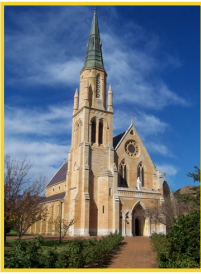


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



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



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Year C - 24th November

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

### Parish Deacons

Deacon Karl Sinclair

Deacon Charles Applin (Kandos)

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### Parish Office Hours

#### Monday

10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

#### Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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### First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1 - 3

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*Psalm 121: 1 - 5. R. see v.2*

*Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**

### Second Reading:

*Colossians 1: 12 - 20*

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

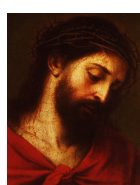
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

*Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

### Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



"The kingdoms of this world sometimes build themselves on arrogance, rivalry and oppression; **the kingdom of Christ is 'a kingdom of justice, love and peace ... to reign as He does means to serve God and the brethren - a service that flows from love: to serve for love's sake is to reign: this is the regality of Jesus.'**"

Pope Francis, Angelus, 22.XI.2015

### Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA

*This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.*

*Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.*

*The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.*

## DAY BY DAY

### Monday, 25th November

NO SERVICE MUDGEES

2.30pm Kanandah Hostel Memorial Service

6.00pm Gulgong Cemetery Mass

### Tuesday 26th November

9.00am Mass - SMCS Lawson 3

5.00pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting

### Wednesday 27th November

9.30am St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group

6.00pm Pastoral Council

### Thursday, 28th November

9.10am Mass - Mudgee SMCS Yrs 3

### Friday, 29th November

12.00 noon Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass - Mudgee

### Saturday 30th November

Feast of St Andrew

5.15pm- 5.45pm Reconciliation Mudgee

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 1st December

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

10.30am Rosary Kandos

11.00am Kandos

## Liturgy Roster 30th November/1st December 2019

Commentator	R.Petersen	M.McLean
Readers	L.Nicholson S.Abbey	M.Dorney J.O'Brien
Special Ministers of Communion	I.Byrne S.Murphy	P.O'Brien R.Gawthorne
Offertory Procession	J.Goodlet K.Isbester	M.Knight M.Dorney
Welcomers	V & F Solti	C.Hayman M.Knight
Altar Servers		A & A Littler A.Portelli
Counters	25/11 D.Holden M.Walker	2/12 E.Goodlet P.O'Brien

Gulgong Liturgy Roster	Sunday 1st December 2019	Kandos Liturgy Roster	Sunday 1st December 2019
Leader	R.Saliba		C.Applin
Commentator	M.O'Brien		
Reader	K.Ritar	Readers	K & C Morrissey
Offertory		Intercessions	Sr Kath
Special Minister of Communion	M.Carney C.Holland	Special Minister of Communion	A. Krusvar
Sacristan	M & E Carney	Sacristan	Sr Kath

## Pope's Universal Prayer Intention for November

### Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



## Quote for the week .....

LIFE IS  
Too short  
TO BE  
Ordinary

## Advent



For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus ([Matthew 2:1](#)), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist ([John 1:29](#)), and his first miracle at Cana ([John 2:1](#)). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.



## GULGONG NEWS:

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Leaving collection today - postponed from last weekend. Please give what you can to support.



### Gulgong Cemetery Mass

This **Monday 25th November** at 6.00pm in Gulgong Cemetery.

Please bring a chair or rug to sit on. In the event of rain the Mass will take place in the church.

### GCWG Street Stall

#### 100 No.1

1st M.Gaudry; 2nd (donated back) ; 3rd P.Hudson.

#### 100. No.2

1st J.Parker; 2nd W.Dollinson; 3rd M.Evans.

#### Raffle - F.Mobbs

Total raised **\$997.95**. Thank to everyone for your support.

**GCWG Christmas Lunch**, Monday 2nd December, Mayne Street Cafe. \$30pp.

12 for 12.30pm.

Please RSVP to Marg or Phil or write your name on the list at the back of the church.

### Church Cleaning for Christmas:

**Tuesday 3rd December from 9.00am.**

Cleaning of brass etc. All help gratefully accepted.

**GCWG** ladies are collecting recyclable bottles and cans. Please leave in the bin at the back of the Convent or contact Marlene O'Brien.



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happening in the parish.  
Find us at .....  
St Mary of the Presentation

## MUDGEE NEWS: ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL MUDGEE NEXT WEEKEND 30TH NOV/1ST DEC.

St Vincent de Paul have for sale from this weekend after Mass ...

**Christmas Cards** - Pack of 10 (mixed designs) - \$6.00

**Columban Calendars** - \$9.00

Also available at the St Vincent de Paul store in Market Street.

**Mudgee Josephite Associates Christmas Lunch** - Friday 6th December after 12.30pm Mass at Alby and Esthers Coffee Shop.



### Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 'The Way'

Available for \$4 each  
after Masses this weekend.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 2nd December

12.30pm GCWG Christmas Lunch

### 4th December

7pm St Matthews Speech & Award Night

### 6th December

9.30am SMCS Infants Presentation

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

Mudgee Josephite Christmas Lunch.

### 8th December

10.30am Mass - followed by All Hallows School & Parish BBQ

6.00pm Mudgee Parish Christmas Function.

### 10th December

9.10 SMCS End of Year Thanksgiving Mass  
All Hallows Catholic School Year 6 Dinner

### 12th December

9.15am SMCS Year 6 Graduation Mass

6.00pm AHCS Gulgong Presentation Night

## Masses and prayers requested for the following:

**We pray for the recently deceased especially** Janet Millard, Ron Buckley and Fr Bill Hannon

### We remember the anniversaries of

Merilyn Kinsela, Nola Doherty, Marie Ford, Mary Kelly, Jerry Mulvihill, Robert Williamson, Alice Polanetz, Maureen Watson, Pebbles Stojcevski, James Egan, Ellen Bryant, Steven Giles, Ivan Croake, Phyllis Williams, Clive Whittaker, Nalda Ashton, Debra Fuller-Dixon, Jake Dixon, Roger Kelly, Hugh Carroll

### Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:

Barbara McCann (Blacktown), Brian Kurtz, Sylvia O'Brien, Jenny Bremner, Eliza Vasilis, Julie Collins, Lance Tito, Marg Doble, Dale Johnson (Melb), Heather Graham, Margaret Melinz, Anna Swientek, Jennifer Ryan, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Jason Seis and Mary Cannon and all those in our nursing homes. For all seeking special intentions.

## Baptism

We welcome to the Parish family

**TOBIAS CHARLES McINNES** son of Robert and Nicole.



## PRAY FOR RAIN

We continue to pray for rain with all our brothers and sisters throughout Australia. Our prayers are especially with those who have already lost their homes, belongs and stock on their properties.

For all the emergency workers who have put their own lives at risk.

**We pray,  
Loving God hear our prayer.**

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalms 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44



Bishop Michael McKenna has announced he will ordain Deacons Dong Van Nguyen and Karl Sinclair to the priesthood on Friday 21st February 2020 in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, at 7.30pm.

Please keep Deacon Dong and Deacon Karl in your prayers during this last phase of their formation on their journey to priesthood.

Further details as they come to hand.

**ST MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL PARISHIONER  
CHRISTMAS FUNCTION  
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019.  
IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS, 6.00pm.**



All parishioners are invited to attend the annual Christmas function on Sunday evening, 8th December as we celebrate and give thanks for all who have contributed to our parish. We have so much to be thankful for. The simplest things all contribute to making our parish a place of welcome - just a smile or hello to someone you didn't know, a visitor or new parishioner. Everyone contributes in some way - **ALL** are welcome to attend.

As in previous years we invite you to bring a salad/sweet or BBQ chicken. The parish will provide the ham/rolls/tea & coffee and drink for the children. Other beverages BYO.

**We would be grateful for any assistance to set-up and clean-up. 'Many hands make light work'; this way we all get to enjoy the night.**

To assist with catering would you please place your name on the clipboards available at the back of the church. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending. Separate board for helpers.

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

**IN FOCUS**

**Good King, Bad King**

When my daughters were little and I would read them fairy tales we'd often come across lands where the king was either bad or missing in action. And



because the one who should have sat on the throne ruling justly was either not on the throne, or ruling unjustly, the storybook

land had inevitably turned bleak and gloomy and the people were sad. Anyone who pays attention knows that fairy tales aren't just stories to amuse children and coax them into slumber. The best of them describe a world that mirrors the human psyche. They often have lessons for all of society, and for the home.

One point that applies is that if there is no benign sovereign in the home, the residents are lost, confused, and sad. Every family needs a person or persons at the family's core who act as a centre to hold everything together. That's how Saint Paul describes the kingship of the risen Christ. - "... in him all things hold together". Families know this need. When a parent is ill or suddenly missing, things at home don't hold together as easily. It's clear not any kind of "king" will do. Parents, guardians and grandparents can emulate Jesus, the servant leader, the king who was filled with compassion and whose trust in God kept his power intact, even when he seemed most powerless.

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**Christ the King** is a title of Jesus in Christianity referring to the idea of the Kingdom of **God** where the **Christ** is described as seated at the Right Hand of **God** (as opposed to the secular title of **King** of the Jews mockingly given at the crucifixion).