - Lucia Zaccaria (Kandos)

Tuesday, 8th January

9.00am Communion Service

Wednesday, 9th January

9.00am Communion Service followed by Holy Hour.

Thursday, 10th January

9.10am Communion Service

Friday, 11th January

10.30am Funeral Service - Annette Cluff

12.30pm Communion Service

Saturday, 12th January

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 13th January

The Baptism of the Lord

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Sunday Service in the Absence of a Priest. Rylstone

PLEASE NOTE PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY 2019

The office will be closed on

Mon. 7th and Tues. 8th Jan.

Mon. 14th and Tuesday 15th Jan.

Normal hours Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

Return to normal office hours Monday - Friday from 21st January 2019

Saturday 12th /		Sunday 13th	January 2019
Commentator	M. Melinz	M. Matthews	
Readers	A. Wilson I. Byrne	L. Littler J. Tioseco	
Special Ministers of Communion	L. Nicholson G. Hennessy J. Vros	S. Bennett K. Scott K. Baker	
Offertory Procession	D. Bennett C. Carberry	J. Potts G. McDermott	
Welcomers	V. Solti F. Solti	Disher Family	
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
Counters	M. Walker Wed 9/1	D. Bennett Wed. 16/1	
Gulgong Liturgy Roster	13/1/2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	13/1/2019
Leader			
Commentator	E. Donelly		
Reader	D. Kelly	Reader	M. Chadwick H. Roberts
Offertory	W & H Gleeson	Intercessions	M. Turner
Special Minister of Communion	C. Gaudry R. Saliba	Special Minister of Communion	
Sacristan	R. Saliba H. Seymour	Sacristan	K & C Morrissey

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2019

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Australian WYD Prayer 2019



We pray all the Youth from our Diocese that are attending World Youth Day.

Eternal God,

You loved the world so much that You gave us your only Son, to accompany us in every moment of our lives. From diverse backgrounds across our vast land, we journey as one, your pilgrim church. We leave what is known and what is precious to us to embark on life's pilgrimage, uncertain of who our companions will be or what joys, hopes and challenges await us. In our brokenness, we desire wholeness. We trust Jesus, your Word, to lead us on this journey. Unafraid of what we do not know, we are full of excitement and ready to embrace all. May your Holy Spirit open us to transformation. We want to give ourselves to the Holy Spirit as Mary did. With her, we say: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word". Assist us that we may welcome all that is needed to renew our lives. May we become Jesus' true disciples, forgetting ourselves and loving His kingdom, His truth, and all he came to save by His Holy Cross. Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia, pray for us.

Amen.



Masses and prayers Requested for the following.

We pray for the recently deceased especially Sharyn Hayward (Syd), Hilmat Al-Hermiz, Lucia Zaccaria and Annette Cluff

We remember the anniversaries of Michael Kelly, Pat Gorrie, Michael Gibbins, Bob Pilley, Daphne Talbot, Frances Condon, Ted Mahon and Gwen Porter.

We also pray for Mervyn Costello, Sid and Reta Otley, Phil Darby.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time: Sr Mary Clement, Anton Blazavic, Joe Saliba, Jennifer Ryan, June George, Tony Petchell, Anne Stayner, Danielle Wolfenden, Sue Melinz, Brendan Stanford, Roseanne Telfer, Ben Fleitmann, Kristi Smith, Anne Troy Whitcombe, Liam Potts, Ursula Smiezek, Jasmine Prada, Dennis Donnelly, Tony Gillham, Melinda Drew, Alma Ristau, Carissa Gleeson, Jason Seis, Mary Cannon, Margaret Tuxford Spicer, Julie Collins, and the residents of all the Nursing Homes.

The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church.

Preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 begins with open Listening and

Dialogue. It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council. Your experience of faith and the Church is important.

Read about how you can #shareyourstory or to get more information at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

This is a great opportunity to have your say on our Church.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Ministries in January

Many parishioners are away over the Christmas break - please help out where you can.

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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.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The Magi

In some translations, the 'wise men' of this passage are referred to as 'Magi'. Magi was the name given to the Persian priestly caste. Persia (now, Iran) lies to the east of Israel. These wise men are also sometimes portrayed as astrologers, but that is largely because of the reference "We saw his star as it rose". It is interesting that the passage describes 'some' wise men; tradition has developed a specific number of three – based on the three gifts presented. These anonymous (and purely literary) figures have been given names and their 'relics' lie in honour beneath the Cathedral of Cologne.



"Like the Magi, believers are led by faith to seek God in the most hidden places, knowing that the Lord waits for them there.

Pope Francis



Baptism:

We welcome in Baptism this weekend **BEBE BLASHKIW** son of Zachary and Tegan