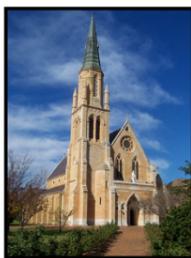


The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!



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.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 15th November 2020

Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

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1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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All Hallows Catholic School Gulgong:

Principal: Mr Bradley Toole

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A New Contactless Mass Sign In is coming....

We are currently working with the Diocese to set up a **contactless sign in for Mass.**



Given we will be required to sign in for a long period of time to come, this will be a quicker and more efficient way in which to do this.

You will have a choice to scan a QR code on your phone and enter your details, or

you can have an individual card that a Welcomer will scan for you as you come into Mass. All information will be confidential. No information will be stored on any portable devices (eg. phones).

What do you need to do? If you would like to have an individual card to be scanned by the Welcomer on arrival at Mass, you will need to provide the Parish with your details. Please place your name, contact number on the **BLUE SHEET** provided on the clipboard at the back of the church.

If you are happy to scan a QR code on your own phone, you don't have to do anything at this stage. We are waiting for new posters with our Parish QR to arrive from Bathurst.

We will also need volunteers to assist parishioners with these individual cards scan in as they enter the church for Mass. To volunteer you will need to have a mobile phone with internet access and a QR reader. No information will be kept on your phone. When you scan a card, the information automatically goes to a secured file in the Parish.

Training provided for volunteers.

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.

Confirmation

Next weekend we have a number of the students to be Confirmed at special Masses in Mudgee and Gulgong. Due to Covert-19 restrictions numbers are limited to immediate family members (parents/siblings and sponsor).

The Confirmation Masses will be celebrated by

Fr Owen and Fr Dong. It was not possible for Bishop Michael to attend all parishes for Confirmation this year due to the restricted numbers able to be in the church and the number of Masses required to accommodate all the candidates across the diocese. Please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers.



MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 16th November

NO aservice

12 Noon Angelus

TUESDAY - 17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary, memorial

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

12 Noon Angelus

1.00pm Funeral Prayers Kandos for Anna Swientek

WEDNESDAY - 18th November

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 19th November

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 20th November

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

2.00pm Funeral Prayers Emily Warren

SATURDAY - 21st November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm St Mary's Craft Group Lunch

1.00 pm Confirmation Mass Mudgee

3.00pm Confirmation Mass Mudgee

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 22nd November

Feast of Christ the King

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong - Confirmation Mass

11.00am Mass Rylstone

12 Noon Angelus

3.00pm Confirmation Mass Mudgee

Confession/Anointing/ Home Communion:

Please ring and make an appointment,
Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available,

Mudgee Roster - November

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
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
Sat. 5th Dec	L.Nicholson	B.Slater	A.Fergus
Sun 6th Dec.	R.McKeown	M.Cassidy	L.Littler

Gulgong Roster for November

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan

EXTRA SUNDAY MASS

We will be introducing an **extra Sunday morning Mass at 7.30am** beginning the 1st Sunday of Advent (29th November) to assist with Covid restrictions on numbers attending. St Mary's can still only accommodate 80 with social distancing regulations.



Baptism: We welcome to the parish community **NOAH PATRICK ORGAN** son of Ben and Kristen.



Congratulations and very best wishes to **James Robert Darmody** and **Lara Kate Polkinghorne** and **Simon Paul Flynn** and **Tara Anne Fisher** who celebrated the Sacrament of marriage this week.

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.



DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT

Fr Owen and Fr Dong will be on retreat all of this week.

The Parish Office will operate during normal working hours. For inquiries please feel to call.

Please pray for the priests of our diocese during this week.

Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

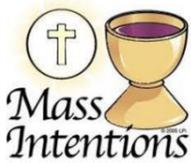
For the recently deceased especially Anna Swientek, Emily Warren and Susan Rayner.

We remember the anniversaries of Patricia Cruz, John Metcraft, Joan Stuart and Tony Adams.

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, Elizabeth Donnelly, 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.

PASTORAL CARE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BATHURST

Catholic Healthcare is a leading not-for-profit provider of residential aged care, home and community services, retirement living and healthcare across NSW and QLD. Together, our team are dedicated to our mission of helping the people that we serve to live life to its fullest every day.

We currently have two positions available in Bathurst for Pastoral Care Coordinators:

- **St Catherine's Aged Care:** Permanent Part-Time (3-4 Days per week)
- **Macquarie Care Centre:** Permanent Part-Time position – 8 hours per week

You will need to be sympathetic to Catholic Healthcare's overall mission to promote life in all its fullness by providing aged, health and community services inspired by the Catholic tradition.

To be successful for the role you will have:

- Background and qualifications in Pastoral Care (Clinical Pastoral Education, Theology, or Spirituality)
- Previous pastoral experience in an aged care environment is highly desirable
- Ability to demonstrate Catholic Healthcare's values of compassion, honesty, hospitality, respect and excellency
- Highly developed communication, interpersonal and active listening skills
- Exceptional planning skills and ability to complete computer-based pastoral care plans for each resident.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://jobs.catholichealthcare.com.au/all-jobs>

GULGONG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Monday 7th December

Gulgong RSL Club

12 for 12.30pm

Cost \$30 p.p.



RSVP BY 30TH NOVEMBER

PHIL LENARD

63 741441 or 0447 741 256

ACCEPTANCES MUST BE IN BY THE CLOSING DATE.

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

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: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

[Ez 34:11-12. 15-17](#)

[Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1](#)

[1 Cor 15:20-26. 28](#)

[Mt 25:31-46](#)

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

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

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

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**



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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my
branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 25:14-30](#)

*Because you have been faithful over a few things,
enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Faithful in Small Matters

I was talking to a group of small children about the gifts God has given them. One girl seemed unconvinced. Her older sister, she told me with dewy-eyed admiration, had all the talent in her family: intelligence, athletic ability, and creativity. She herself, however, had none.

On the contrary, I assured her, she had many gifts of her own. She had a generous love for her sister, a pleasant personality, a warm smile, and a way of making people happy to talk with her. These were talents from God, too, and I urged her to name other things she was good at that were less obvious than these.

Some weeks later I was at home, having a bad spell of writer's block, and began to feel frustrated with the blank computer screen. Going to the mailbox to retrieve my letters, I noticed one printed in pencil. It was from the little girl I had spoken with, and inside the envelope was a crayon drawing with these words pencilled alongside: *You have talents. God created you to use your talents. NAME THEM.* She gave the story of the talents back to me multiplied, and I got back to work exhilarated.

What talents have you been given by God, and how have you invested them?

Give thanks to a woman who has inspired you with her holy fidelity. If possible, call or write and tell her what her example has meant for you. If not, spend a day appreciating her by emulating her witness.

"If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least?"

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent

without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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