

# 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.

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Mon** 10.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri** 9.00am - 1.00pm : 2.00pm - 4.00pm

## Baptism of the Lord - Year B - 10th January 2021

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:2-11

*Come to the water; listen to my words and you shall have life.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Is 12:2-6. R. v.6

*All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One  
of Israel. **(R.)**

### Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

*The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

*You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*



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

**For the recently deceased especially**

Peter Power, Sr Clare Hopper,  
John O'Brien, Wayne Morton,  
Lina Megna (Italy)

**We remember the anniversaries of**

Julie Doble, Larry Dolam, Kenneth McRae,  
Kevin Stanmore, Pat Gorrie, Nikky Boness,  
Bob Pilley, Joe Glascott, John Szymkarczuk,  
Karyn Howden, Timothy Foreman.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick at this time:**

Jan Baillie, Bruce Eastburn, Eleni Roberts,  
Karen Freebody, 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 Donelly, Ursula Smieszek, Jasmine Prada, Mary Cannon and those in our Nursing Homes.

Those seeking Special Intentions and for all the Holy Souls.



**YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH**

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.*

**Mudgee Roster  
Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th January 2021**

|                                       | Sat 6.00pm  | Sun 7.30am         | Sun 9.00am         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Reader</b>                         | L.Nicholson | D.Mahon            | A.Myles            |
| <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>        | S.Walker    | <b>Help Needed</b> | <b>Help Needed</b> |
| <b>Special Ministers of Communion</b> | J. Vros     | <b>Help Needed</b> | M.Dunnachie        |

**Saturday 23rd / Sunday 24th January 2021**

|                                       | Sat 6.00pm   | Sun 7.30am         | Sun 9.00am         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Reader</b>                         | D.Cunningham | M.McLean           | M.Dunnachie        |
| <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>        | I.Byrne      | <b>Help Needed</b> | <b>Help Needed</b> |
| <b>Special Ministers of Communion</b> | L. Nicholson | <b>Help Needed</b> | <b>Help Needed</b> |

**Gulgong Roster**

| Date            | Commentator | Reader    | Sacristan              |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|
| <b>10th Jan</b> | C.Gaudry    | K.Ritar   | M.&E. Carney           |
| <b>17th Jan</b> | S.Parnell   | R. Saliba | E.Donnelly & G.Ausburn |
| <b>24 Jan</b>   | P. Leotta   | D.Hudson  | C.Holland              |
| <b>31 Jan</b>   | D. Kelly    | S.Parnell | R.Saliba               |

**HELP NEEDED**

Thank You to everyone who has volunteered to assist with the Masses over January. We are still in need of help on Sundays. If you would like to read or are a Eucharistic Minister and available through January, please contact the Parish Office.

**Pope's Universal Prayer for January**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Human Fraternity**

## DAY BY DAY

### Monday, 11th January

No Service

12 Noon Angelus

### Tuesday, 12th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

2.00pm Funeral - Sr Clare Hopper  
Perthville

### Wednesday, 13th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

11.00am Funeral John O'Brien - Gulgong

12 Noon Angelus

### Thursday, 14th January

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

2.00pm Funeral - Wayne Morton - Kandos

### Friday, 15th January

12.30am Mass Mudgee

12 Noon Angelus

### Saturday, 16th January

12 Noon Angelus

6:00pm: Vigil Mass Mudgee

### Sunday, 17th January

#### 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

7.30am Mass Mudgee

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

12 Noon Angelus

6.00pm Word & Faith Group Mudgee

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

## COVID RESTRICTIONS

With new cases of Covid appearing across the state, this is a friendly reminder of the current restrictions in our area.

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**.

Everyone entering the Church or Church buildings are required to supply their name and contact details. This can be done by using the Diocesan QR code, the Service NSW QR code, the individual Parish QR codes or by manually signing in.

It is strongly recommended by the NSW Government that people attending places of worship wear a mask.

### Gospel Focus – A matter of fact approach

Unlike the other synoptic gospels of Matthew and Luke, the gospel of Mark includes no infancy narrative or genealogy of Jesus. It begins with John the Baptist proclaiming the coming of Jesus and the baptism scene takes place in just the ninth verse of the gospel. The gospel of Mark is something of a no-nonsense gospel. It is the shortest of the four and moves very swiftly through the events in Jesus' life. Just as Jesus emerged from the crowd to be baptised by John in an unremarkable manner, so too, the approach of the gospel throughout is very matter of fact.

### Readings for Next Week:

**Sm:** 3:3-10,19

**Ps:** 39:2,4,7-10. R. vv.8,9

**1 Cor:** 6:13-15,17-20

**John:** 1:35-42

## **SR MARIE (CLARE) HOPPER**

18 August 1930 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020



It is with great sadness we report the death of Sr Marie 'Clare' Hopper. Sister passed away at St Catherines Age Care in Bathurst on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Sr Clare worked in our Diocese and in our Parishes for many years and was a great support to all members of our communities and to the Josephite Associates.

Sr Clare's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at St Joseph's Chapel Perthville.

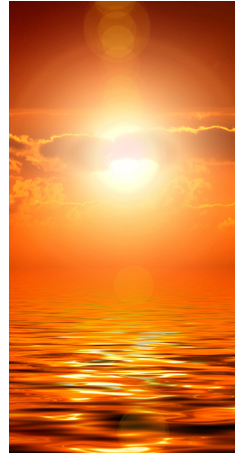
### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

#### *A Whisper echoing Heaven*

Jesus was immersed in the Waters of the River Jordan as though he were a repentant sinner. Why? Jesus wanted to be identified with the mass of sinful humanity. During this great act of solidarity, Jesus clearly had a mystical experience as He emerged from the waters: the Heavens opening, the Spirit descending like a dove, and hearing a bat qol, a whisper echoing Heaven.

Each of us has been incorporated into Our Lord's Baptism. At whatever age we received Baptism, the Heavens were opened and Divine love and power streamed from Heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit, Divine Lover of humanity, hovered gently. Deep down, at the intimate wellspring of life, the Divine Voice was heard: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might wake up each morning with that Divine Voice ringing in our ears, and then re-echoing it in our lives.



### **MY FAVOUR RESTS ON YOU.**

Through baptism we are members of Christ's body. God says to us: 'You are my beloved son (daughter); my favour rests on you.' Often we don't hear these words as clearly as Jesus did at his baptism. In this Mass, and in the events of this day, let us listen for God's assurance that we are loved. Let us listen, that we may have life and joy in God.

### **Have you thought? – Baptism**

Whilst today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is also a reminder and celebration of our own Baptism. Today's gospel is a reminder that we are baptised with the Holy Spirit, not merely with water. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we are drawn into communion with God and we are also empowered by that communion to make a difference in the world – to reach out a helping hand to those in need and to proclaim the good news of Jesus through our actions and our words.

*Talent is a gift given to everyone by God. Try to impress God with the right use of it.*

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