

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
29TH JANUARY 2023

First Reading: [Zep 2:3; 3:12-13](#)

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Responsorial Psalm:

[Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3](#)

*(R): Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 Cor 1:26-31](#)

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mt 5:1-12](#)

Happy are the poor in spirit.



Blessed are You. The Beatitudes are among the best known verses of the Gospel of Matthew. They offer an assurance of God's care for those who mourn or suffer persecution. They contain promises that God will bless the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and those who work for justice. Ultimately, all who put their trust in God and do what is right will rejoice in God's kingdom.

Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons

Parish Deacon
Deacon Charles Applin

Parish Office Hours
Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm
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9.00am - 4.00pm
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DAY BY DAY

MONDAY 30th January

12.00 Noon - Angelus

TUESDAY 31st January

St John Bosco, priest, Memorial

9.30am Mass Mudgee

12.00 Noon - Angelus

WEDNESDAY 1st February

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.20pm Reconciliation

5.45pm - Mass Mudgee

THURSDAY 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord

9.30am - Mass - At St Matthews (Primary) Lewis St Campus. All welcome.

10.00am Baptism Preparation Program

12.00 Noon - Angelus

FRIDAY 3rd February

9.00am Mass - St Matthews (Secondary) Broadhead Rd Campus.

10.30am Opal Nursing Home Mass

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Noon - Angelus and Rosary

Reconciliation available on request

12.30am - Mass Mudgee

SATURDAY 4th February

12.00 Noon - Angelus

5.15pm - 5.40pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Vigil Mass Mudgee

SUNDAY 5th February

9.00am Mass Mudgee

10.30am Gulgong - Communion Service

11.00am Kandos - Mass

12 Noon Angelus

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 is available, and will happily visit them at home or in hospital.

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Please note, reconciliation is available anytime on request.

KANDOS NEWS

We are hosting a Cuppa after mass on Sunday 29th January. Please bring a small plate of goodies to share.

All welcome.

MUDGEE NEWS

Please note the change a Mass venue on Thursday, 2nd February , 9.30am. This will be the St Matthews Primary Welcome and Commissioning Mass.

Parishioners are welcome.

GULGONG NEWS

All Hallows School Mass will be on 7th February at 11am in St John the Baptist Church. All Parishioners welcome.

Important Notice

As you may be aware, there will be a significant change in our Parishes next year. With Fr Thao leaving, Fr Owen will be our only Priest for the parishes of Gulgong, Kandos / Rylstone and Mudgee. This means that some of the Masses will be change. The changes are:

1st Sunday in the Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

2nd Sunday in the Month

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Communion Service Kandos

3rd Sunday in the Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong

11.00am Mass Rylstone

4th Sunday in the Month

10.30am Mass Gulgong

11.00am Communion Service Rylstone

5th Sunday in Month

10.30am Communion Service Gulgong

11.00am Mass Kandos

The Mass times for Mudgee will remain the same, for now.

Mudgee Roster
Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th February 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	S. Abbey
First Reader	A. Fergus	M. Dunnachie
Second Reader	I. Byrne	M. Price
EMofC	G. Brymora	M. Gilbert
Welcomer	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	S. Walker
Offertory	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Counter	30th Jan	D. Donnelly

Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th February 2023

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	D. Cunningham	M. Matthews
First Reader	L. Nicholson	J. O'Brien
Second Reader	P. Wilkinson	M. McLean
EMofC	I. Byrne	P. O'Brien
Welcomer	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	M. Dunnachie
Offertory	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
Counter	6th Feb	P. O'Brien

Gulgong Roster

Date	Commentator	Reader	Sacristan
6th Feb	P. Leotta	C. Gaudry	C. Holland
13th Feb	S. Parnell	C. Leotta	R. Saliba
20th Feb	D. Kelly	S. Parnell	M & E Carney

BAPTISM:

We welcome to the Parish community



Sadie Grace Brown
child of Nathan and Jessica

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY
5th February 2023

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:
Michael “Tex” Gillham, James “Cricket” Corney, George Ashcroft, Marie Laffan.

We remember the anniversaries of:
Giovanni Leotta, Ruby Tandy, Patrick O’Hare, Harold Clift, Nola Price, Garry Longhurst, Floris Rearden, Michael Sgroi, Barry Fittler, Olga Bremer, Carmel McDonald

We also pray for:
John Baggett, Doris O’Brien, Joan Loughrey.

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

Maria Knezevic, Ava Marakovic (Syd), Anne Mead, Vikki Treves, John Carney, Molly Jenkins, Debra O’Loughlin, Joe Saliba, Eleni Roberts, Tony Spina, Dennis Petersen, Geoffrey Munn, Tony Harris, Dianne Brown, Molly Jenkins, Cherylanne Adamson, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Carmel Thompson and all those in our



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To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

Year 12 Prayer Partner Program



This year, the Year 12 Prayer Partner Program will start earlier to enable the Prayer Partners to journey with the Students from the beginning of the year through to HSC exam time. This will open up opportunities to not only pray for them but to also meet with them and get to know them over the year.

If you would like to be a part of his program, please fill in a Prayer Partner form at the back of the Church.

SACRAMENTS 2023

ST MARY'S MUDGEES IMPORTANT DATES

If you are considering the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion for your child in 2023, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along to a Parent/Carer Information Session as part of our preparation required for the sacramental journey of your child.

SAVE THESE DATES

From Year 6 onwards

School Term 1

Tuesday 21st March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm OR
Thursday 23rd March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

From Year 3 onwards

School Term 2

Tuesday 20th June 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm OR
Thursday 22nd June 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

** Please note that the journey for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be for Year 3 students onwards from 2023 **

Further Information will be available on the Parish website (mudgee.catholic.org.au) from Tuesday 20th December including registration to attend a Parent/Carer Information session.

All enquiries to:

sacraments.mudgee@cdob.org.au

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Is 58:7-10

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16