

**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B
24TH DECEMBER 2023**

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

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

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

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for
ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the
heavens. **(R.)**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen
one;

I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all
ages.' **(R.)**

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'

I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [Romans 16:25-27](#)

*The mystery kept secret for endless ages is
now revealed.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Luke 1:26-38](#)

You will conceive and bear a son.

Advent Wreath

Today we reflect on Mary's place in God's plan for our redemption. By her co operation, Mary brought Jesus into the world to be our light. As we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath let us pray that through our witness the light of Christ will enter the hearts and minds of those who do not know our Saviour.

Response: COME LORD JESUS

Give your peace to all nations... **(R)**

Be the joy of all who love you ... **(R)**

Bless us as we gather here in your
name... **(R)**

Lord Jesus, stay with us ... **(R)**



Parish Priest
Fr Owen Gibbons

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
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DAY BY DAY

**The NATIVITY of the LORD Vigil Masses
Christmas Eve**

Sun, 24/12
6.00pm
Vigil Mass - St Matthews School
If the weather is bad, the mass will be moved into the church

8.30pm
Vigil Mass - Mudgee

Mon, 25/12
**The NATIVITY of the LORD
Christmas Day**

Parish Office will be closed until January 2nd

7.30am
Mass - Mudgee

9.00am
Mass - Mudgee

9.00am
Mass - Gulgong

Tues, 26/12
St Stephen, the first martyr

9.30am
NO SERVICE

12 Noon
Angelus

Wed, 27/12
St John, apostle, evangelist

12 Noon
Angelus

5.45pm
Communion Service - Mudgee

Thu, 28/12
The Holy Innocents, martyrs

9.30am
Communion Service - Mudgee

12 Noon
Angelus

Fri, 29/12
5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

11.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon
Angelus and Rosary

12.30pm
Communion Service - Mudgee

Sat, 30/12
6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

5.15pm
Reconciliation

6.00pm
Vigil Mass - Mudgee

Sun, 31/12
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9.00am
Mass - Mudgee

10.30am
Communion Service - Gulgong

11.00am
Mass - Kandos

KANDOS NEWS

Thank you for contribution to S.V.D.P. Christmas appeal. \$667.20 was raised.

Thank you for the donations of food.

God Bless.

GULGONG ROSTER

	31st December	7th January
Commentator	D. Kelly	R. Saliba
Reader	M. McGregor	C. Golino
Sacristan	C. Holland	E. Donnelly G. Ausburn
Leader	R. Saliba	P. Leotta

MUDGEE ROSTER

Help Needed

As this is a busy time of year and many people are out of town visiting Family and Friends, we are asking for Volunteers to help at Mass.

If you are available, please let the office know via phone 6372-2122 or email

office.mudgee@cdob.org.au

by Wednesday 27th December.

The office will be closed but we will get your messages.

Scriptural context – Matthew v Luke
Throughout the gospel of Luke, great importance is placed on the people in society who were regarded as the ‘lesser ones’. The mission of Jesus, as described in Luke’s gospel, is directed towards those who were unimportant in the eyes of society. In first century society, women were regarded as much less in status than men. So it is significant that the first revelation of Jesus is made to a woman, Mary. The angel Gabriel announces that Mary has won God’s favour. For a woman to win God’s favour would have been unimaginable to many Jews at the time, yet, through this woman God was revealed in human form.

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Masses and prayers requested for the following.

For the recently deceased especially:

Fr Pat Ruane, Ted Jordan, Dean Williams, Mons Peter Shannon.

We remember the anniversaries of:

Aileen Rogan, Michael Gibbins, Doreen Matthews, Daphne Haswell, Francis McDermott, Ervine McDermott, Thelma Swords, George Neville, Ann McKay, Mary McGrath, Malcolm Green, Richard Milligan, Kim Pilley, Brian Condon, Adeline McNally, George Ashcroft, William Staff, Robert Cox, Colin Spink, Stephen Waterton.

Christmas Mass requests:

Molly Jenkins, Miriam Byers, Patterson Family, Adrian Ryan, Anne Mead, Bill and Nancy Gaffney, Marie & Norm Attrill, Tom & Edna Power, Paul & Peter Power, Adriel Maloney, Jim & Dorothy Betts, Kay Daly (Ireland), Cliff & Alma Thomas, Jack, Jill, Paul & Brian Bennett, Judith Keightley, Jack & Nancey Hawkins, Mick & Val Whelan, Colin & Leanne Killer, Cooper & Killer Families.

For the deceased, especially:

Stephen Birchall, Toni Behrens, June George, Patricia Balston, Val Foodey, Elias & Therese Sadaka, Ivan Brec, Daniel Brec, Alojz Slatinsek, Maggie Swientek.

Masses for Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving and For All the Holy Souls.

Prayers requested for the sick:

Zvonko Glavacevic, Trevor Roberts (England), Maureen Hutchinson, Eleni Roberts, Tomislav Marakovic (Sydney), Iris McBeath, Tony Spina, Josephine Debattista, Margaret Doble, Tracy Donnelly, Maureen Turner, Elizabeth Donnelly, Joe Saliba, Graham Hawkins, Lynne Daly, Tony Harris, Carmel Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Rodrigo Jaboneta, and all those in our Nursing Homes.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Lots of paintings, movies and TV specials have shown Gabriel visiting Mary. Usually, it is dramatic and fascinating.

How do you think the visitation really happened? Do you think Gabriel flew through the window or just appeared out of thin air? Do you think Gabriel was really there or is the angel just a literary symbol? How else could Mary have received her message? What do you suppose Mary was thinking? Angels are popular decorations, and they appear as characters in TV programs, movies and stories. Their appeal has increased in recent years.

Why do you think people are so interested in angels? Do you believe in angels? Do you believe you have your own guardian angel? If not, why not? If so, what do you think your guardian angel does?

Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas





Bishop's Missionary Appeal

"...How can this be...?" Luke 1:26-38

The question asked by Mary, in response to the pronouncement from the Angel Gabriel, is not unreasonable. In the face of all the evidence, it is perhaps understandable that she couldn't grasp the news of her impending pregnancy. It is the same for each of us, as we are invited to step into a space where we wonder "How can I possibly make a difference?" Whether it is an opportunity to reach out and impact one life, or to donate to an appeal like the Bishop's annual Christmas Appeal, and impact many lives, we have to adopt the same attitude of faithfulness and humility as Mary. In so doing, God recognises our willingness to say 'yes' and promises to bless and multiply our gifts. On behalf of all those who will be impacted, especially those in the nominated school in Timor Leste, we give thanks for your generosity. May God Bless you and your loved ones and give you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

David McGovern, Director, Bathurst Diocese



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MISSION
Reach out. Give life.



Reading for next Sunday: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR B

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Ps 104:1-6, 8-9 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40