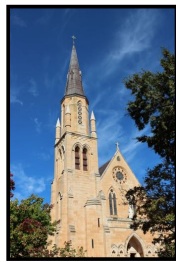


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

## 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 A 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

**First Reading:** [Is 2:1-5](#)

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v.1.](#)

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. **(R.)**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!'. **(R.)**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Rom 13:11-14](#)

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Mt 24:37-44](#)

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**PRIEST:** God of all time and all seasons, you are the beginning and the end of all life, and your love for us is evergreen and eternal. As we begin our Advent time of preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of your Son, Jesus, we ask you to bless this wreath, that it may be a sacred symbol bringing grace and blessing to us as we use it during our Advent journey.

**ALL: Amen**

**PRIEST:** May this violet light remind us that we are waiting and longing for the coming of Jesus who is the true light of the world?



**ALL: We wait and long for Jesus, the light of the world.**

For many Catholic families, the centrepiece of their Advent celebration is the Advent Wreath. It is a very simple item, consisting of four candles, surrounded by evergreen branches. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, who will come into the world at Christmas. Add a candle to the centre at Christmas (Christ's candle).

Children, in particular, find delight in the ceremony of the Advent Wreath, and it's a great way to remind them that, while there are Christmas specials on TV and the Christmas music in stores, we are still waiting for the birth of Jesus.

If you have never adopted this practice, what are you waiting for? Shape your frame from wire or purchase one from a craft shop, buy some candles and collect some greenery and pine cones. Simple, but effective. Light a candle each week with your family and pray the prayer together from the bulletin.

**Parish Priest**

Fr Owen Gibbons

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Fr Thao Van Nguyen

**Parish Deacon**

Deacon Charles Applin

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Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee:**

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**Mudgee Roster  
Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th December 2022**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	C. Funery	L. Croake
First Reader	A. Fergus	C. Devitt
Second Reader	O. O'Brien	M. Dunnachie
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	I. Byrne	R. Croake
Altar Server		
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	S. Walker
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 28th Nov.	R. Croake

**Mudgee Roster  
Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th December 2022**

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	B. Petersen	M. Matthews
First Reader	I. Byrne	E. de Vries
Second Reader	S. Walker	J. Wilkinson
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	G. Hennessy	R. McKeown
Altar Server		
Music	Rachel & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 5th Dec.	D. Donnelly

**Gulgong Roster**

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
4th Dec	E. Donnelly	D. Kelly	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
11th Dec	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	C. Holland
11th Dec	D. Kelly	M. McGregor	R. Saliba

**Pope's Intentions for November...**

**Children who suffer**

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**Kandos / Rylstone News**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Anointing Mass and celebrating 100 years of the church, followed by Lunch at St Dominic's Church.  
11.00am, Sunday, 4th December. All welcome.

**Gulgong News**

Christmas morning tea and a farewell to Fr Thao who will be moving to Coonamble in 2023. Will be held at the Gulgong RSL at 10.30am on the Monday 5th December.

**Street Stall** - Hundred Club, raffle & books for sale, outside the IGA on Friday 9th December.  
Volunteers appreciated.

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 28th November 2022**

12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 29th November**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 30th November**

**St Andrew, apostle, Feast**

10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group

12.00 Noon Angelus

2.00pm Funeral - Mudgee - June O'Neill

**5.15pm Reconciliation - change of date and time.**

5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 1st December**

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 2nd December**

10.30am Opal Nursing Home Mass

12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm Mass Mudgee

5.30pm Holy Hour

**SATURDAY - 3rd December**

**St Francis Xavier, priest, Memorial**

11.00am Baptism

4.00pm Wedding

5.15pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 4th December**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

9.00am Mass - Mudgee - Mass of Thanksgiving - Nam Lei. Followed by a Morning Tea.

10.30am Communion Service - Gulgong

11.00am Mass - Kandos - 100 Years of the Kandos Parish and Anointing Mass

6.00pm Word & Faith Reflection - Parish Centre. All Welcome.

**Hospital visitation Anointing/ Home Communion:**

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home and would like the Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion, please ring the office. Fr Owen and Fr Thao are available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

Please note, confession are available anytime on request



**Baptism**

We welcome to the Parish community in Mudgee:



*Jack Hunter Mallinson*  
son of *Shaun and Marjorie*.

**November - Book of Remembrance**

During November the Mass requests of all the deceased will be written in the Book of Remembrance. The Book will remain in the Church for all Masses during the week and taken up at the Offertory Procession during the weekend Masses as we pray for all our deceased.



Please clearly write the names on the November Mass envelopes which are available in the Church.

**2022 Mudgee Churches Association  
Community Christmas Lunch  
12 Noon Christmas Day  
at Mudgee Baptist Church**



All Welcome

To register for lunch - <https://forms.gle/WPnDNu4kik8zPiVx9>  
Volunteer registration - <https://forms.gle/viiVz9MuSPZyRHDs9>  
or contact the Parish Office 6372 2122

**Masses and prayers requested for the following.**

**For the recently deceased especially:**

June O'Neill, Keeghan Munn, Fr James Kane,

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Doss Sheridan, Alice Hundy, Robert Williamson, Alice Polanetz, Maureen Watson, Pebbles Stojcevski, Merilyn Kinsela, Leslie McTegg, Maria Brec.

**We also pray for:**

Philip Rhodes, Una Harris, Steven Carberry, Audrey Kelly, Colin Killer, Brian Kelly, Irene Longhurst, Anna Salomoni, Michael Azar, Bob Prowse, Marea Cox, Russell Lutschini.

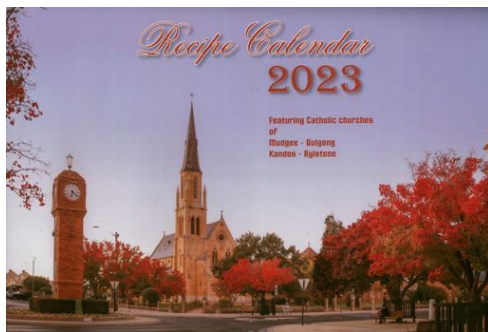
**Prayers requested for:**

Ava Marakovic (Syd), Anne Mead, Vikki Treves, John Carney, Molly Jenkins, Debra O'Loughlin, Eleni Roberts, Tony Spina, Dennis Petersen, Joe Saliba, Geoffrey Munn, Gwen Ausburn, Tony Harris, John Cross, Dianne Brown, Cherylanne Adamson, Molly Jenkins, Howard Brady, Elizabeth Donnelly, Anne Mead, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all those in our Nursing Homes.

**2023 Calendars Selling Fast...**

Beautifully illustrated 2023 calendars with some amazing recipes available for sale at \$15 each. We have some still available so please support our parish by purchasing one. They would be a great Christmas gifts for family and friends. They can be purchased after Mass at the back of the church or from the Parish Office during the week.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW  
AVAILABLE  
DON'T MISS OUT!**



**Bishop's Flood Appeal**

Devastating flood damage has affected communities in our Diocese. When the waters recede people's lives, homes, churches and schools will need rebuilding. With your help, we are looking ahead to how we can contribute to the recovery.

Donations can be made via the QRCode



Our Central West NSW communities devastated by recent storms and floods need our help.

In order to provide immediate and long-term support for these communities, particularly the towns of Eugowra and Molong within the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst, Bishop McKenna has established the Bishop's Flood Appeal to ensure assistance is provided directly to those in need. People can offer financial support by making donations through Centacare Bathurst, the Diocesan social services arm which has already begun working with the leaders in those communities. To donate, go to the Centacare website and click on the Donations button.

**'Incarnate'**

**Advent & Christmas  
Daily Reflections 2022**



On sale at Mass this weekend and at the Parish Office during the week.  
**\$7.00 each**

**NEWS...**

Bishop Michael has announced Clergy moves for 2023. Fr Thao is moving to Coonamble. Fr Thao's farewell will be on Sunday, 11th December, 5pm at the Parish Picnic. More details to follow.

**Reading for Next Sunday: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

**Is 11:1-10**

**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**

**Rom 15:4-9**

**Mt 3:1-12**



**Celebration of the Rite of Welcome**

**We Welcome:**

*Jessica Salter*

and

*Barry Petersen*



as they make this commitment on their journey to Full Communion within the Catholic Church.

**CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF WELCOME**

**SIGNING OF THE CROSS ON THE CANDIDATES**

**PARISHIONER RESPONSE:**

**CHRIST WILL BE YOUR STRENGTH,  
LEARN TO KNOW AND FOLLOW HIM.**



**REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

**ST MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL PARISHIONER  
CHRISTMAS FUNCTION  
AND  
FR THAO'S FAREWELL  
5.30PM SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022  
IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS**




All parishioners are invited to attend the annual Christmas function on Sunday evening, 11th December as we celebrate and give thanks for all who have contributed to our parish. We have so much to be thankful for. The simplest things all contribute to making our parish a place of welcome - just a smile or hello to someone you didn't know, a visitor or new parishioner. Everyone contributes in some way - ALL are welcome to attend.

This celebration will also be an opportunity to farewell and thank Fr Thao for all the good work he has done over the past year.

As in previous years we invite you to bring a salad/sweet or BBQ chicken to share. The parish will provide the ham/rolls/tea & coffee and drink for the children. Other beverages BYO.


We would be grateful for any assistance to set-up and clean-up. 'Many hands make light work'; this way we all get to enjoy the night.

To assist with catering would you please place your name on the sign up sheets available at the back of the church. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending. Separate sheet for helpers.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
*the*  
**BLESSING & UNVEILING OF THE CATHERINE M'CAULEY SCULPTURE**

Monday  
12 December 2022  
5.00pm  
Cathedral of St Michael & St John Gardens  
*followed by*  
5.45pm  
Mass  
Cnr William & Keppel Sts  
Bathurst



**Historical Context** – The Advent Wreath

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.