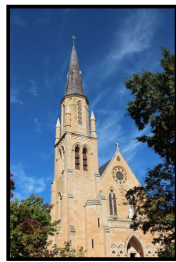


*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!*

## 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 A 4TH DECEMBER 2022

**First Reading:** [Is 11:1-10](#)

*He judges the poor with justice.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7](#)

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** [Rom 15:4-9](#)

*Christ, the hope of all people.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

**Gospel:** [Mt 3:1-12](#)

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

#### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**PRIEST:** May this violet light remind us that we are waiting and longing for the coming of Jesus who is God's comfort in our lives, and the true light of our world.



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

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Let us journey with them this week

**ALL: Amen**

#### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

*Inaugurating a New Humanity*

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the coming towards us ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

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Fr Owen Gibbons

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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

Mudgee Roster Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th December 2022		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. McLean
First Reader	L. Nicholson	L. Croake
Second Reader	S. Walker	J. Wilkinson
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	A. Fergus	R. Croake
Altar Server		
Music	Rue & Choir	Jerry & Choir
Welcomer	HELP NEEDED	S. Walker
Offertory	HELP NEEDED	Children's Liturgy
Counter	Mon 12th Dec.	P. O'Brien

Gulgong Roster			
Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
11th Dec	R. Saliba	C. Gaudry	C. Holland
18th Dec	D. Kelly	M. McGregor	R. Saliba
25th Dec	P. Leotta	O. O'Brien	M.&E. Carney

**Pope's Intentions for December...**

**Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organisations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**IMPORTANT - Volunteers Needed...**

If you are available and would like to help with the Christmas Masses in Mudgee, please put your name on the Mass Volunteer sheet at the back of the church on the Whiteboard.

**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.

**Mudgee News**

There will be limited parking available in the Parish Carpark from Monday 5th December to Wednesday 7th December due to the removal on large equipment from the school.

Thursday 8th December - the Rosary will be say at 9am for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**DAY BY DAY**

**MONDAY - 5th December 2022**

10.30am Funeral - Mudgee Lawn Cemetery - Douglas Kenney  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**TUESDAY - 6th December**

9.30am Mass Mudgee  
11.00am Funeral - Mudgee Lawn Cemetery - Jason McAuliffe  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**WEDNESDAY - 7th December**

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor - Memorial  
10.00am St Mary's Craft & Friendship Group  
12.00 Noon Angelus  
**5.15pm Reconciliation - change of date and time.**  
5.45pm Mass Mudgee

**THURSDAY - 8th December**

**The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass Mudgee  
12.00 Noon Angelus

**FRIDAY - 9th December**

10.30am Whiddon Nursing Home Mass  
11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00 Noon Angelus and Rosary  
12.30pm Mass Mudgee

**SATURDAY - 10th December**

11.00am Baptism  
5.15pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass - Mudgee

**SUNDAY - 11th December**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

9.00am Mass - Mudgee  
10.30am Mass - Gulgong  
11.00am Mass - Rylstone  
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:



*Ellie Mary Jean Maguire*  
daughter of *Liam and Nicole*.

**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

**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

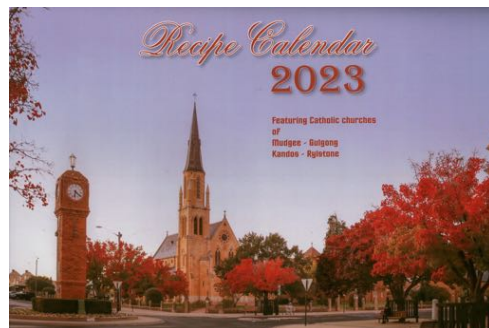
Our Central West NSW communities devastated by recent storms and floods need our help.

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.

**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!**



**'Incarnate'**

**Advent & Christmas  
Daily Reflections 2022**



On sale at Mass this weekend and at the Parish Office during the week.

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

**For the recently deceased especially:**

Jason McAuliffe, Douglas Kenney, June O'Neill, Keeghan Munn, Fr James Kane,

**We remember the anniversaries of:**

Maria Yopez, Ana Oros, Angela Colaiacomo, John Quinlan, Lorna Smith, Allan Graham, Cecily Conroy, Len Adams, Kathleen Miller, Gwendoline Wolfee.

**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.

**Living the Gospel – Prepare Ye!**

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.



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

**Is 35:1-6, 10**

**Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4**

**Jas 5:7-10**

**Mt 11:2-11**

**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 at the back of the church on the Whiteboard. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending. Separate sheet for helpers.**

This weekend we celebrate

**100 years**

of

**St Dominic's Catholic Church Kandos**

The current church was originally a School / Church built in 1922. It was opened by Right Rev. Dr. O'Farrell. The plans were drawn by M. S. Jefferys and the contractor was W. B. Murphy.

Fr Reginald Corbett was the Parish Priest at the time.

Congratulations to all parishioners and we give thanks for the faith of those past parishioners who set the foundations on which we now celebrate and build.

We pray for all the deceased parishioners in the Kandos and Rylstone community.



**REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.



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



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