

*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.



## Third Sunday of Advent - Year B 13th December 2020

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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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### ADVENT LITANY

*Lighting of the Third Advent candle*

#### Advent 3

#### **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11/John:6-8, 19-28**

*Listen. Hear the good news: God's promised Messiah is coming. He brings good news for the poor and oppressed. He will bind up broken hearts. He will proclaim release to those who are held captive.*

*We light the third Advent Candle as a sign of joy — a testimony to the Light of God coming into our world that will shatter the darkness and bring healing to all who suffer and mourn.*

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

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



**First Reading: Is 61:1-2. 10-11**

*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10**

**(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. (R.)

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Thes 5:16-24**

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Jn 1:6-8. 19-28**

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

**MASS TIMETABLE**

**MONDAY - 14th December**

**St John of the Cross, priest, doctor - Memorial**

**NO SERVICE**

12 Noon Angelus

7.30pm Advent Programme - St Mary's Parish Centre

**TUESDAY - 15th December**

9.30am Mass Mudgee - SMCS Yr 11

12 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 16th December**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

9.30am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

10.00am **Kandos Anointing and Remembrance Mass**

12 Noon Angelus

**THURSDAY - 17th December**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 18th December**

12 Noon - 12.20pm Reconciliation (Back of the Church)

12 Noon Angelus and Rosary (Front of the Church)

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 19th December**

11.00am Baptism

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 20th December**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B**

**7.30am Mass Mudgee**

9.00am Mass Mudgee - **Remembrance Mass**

10.30am Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

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.

**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'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.

**Mudgee Roster - December**

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful
Sat 19th Dec	I.Byrne	D.Cunningham	C.Funrey
Sun 7.30am 20th Dec	D. van de Bosch		M.Cassidy
Sun 9.00am 20th Dec	M. Dunnachie	S.Abbey	J.Tioseco

Date	First & Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	Eucharistic Minister
Sat 26th Dec	I. Byrne	C. Furney	D.Cunningham
Sun 27th Dec 7.30am	D. van de Bosch	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sun 27th Dec 9.00am	C. Devitt	M.Dunnachie	Volunteer Needed

**Volunteers Needed.** Please let the Parish Office know if you are available during January to Reading at Mass or to be a Eucharist Minister.

**Gulgong Roster for December**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
20th Dec	S.Parnell	C.Leotta	M & E Carney
25th Dec	D.Kelly	K.O'Brien	E.Donnelly & G.Ausburn
27th Dec	E. Donnelly	J. Ritar	C. Holland
3rd Jan 2021	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	R. Saliba

**Quote:**

*Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.*

**Covid Restrictions**

The State Government has announced that from Monday 7 December the number of people allowed to attend a place of worship for Mass services, funerals, weddings or private prayer is based on the **1 person per 2 square meter rule** with no upper limit.

Please be aware that we are still in a time of pandemic and social distancing and hygiene practices need to be maintained. The dispensation issued by Bishop Michael McKenna in relation to our Sunday obligation is still in effect.

**Gulgong News.**

**Church Cleaning for the Christmas:**

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

**Christmas Mass**

9.00am Christmas Day

**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.

**Christmas Mass**

6.00pm Christmas Eve



**Marriage** Congratulations to

*Katie Lee Dewar and Steve Colin Hughes* who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage in St Mary's this weekend.

*Nicole Jennifer Maree McNamee and Edmund Hugh Harris Napper*

who will celebrate the sacrament of Marriage later this week.

**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

**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.

**CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to our Children who are to be Confirmation this weekend.

Annabel Hawes  
Chloe Underwood  
Peyton Lonergan  
Lexie Uryszek



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

**For the recently deceased especially** Dorothy Sheridan, Fr Maurice Sullivan (Syd), Fr Patrick McKenna, Dorothy Sheridan, Maria Brec, Joseph Tutill, Frank Loy (Adelaide), Ken & Esther Evans, and Anna Swientek.

**We remember the anniversaries of** Margaret Melinz, Lorna Smith, Laurence Hensley, Alan Nicholson, Benjamin Rayner, Jeffrey O'Brien, Clarice Hyde and Jack & Norah Babbage.

**We also prayer for** Varga & Blazevic Families, Tony Blazevic, David Kiddle, Rita Ottley, Mervyn Costello and Holy Souls.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:** Karen Freebody, Peter Power, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Maria Leotta, Eliza and Elena Vasilis, Rebecca Fetcher, Enid Auld, Debbie Solti, Katherine Szulc (Poland), Anne McLean, Judith Grant, 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.



**Contactless Mass Sign**

Given we will be required to sign in for a long period of time to come, the QR Code is a quicker and more efficient way in which to sign in when entering the church.

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).

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

[2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16](#)

[Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2](#)

[Rom 16:25-27](#)

[Lk 1:26-38](#)



CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF BATHURST

## The Bishop's Special Christmas Mission Appeal 2020

Each year, the annual Bishop's Special Missionary Appeal is held at Christmas Masses across the Diocese, with the proceeds going to overseas mission projects.

This year, a relationship has been formed between the Diocese of Bathurst and the St Joseph's Parish and Primary School precinct, Bongaon, West Bengal, Archdiocese of Calcutta, India.

St Joseph's Parish, Bongaon, is situated on India's eastern border with Bangladesh. It is a populous region and the parish's pastoral outreach extends to distant faith communities. St Joseph's Primary School caters for children from Nursery and Kindergarten to Year 4, and is conducted by the Apostolic Carmel Sisters (AC). The current enrolment is just over 500, with a teaching staff of 15.

The AC Convent comprises three religious sisters, including the school principal. Education remains a tool for evangelisation throughout India and Catholic schools conducted by religious congregations are very highly regarded in a pluralist society.

The Bishop's Special Christmas Appeal will support the vision of St Joseph's, Bongaon to expand the current Catholic primary school at there, by staged developments, to a Year 6 facility by 2021 and then to Year 12 by 2028.

The plan involves the expansion of the primary school area and new secondary school buildings to provide 32 new classrooms. In addition, there will be the equivalent of a further 20 classroom areas for the purposes of administration, staff room, multi-purpose learning areas, computer rooms, interview room, library and stairwells. You can share the spirit of Christmas and help bring this project to fruition at all Christmas Masses across the Diocese.

You can donate to the Bishop's Special Christmas Missionary Appeal at <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDIOCESEOFBATHURST?billercode=1700392>

or

In Person: At the Bathurst Chancery Office or any parish office

Post: PO Box 246, Bathurst NSW 2795

Phone: 02 6334 6400

### Mudgee News

#### Preparing the Church for Christmas

In preparation for Christmas, we are calling for volunteers to help with cleaning the church. The cleaning will take place after Mass on Wednesday 23rd December.

*Many hands make light work...*

**Request for Christmas Mass:** Please give all Mass requests for loved ones to the Parish Office.

## Christmas Mass Times



### Kandos

6.00pm Christmas Eve

### Gulgong

9.00am Christmas Day

### Mudgee

6.30pm Christmas Eve at St Matthews

8.30pm Christmas Eve

7.30am Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas Day



All Masses across all Parishes will comply with the current Covid-19 Social Distancing regulations of 1 person per 2 square meters. Everyone will be required to scan or sign in at each Mass.

The 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve in Mudgee will be held on the grounds of St Matthews School. Entry will be via Lewis Street. If you would like to volunteer to help with this mass, please contact the Parish Office on 6372-2122.

### Reconciliation / Confession - Mudgee

The journey of Advent is all about being watchful and prepared. Part of this preparation is the sacrament of Reconciliation. St Mary's will be holding a Second Rite of Reconciliation 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.**



**Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available at the back of the church.

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

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