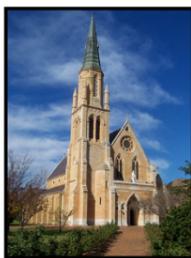


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*



## 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.



## Second Sunday of Advent - Year B 6th December 2020

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Mon, 10.00am - 4.00pm

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1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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## ADVENT LITANY

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord ... make paths straight. Valleys and mountains shall stand side by side. God's glory is about to be revealed to all humankind.*

*We light the Second Advent Candle as a sign of peace in a world broken by violence and injustice. God's Messiah is on his way. Repent ... be forgiven of your sins...be washed in the waters of baptism ... pshare in God's transforming grace.*

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

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

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

*Prepare the way for the Lord.*

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

**(R.)** *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

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

*We wait for new heavens and a new earth.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Mk 1:1-8](#)

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

**ADVENT** has a two folded character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the son of God to humanity is remembered, and like wise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. GNLIC 39

**MASS TIMETABLE**

**MONDAY - 7th December**

**St Ambrose, bishop, doctor - Memorial**

**NO SERVICE**

12 Noon Angelus

10.30am Graveside service Mudgee Dorothy "Doss" Sheridan

11.00am Requiem Mass Kandos - Maria Brec

7.30pm Advent Programme - St Mary's Parish Centre

**TUESDAY - 8th December**

**The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS 9L

11.30am First Reconciliation - Gulgong

12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 9th December**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS KM/KG

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12 Noon Angelus

**THURSDAY - 10th December**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS KB, 3B

12 Noon Angelus

7.30pm All Hallows School Gulgong Presentation

**FRIDAY - 11th December**

10.00am All Hallows Gulgong End of Year School Mass

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12 Noon - 12.20pm Reconciliation

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 12th December**

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee - Confirmation Candidates

**SUNDAY - 13th December**

**Third Sunday of Advent - Year B**

**7.30am Mass Mudgee**

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong - Remembrance & Anointing Mass

11.00am Mass Rylstone

12 Noon Angelus

**Anointing/ Home Communion:** Please ring and make an appointment, Fr Owen and Fr Dong are available, and we can visit you at home.

**CHANGE OF MASS TIMES FOR MUDGEE**

- Just a reminder, Mudgee now has an additional
- Mass on Sunday morning to help accommodate
- parishioners returning to Mass after Covid.
- Mass times in Mudgee are:  
 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 12th Dec	B.Slater	K.Fitzsimmons	L.Nicholson
Sun 7.30am 13th Dec	M.Cassidy		
Sun 9.30am 13th Dec	C.Devitt	M.McLean	J.Keipert
Sat 19th Dec	I.Byrne	D.Cunningham	C.Funrey
Sun 7.30am 20th Dec	D. van de Bosch		
Sun 9.00am 20th Dec	M. Dunnachie	S.Abbey	J.Tioseco

**Gulgong Roster for November**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
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
27th Dec	E. Donnelly	J. Ritar	C. Holland

**Reconciliation / Confession - Mudgee**

Beginning Friday 11th December, parishioners may come to Reconciliation from 12noon to 12.20pm. Reconciliation will be in a new location at the back of the Church.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be on the 22nd December at 7pm.

Leading up to Christmas, Reconciliation will also be available on the 23rd December between 10.00am-10.30am and 5.30pm - 6pm.

**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.

**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.



**Mudgee Combined Churches  
Community Christmas Lunch Hampers**

The Mudgee Combined Churches would normally host the Community Christmas Day Lunch, but sadly it has been cancelled this year due to COVID and the limits on church functions. As churches we are still keen to find ways to care for those in need at this special time, so for Christmas this year we would like to provide some free hampers to people in our community. To register for a hamper please see details on the poster situated on the church notice board. It is important that you register early as there is a limited number of hampers.

The Mudgee Combined Churches  
wish you a very Happy Christmas.

**Baptism:** We welcome to the parish community  
**Vivienne Rose Honeysett**  
daughter of Vincent & Shannon.



**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).

**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

**Gulgong News.**

**Remembrance and Anointing Mass** will be on Sunday 13th December at 10.30am.

**Church Cleaning for the Christmas:**  
Wednesday 16th December at 9am. All help gratefully accepted. Rags for cleaning are needed.

**Kandos News.**

Remembrance and Anointing Mass in Kandos will be on 16th December at 10.00 am, followed by a Morning Tea.

If you would like to attend the Morning Tea, please Contact Carol Morrissey or Sr Kath.

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

**For the recently deceased especially** Dorothy Sheridan, Fr Patrick McKenna, Dorothy Sheridan, Maria Brec, Joseph Tutill, Frank Loy (Adelaide), Mark Kane, and Anna Swientek.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Margaret Melinz, Milan Flego, Angela Colaiacomo, Len Adams, Cecily Conroy and Marilyn Kinsela.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Peter Power, 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.

**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: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

[Is 61:1-2. 10-11](#)

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

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

[Mk 1:1-8](#)

## Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel captures beautifully the spirit of preparation and waiting that characterises the liturgical season of Advent. John the Baptist is portrayed as fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah and others as the one who comes



before the Lord preparing the way. He is a messenger, sent by God to 'do the groundwork' preparing the people for the coming of the Christ. Although this passage is used during Advent as preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we know that John was a contemporary (indeed cousin) of Jesus and the time of preparation was immediately prior to Jesus' public ministry.

John appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism for forgiveness of sins. It may seem odd to think of going to the wilderness to try to influence people. Today we might think that the city centre or street corner might be the better venue to preach something. What is it about the wilderness? Reference is made to the wilderness several times in scripture. It is used as a place of preparation and encounter with God. The wilderness referred to was a vast expanse of emptiness on the eastern side of the Jordan River. It was not uncommon for wandering preachers like John and Jesus to go out into the wilderness as a way of making a break from their previous life and getting themselves ready in body and spirit to begin their ministry. The wilderness to the east of the Jordan was also the place in which many of the rebels based themselves. There was a sense that challenge and unrest came out of the wilderness. In many ways that is what Jesus – heralded by John – brought out of the wilderness as well.

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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 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).**

## Story Starter

When Henry Ford put the Model T on the first assembly line, he boasted that you could have it in any colour you wanted - as long as it was black. Since those early days, imagine how many cars have been built and how many different designs and colours have been offered. Every year car enthusiasts await each new model eagerly.

It is interesting that there is a trend these days to make new cars look vaguely like some classic older models, a "retro" look, it is called. The new Volkswagen Beetle, Chrysler's PT Cruiser, and new Ford Thunderbirds are examples of this trend.

Isaiah bombards our senses with all sorts of images and models: filled valleys, levelled mountains, fiery prophets, gentle shepherds. They are all familiar to us but were new when Isaiah prophesied. At the same time, we are to patiently await the new heaven and earth the Messiah will bring, says Peter, even if it takes a thousand years.

Mark gives us a "retro" prophet, an Old Testament figure to begin his New Testament gospel, a character out of synch with his time.

But isn't that the real message of Advent? What is new is old. God has always loved us. The Messiah is the ultimate sign of that love. And what is old is new. The message of salvation is as fresh today as it was 2000 years ago. God's promise of love remains for us if we remain faithful to God. Advent is what brings the old and new together, like John the Baptist.

*Only in **silence** can the the Word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence.*

*Verbum Domini (2010) 66*

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

*Throughout Advent, the Diocese will facilitate online Word and Faith gatherings, called WORD&FAITH@home. This 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.*



*May this season remind you of the  
**hope, joy, love and peace**  
found in Christ.*

*Romans 15:13*