

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.



First Sunday of Advent- Year B 29th November 2020

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ADVENT LITANY

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



God of Salvation, break into our world with your great power and glory. Break the chains that bind us to sin. Shatter the systems of our world that promote injustice and oppression.

We light the 1st Advent Candle as a sign of our hope that God's Messiah is coming. May we stay alert for his coming that we might hear with all of creation, the redemption song of our God.

Leader: COME LORD JESUS

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
AMEN AMEN**

The Advent wreath is a wreath, or circle, of evergreens, made in various sizes. The devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal, or during family night prayers. Fastened to the wreath are four candles standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. It is reminding us that the end of Advent is almost here, and we can hardly contain our joy.

The wreath should be in a circle, a symbol of eternity, and a reminder that God has no beginning nor end. The evergreen is a symbol of eternal life and a reminder that God is immutable or unchangeable.

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

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

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

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

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

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel [Mk 13:33-37](#)

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY - 30th November

NO SERVICE

12 Noon Angelus

7.30pm Advent Programme - St Mary's Parish Centre

TUESDAY - 1st December

9.30am Mass

12 Noon Angelus

WEDNESDAY - 2nd December

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

THURSDAY - 3rd December

St Francis Xavier, priest - Memorial

9.30am Mass Mudgee

11.00am Funeral - Joseph Tutill

12 Noon Angelus

FRIDAY - 4th December

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY - 5th December

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY - 6th December

Second 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:

Once you choose Hope, anything is possible

EXTRA SUNDAY MASS MUDGE

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 this 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. 5th Dec	A.Fergus	B.Slater	J. Newman
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
Sat 19th Dec	I.Byrne	D.Cunningham	C.Funrey
Sun 20th Dec	M. Dunnachie	S.Abbey	J.Tioseco

Gulgong Roster for November

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
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
25th Dec	D.Kelly	K.O'Brien	E.Donnely & G.Ausburn

Pope's Universal prayer for December

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

ADVENT PROGRAM MUDGEES



A group session is planned for Monday evenings in the parish centre beginning this **Monday, 30th November at 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

Harvey Troy & Parker James Gersback

son's of Troy & Emma.



Masses and prayers Requested for the following:

For the recently deceased especially Maria Brec, Joseph Tutill, Frank Loy (Adelaide), Mark Kane, Anna Swientek, Emily Warren and Susan Rayner.

We remember the anniversaries of Angela Colaiacomo, John Quinlan, Lorna Smith, Joan Harman Ivan Croake and Jack and Pearl Walsh.

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.

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: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

[Is 40:1-5. 9-11](#)

[Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8](#)

[2 Pt 3:8-14](#)

[Mk 1:1-8](#)

Gospel Reflection



Stay awake! With these words, Jesus cautions his disciples to be constantly vigilant and to be alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent. Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this Advent is also a call to stay awake and stay alert in faith. One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. When life is comfortable, the perceived need for faith appears to diminish. Many young people in our society cannot see the value of religious belief or religious practice. In a world of instant communication and instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and slow work of faith can seem too much effort for some people. The gospel call to stay awake in preparation for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Over the last three weeks, the gospel passages from Matthew 25 were reminders about continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. This week, with the beginning of Advent, it is the gospel of Mark that also reminds us that we cannot take the Kingdom for granted and must remain vigilant in working to realise the Kingdom. This vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing our own faith life as well as making a difference in the lives of those around us and the needy in society. Rather than 'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to pay closer attention to faith and perhaps this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

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Advent 2020 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

Join me and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected!

Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting November 29th you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>

Email: info@brucedownes.org



St John's the Baptist - Gulgong

Church Cleaning for the Christmas:

Wednesday 16th December at 9am. All help gratefully accepted.
Rags for cleaning are needed.



St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group



Christmas Sale

When: Saturday 5th December
9am to 1pm



Where: St Mary's Church Yard.

Our Ladies in the St Mary's Craft and Friendship Group are hold a Christmas sale in our church grounds on Saturday 5th December. Some beautiful Homemade Crafts and Christmas gifts on offer.

Mudgee Josephite Associates End of Year Lunch

The Mudgee Josephite Associates will be having their End of Year Lunch on Friday 11th December after the 12.30pm Mass.

Lunch will be at Galangha Thai Restaurant (directly across the road from St Mary's).

All Mudgee Josephite Associates are welcome.



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 and Rylstone.

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.