

*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 A 22nd November 2020**

### Parish Priest

Fr Owen Gibbons

### Assistant Priest

Fr Dong Van Nguyen

### Parish Deacon

Deacon Charles Applin

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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:**

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.



What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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## The New Contactless Mass Sign has arrived !

The QR code has arrived and is displayed at the front doors to the church in Mudgee and is also available in Gulgong. Kandos will be available soon.

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 sign in when entering the church. It will eventually be mandatory to sign in this way.

**You have the choice now to scan the QR code on your phone and enter your details. We are preparing individual cards for those who either don't have available a mobile phone or it is simply too difficult and a bit stressful. We strongly encourage you to place your name on the blue form at the back of the church to order your individual card, that a Welcomer will scan for you as you come into Mass each week. All information will be confidential. No information will be stored on any portable devices (eg. phones).**

**What do you need to do?** To order 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.

We are needing parishioners to help with the scanning each week for those with a card. Training will be provided for volunteers.

## MASS TIMETABLE

**MONDAY - 23rd November**

**NO SERVICE**

12 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 24th November**

9.30am Mass - SMCS Yr 8L & 8M

11.00am Funeral Prayers Gulgong for Mark Kane

12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 25th November**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 3B & 4B

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

**THURSDAY - 26th November**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 5M & 6M

12 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 27th November**

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 28th November**

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

12.30pm St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group Lunch

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 29th November**

**First Sunday of Advent - Year B**

**7.30am Mass Mudgee**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

**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.

**Quote:** *Faith* does not make things easy  
it makes them *possible*.

**EXTRA SUNDAY MASS MUDGEE**

**BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY**

**29th November, 7.30am**

As attendance numbers start to increase a little as we approach the Christmas Season we are offering another Sunday Mass so as to not be over the recommended Covid-19 restrictions for our Church.

Starting next weekend Masses in Mudgee will be

Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm

Sunday Masses at 7.30am and 9.00am.



## Mudgee Roster - November

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
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
Sat 12th Dec	B.Slater	K.Fitzsimmons	L.Nicholson
Sun 13th Dec	C.Devitt	M.McLean	J.Keipert

## Gulgong Roster for November

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
29th Nov	D.Kelly	J.Thatcher	E.Donnelly G.Ausburn
6th Dec	P.Leotta	M.McGregor	C.Holland
13th Dec	C.Gaudry	B.toole	R.Saliba
20th Dec	S.Parnell	C.Leotta	M & E Carney

**Pope's Universal prayer for November**

**Artificial Intelligence**

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



## ADVENT PROGRAM MUDGE



A group session is planned for Monday evenings in the parish centre beginning **Monday 30th November, 7.30pm.**

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 that can be used at home or in a group setting. Books are available at the back of the church - cost \$5 each.

### Word & Faith @ Home - Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

Throughout Advent, the Diocese will facilitate online Word and Faith gatherings, called WORD&FAITH@home. The aim of the gatherings is to allow each of us to enter into the readings for each Sunday's Mass, spend some time of reflection and have a short interaction with others about what the readings mean to you. We will then hear from Bishop Michael, who will offer commentary on the scriptures for the week.

WORD&FAITH@home will take place several times a week throughout Advent via Zoom and take around 30 minutes. It will commence on 25 November on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, Fridays at 11:00am and Saturdays at 2:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to take part in these gatherings, which will focus on the upcoming Sunday's readings.

**Baptism:** We welcome to the parish community

**Aksel Proskien** son of Jakub and Daisy and

**William Crosskill** son of Nicholas and Peta.



### Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

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

**We remember the anniversaries of** Vince Price, Dorothy Carey, Jerry Mulviill, Marilyn Kinsela and Michael Kapela.

**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 Donelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.

## 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: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

[Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8](#)

[Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4](#)

[1 Cor 1:3-9](#)

[Mk 13:33-37](#)

**First Reading: Ez 34:11-12. 15-17**

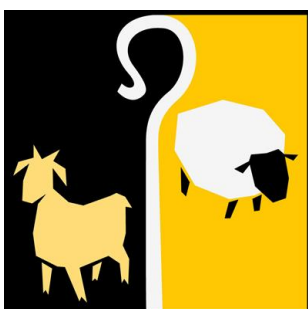
*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **(R.)**



You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28**

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so  
that God may be all in all.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name  
of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father  
David! Alleluia!

**Gospel Mt 25:31-46**

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will  
separate men one from another.*

**Ultimate Power**

*The church year ends this week. Our calendar year is not far  
behind. These endings carry a certain finality about them.  
We've spent the year studying Matthew's gospel, with its  
emphasis on God's kingdom. We look forward to the start of  
a new cycle following Mark, who ponders the identity of  
Jesus and the meaning of his coming. We're always glad to  
get to Advent, the happy season of warmth and giving. But  
before we leap into tomorrow, this church year has one more  
lesson to teach us.*

**Congratulations to our Confirmation  
Candidates**

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

Please remember the candidates and their families in your  
prayers.

**Gulgong Confirmation Candidates**

*Hannah Rose Germon  
Ryder Troy Payne-Denny*

*Paxton Crys Henninham  
Ryan Athony McWhirter*

**Mudgee Confirmation Candidates**

*Chloe Browning  
Summer Pettitt  
Laylah Atkinson  
Darcy Rayner  
Natalie Santucci*

*Thomas Nicholas  
Hayden Stoddart  
Maeve Cleary  
Oliver Price*



*Benjamin Azar  
Chloe Palmer  
Bianca Scotti  
Riley Durrant  
Amelia Disher  
Angus Littler*

*Zacharie Nipperess  
Hannah Rodgers  
Henry Walker  
Tully Robertson  
Luka Garland  
Alexander Walker-Cook*

*William Craig  
Briana Hanrahan  
Cody Flynn  
Carter Chapman  
William Stoffers  
Gabriel Ryan*

*Eliza Halpin  
Kobi King  
Evie Yule  
Ava Macey  
Milla Weaver  
Jack Carberry*

Congratulations to **Louis Rodgers** who will be receiving First  
Holy Communion at the Confirmation Mass this weekend.

**Prayer for candidates**

*Come, Holy Spirit, and fill their hearts with Your gifts.  
Let their love be true and their charity be generous.  
Help them in all their needs,  
and grant them knowledge to do what is right.  
Advise them in their doubts, strengthen them in their  
weakness, protect them when they are tempted  
and console them when they are afraid.  
Graciously hear them, O Holy Spirit,  
and pour Your light into their hearts, mind and soul.  
Help them to live a holy life  
and grow in goodness and grace. Amen*