

*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.



## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A      8th November

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

### Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

### Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

### Parish Secretaries

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### Parish Office Hours

**Mon, 10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am -**

**1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:

**Principal:** Mrs Angela Myles

Ph 02 63721742

[www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.stmattsmudgee.catholic.edu.au/)

#### All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

**Principal:** Mr Bradley Toole

Ph 02 63741582

[www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.allhallowsgulgong.catholic.edu.au)



We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Michael who is visiting the parishes of Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos this weekend as part of his annual visit to all parishes in the diocese.

## ADVENT PROGRAM

*Sunday 29th November is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a the new Liturgical Year in a three year cycle - Year B.*



*This years Advent Program from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong has daily reflections for Advent and Christmas that can be used in a group session or for private individual daily reflections at home.*

*A group session is planned for Monday evenings in the parish centre beginning Monday 30th November. Time to be confirmed.*

*If you wish to be part of this group please contact the Parish Office. We invite others if they wish to host a reflection group in their home.*

*Reflection Books are available from the Parish Office - \$5 each.*



### Mass to Pray for All the Holy Souls

**Wednesday 11th, 9.30am in**

**Rylstone Cemetery.**

**Wednesday 11th, 6.00pm**

**Gulgong Cemetery.**

Please bring a chair or rug to sit on. In the event it rains the Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

## ASIA EMERGENCY APPEAL



By now, you may have heard about Super Typhoon Goni, the most powerful storm this year which whipped across the eastern Philippines with tremendous force, destroying or damaging houses and villages across the country.

A staggering 402,458 families are affected across the Philippines, with the powerful winds of 225 kilometres destroying infrastructure in 5 regions and across 183 municipalities.

This comes just a week after Typhoon Molave killed over 100 people when it arrived in Vietnam, and days after Typhoon Quinta also made landfall in the Philippines on October 27.

Cambodia has also experienced heavy flooding in recent weeks, impacting over 100,000 families. By donating to our Asia Emergency Appeal, you're helping us respond quickly when disasters like these strike.

To donate to the Typhoon Appeal go to [www.caritas.org.au/](http://www.caritas.org.au/) and follow the links to the Typhoon Appeal.

## MASS TIMETABLE

**MONDAY - 9th November**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**NO MASS**

12 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 10th November**

**St Leo the Great, memorial**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 11th November**

**St Martin of Tours, Memorial**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yrs 1M & 2M

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

11.00am Requiem Mass Susan Rayner

(Private service due to Covid)

12 Noon Angelus

**THURSDAY - 12th November**

**St Josaphat, memorial**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr5 & Yr6

12 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 13th November**

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 14th November**

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

**6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee**

**SUNDAY - 15th November**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

**THE CHURCH IS  
OPEN FOR MASS  
AND VISITATION**

**Tues -Thurs**

**9.15 - 10.30am**

**Friday**

**11.30am - 1.15pm**



**Confession /  
Anointing/ Home  
Communion:**

Please ring and  
make an  
appointment,  
Fr Owen and  
Fr Dong are  
available, and we  
can visit you at  
home.

**ANGELUS**



**Please join us each day** at 12 noon for the Angelus, from your home, in the garden or wherever you may be as the Church bell calls us to prayer.

On Friday in the Church at 12 noon we invite you to **pray the Angelus** followed by the **Rosary**, and join us for **Mass** at 12.30pm.

**Pope Francis's Universal Prayer for November**

**Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

## Mudgee Roster - November

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat. 14th Nov.	L.Nicholson	K.Fitzsimmons	B.Slater
Sun. 15th Nov.	J.Tioseco	M.McLean	A.Myers
Sat. 21st Nov.	I.Byrne	C.Furney	D.Cunningham
Sun. 22nd Nov	M.Dunnachie	S.Abbey	J.Keipert
Sat. 28th Nov	A.Fergus	D.Cunningham	B.Slater
Sun 29th Nov.	R.Disher	L.Disher	C.Devitt

## Gulgong Roster for November

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
8th Nov.	M.O'Brien	D.Hudson	

In 2021, Palms Australia will celebrate 60 years of reaching beyond. Since the first mission in 1961 to Papua



**Palms Australia**

New Guinea, Catholic participants from all over Australia and New Zealand have been placed in 40 countries, assisting the development of 408 communities globally. Palms remains committed to

recruiting and preparing skilled professionals for service in overseas communities. The Palms mission offers the rewarding challenge to truly reach beyond cultural, class and gender differences, to affirm the dignity of all while "promoting and implementing the development goals that are supported by our deepest religious and ethical values." (Pope Francis). Palms has adapted to 'COVID normal' and in an effort to respond to communities' requests for assistance, Palms will continue to prepare new mission applicants offering an Orientation Course in January 2021. Applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. The Orientation Course will be conducted at Hartzer Park in the NSW Southern Highlands, and ensure these committed individuals are mission ready to enter the field as soon as travel resumes. For more information, visit: <https://palms.org.au/event/pre-departureorientation-course>

**Masses and prayers Requested for the following:**

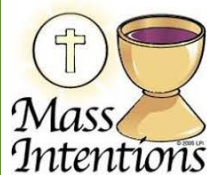
**For the recently deceased especially** Susan Rayner and Douglas Barry.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Ann McDonald and Robert Gillham.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Rodrigo Jaboneta, Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Kathertine Szulc (Poland), Anne McLean, Judith Grant, Maria Brec, Vicky Gaffney, Anthony Spina, Julie Collins, Anna Swientek, Elizabeth Donelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

**November Mass** envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Names will be printed in the Book of Remembrance and placed on the altar at Mass.



During November we will be praying each day for all the Holy Souls and will print anniversaries only on the bulletin.

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your **free** copy of **Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer**.



The Sisters of St Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage ..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey., highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

**To order your exclusive copy please go to:** [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book) **or call us on Ph 02 8912 2777**



**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND** Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! November 20 - 22, 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW, COVID Compliant. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0412 44 33 43



**Baptism:**

We welcome with great joy

**Bligh Brock Warren** son of Matthew and Jenna baptised in Mudgee and

**Xander James Turner** son of Luke and Elizabeth who is to be baptised in Rylstone this Sunday.

**St Vincent de Paul**

Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available in the church from this weekend. Donations can also be left at the Centre.



Christmas cards and calendars will be available at the Centre.

Cards (pack of 10 mixed designs) \$6.00  
Calendars \$9.00

**QR CODE**

**A QR Code to sign into the church is situated on the front doors of the church - You will need to have the Services NSW App on your phone for this to work.**

**Alternately continue to sign in manually until we are able to provide an easier solution.**

**Dear Mudgee parishioners**

You will note there are NO actual collections at Mass as we are unable to pass the plate around with Covid restrictions. We are grateful to all who have continued to contribute in these troubled times.

The collection plate is situated near the back seats as you enter the church.



**Alternately Tap and Go Credit Card Facility**

We have installed a Tap and Go Credit Card facility. Many of us no longer carry cash and this is a very convenient way to donate to the parish. Donations are in \$5 lots - if you wish to donate more than \$5 just re tap your card for the amount you wish to donate.



The machine is located at the back of the church during Mass times.

**BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT PLANNED GIVING**

Gulgong Parish	Mudgee Parish	Kandos Parish
BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781	BSB - 066 781
Acc No 100006612	Acc No 100004583	Acc No 100005344
Ref: Your name	Ref: Your name.	Ref: Your name

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31](#)

[Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1](#)

[1 Thes 5:1-6](#)

[Mt 25:14-30](#)

**First Reading: [Wis 6:12-16](#)**

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

**Responsorial Psalm [Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2](#)**

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**Second Reading [1 Thes 4:13-18](#)**

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia! alleluia!

**Gospel [Mt 25:1-13](#)**

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

## Seeking Wisdom

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one major drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, flashlights, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepares for divorce, disability, or even unemployment? In some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in this week's story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

***What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded?***

***Will that truth support you 'come hell or high water'?***

Keep vigil for wisdom. Make time for spiritual reading regularly, as well as prayer, solitude, and worship. Get into the habit of discerning God's will as you make decisions regarding relationships and resources.

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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