

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 walk on Wiradjuri country. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

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The Baptism of the Lord - Year C - 13th January 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

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

Responsorial Psalm: 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30 R. v 1

All: 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

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

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

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

Memorial Acclamation:

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



DAY BY DAY

Monday, 14th January

No Service

Tuesday, 15th January

9.00am Mass

Wednesday, 16th January

9.00am Mass followed by Holy Hour.

Thursday, 17th January

9.00am Mass

Friday, 18th January

11.45am Rosary

12 - 12.15pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass

Saturday, 19th January

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

Sunday, 20th January

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Sunday Service in Absence of a Priest Gulgong

10.30am Rosary Rylstone

11.00am Mass Rylstone



Baptism:

We welcome in Baptism this weekend

ARCHIE JOHN O'NEILL son of Daniel and Renice

FINN WILLIAM STEWART & MAX PETER STEWART children of Daniel and Belinda



Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th January 2019

Commentator	L. Ryan	S. Bennett
Readers	S. Walker	R. Disher R. McKeown
Special Ministers of Communion	J. Vros F. Melinz G. Brymora	P. O'Brien M. Gilbert C. Dawson
Offertory Procession	Vo Family	R. Loneragan S. Loneragan
Welcomers	C. Carberry L. Cahill	Portelli Family
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters	D. Bennett Wed 16/1	D. Donnelly Mon 21/1

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	20/1/2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	20/1/2019
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<i>Leader</i>	D. Kelly		
<i>Commentator</i>	P. Leotta		
<i>Reader</i>	R. Saliba	Reader	T. Ryan K. Morrissey
<i>Offertory</i>	M & R. Morrissey	Intercessions	P. O'Connor
Special Minister of Communion	M. Carney C. Gaudry	Special Minister of Communion	A. Krusvar
<i>Sacristan</i>	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn	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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019, PANAMA

This Sunday, pilgrims from the Diocese of Bathurst will leave for World Youth Day 2019, in Panama. The theme for this WYD is “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word” Luke 1:38

The Bathurst group includes 33 young people, including some from Mt Isa and Toowoomba. Our pilgrims will be accompanied by Bishop Michael McKenna, Fr Reynold Jaboneta; Parish Priest of Coonabarabran and Coonamble, Deacon Josh Clayton and Seminarians Diep Nguyen and Thao Nguyen.

In preparation for Panama, the pilgrims will spend time in Los Angeles, where the local church will welcome them to experience how young Catholics there are participating in works of service.

From there, they go to Panama City for the events of WYD, culminating in the arrival of Pope Francis. Bishop Michael has been appointed as one of the bishops who will give English language catechesis and celebrate Mass with youth from all over the world.

Please pray for the pilgrims that their journey will be safe; and that they may return with the fruits that God wants.



Masses and prayers Requested for the following.

We pray for the recently deceased especially Annette Cluff

We remember the anniversaries of Michael Kelly, Pat Gorrie,

Michael Gibbins, Frances Condon, Ted Mahon and Gwen Porter.

We also pray for the souls of Joe Swintek, 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, Michael Gillham, and the residents of all the Nursing Homes.

The Plenary Council in 2020 is about the future of the Church. To prepare, we all are invited to reflect on the question: **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”**

You are invited to host or join a small group for Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Encounters. Register your interest with the parish office on 02 6372 2122.

We are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith, and the Church. Read more about this at

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel begins with a level of expectancy among the people that John the Baptist may be the Christ; the Messiah. This seemingly throw away introductory comment confirms the fact that the Jewish expectation of the Messiah was particularly heightened at the time of John and Jesus. At the time of the ministries of John and Jesus, the Romans had been the occupying force in Judaea for about 80 or 90 years. Throughout most of their lives the infamous Galilee area had been relatively peaceful and free of revolutionary activity but that changed from about 26 CE. With the anti-Roman sentiment on the rise, the ancient yearning for a Messiah resurfaced.



This Messianic expectation stretched back hundreds of years and was richly associated with the sovereign line of King David. The Davidic line ruled for more than 400 years until it was ended in the early 6th Century BCE by the Jewish people being exiled in Babylon for about 50 years.

The term, Messiah, literally means anointed one. In ancient Israel, the king was designated by being anointed with oil on his head. Following the exile in Babylon, the people longed for another great king, in the style and from the line of David. Over time, this expectation grew into an ideal that one day a perfect king would rise up again and be the anointed one; the Messiah. As the years grew into decades and centuries, this expectation took on more and more significance. When the Messiah came, the whole world would be put to right; a period of justice and peace would prevail; the oppressed would be liberated.

Whilst the people longed for the Messiah to appear, the gospels reveal that they had difficulty believing Jesus was the one for whom they hoped.

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PLEASE NOTE PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY 2019

*The office will be closed on **Monday 14th** and **Tuesday 15th Jan.** Normal hours **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week.** Return to normal office hours **Monday - Friday from 21st January***

Welcome to Karl Sinclair.

Karl is a seminarian for our Diocese who will be working in the parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos-Rylstone.

Make Karl very welcome as he ministers among us.

Readings for Next Week: Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Baptism

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.