



# St Patrick's Parish Gundagai

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – 3 December 2023

<p><b>Tumut Mission</b> Tumut, Gundagai, Adelong, Batlow, and Talbingo.</p> <p>Fr Joseph Neonbasu Mobile: 0497 783 924 Email: yoseph.neonbasu@cg.org.au</p> <p>Tumut Mission Secretary – Sue Hall Tumut Office Hours – Tue and Thu 9-2pm Email: gundagai@cg.org.au Ph. 69474599 Parish web page: cg.org.au/Gundagai Facebook: St Patrick's Parish Gundagai</p> <p><b>The office will be closed on 5/12/2023</b></p>	<p><b>Gundagai Mass Times</b></p> <p>Tuesday Rosary 10.30am Liturgy 11am</p> <p>Wednesday Liturgy 12noon</p> <p>Thursday Liturgy 12noon</p> <p>Friday Adoration 11am Mass 12noon</p> <p>Last Friday of the Month Uralba - Mass</p> <p>Saturday Confession 5.00pm Mass 6pm</p>	<p><b>Country Mass Times</b></p> <p>Batlow 8am Confession 8.30am 2nd Sunday 5pm 4th Sunday</p> <p>Adelong 8am Confession 8.30am 1st/3rd Sunday</p> <p>Talbingo 8.30am 5th Sunday</p> <p>Tumut 10am Sunday</p>
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Roster	2 December	9 December
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bill Barton	Peter Gain
<b>Reader</b>	Peter O Reardon	Kate Howe
<b>Offertory</b>	Anne & Jim Saunderson	Anne Elphick & Bernadette Loch
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Monica Reardon & Colleen Jones	Kathy Reardon & Helen Turner
<b>Home Comm</b>	Marie Nelson, Peter Gain & Mary McCormick	Anne Elphick, Helen Turner & Monica Reardon
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Joey Gailey & Indi Cole	Riley Smith & Nate Tozer
<b>Counting</b>	Bill Barton & Max Horton	Peter Gain & Denise Reardon
<b>St. Vinnies</b>	Baron	Pearce

### Prayer Requests

<p><b>Recently Deceased</b></p> <p>Charles Hunt Betty Molloy Joyce Heydon Tianjarrah Denniss</p> 	<p><b>Mass Offering</b></p> <p>Mellis family, Taylor family, Jenkins Family, Tanner family, Mick Grange, Sam &amp; Barry Jones, Dianne White, Veronica Lawson, Carmel Pringle, John Ell, Margaret, Bill and Gail Graham, John Ell, Bob Isaac, Margaret Walker, Brian Coats, Amy Harris, Sr Helen Leary.</p>	<p><b>The Sick</b> </p> <p>Anne Elphick, Michael J. Nelson, John Fitzpatrick, Don Smith, Amy Harris, John Lloyd and his family, Emma McDonnell, Maria Crowe, Margaret Carberry, Ailsa Patterson, Anne Masters, Sister Anne Maree, Peter Hindmarsh</p>	<p><b>Anniversaries</b></p> <p>John Swinney, Bill Carberry, Kevin Heydon, Kathleen Stuckey, Nano Reardon, Robyn Reardon, Henry McGuire, Vernie Eccleston, Edna Carberry, Veronica Lawson, Barry Jones (son of Vera &amp; Ted Jones)</p>
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<p><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b></p> <p>Peter Gain (Chair), Liz Knight, Kate Howe, Sarah Graham, Chris Baron, Verity Whittaker, Pete Reardon (Ex Officio), Fr Joseph Neonbasu</p>	<p><b>Banking / Planned Giving</b></p> <p>St Patricks Parish Gundagai <u>Plate Collection</u> BSB 062 786 AC 14943 \$440.60</p>
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<p><b>Sacraments</b></p> <p>Confession - 4.00pm Saturday (Gundagai) Marriage - By appointment Baptism - During Friday or Saturday Mass These forms on Parish Website, call or email to book. <b>To arrange a Pastoral care visit please contact the office</b> For Planned giving envelopes, contact the office</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Congratulations!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Isabella and Parker Melksham</b> who were baptised yesterday. May God continue to bless you and your parents Kimberly and Matthew.</p>
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The Church Bulletin is available on our website each week – [www.cg.org.au/gundagai](http://www.cg.org.au/gundagai)  
Please send any notices to [gundagai@cg.org.au](mailto:gundagai@cg.org.au) by **midday on Wednesday** each week for the bulletin.

### St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.  
St Patrick, pray for us. Amen

## Christmas and New Year Mass

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December** 5pm - Batlow  
7pm - Gundagai

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December** 7pm - Tumut  
8am - Talbingo



8.30am - Adelong  
10am - Gundagai  
10am - Tumut

There will be **No Mass** held from 26 December until 30 December 2023 (inclusive)

**New Year's Eve Mass** 6pm - Gundagai (Sunday 31/12/23)

**New Year's Day Mass** 10am - Tumut (Monday 1/01/24)

### Advent: A time to start a new.

Happy New Year! Yes, it is a new year within the Church. With the first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical cycle of the year. This year is the Liturgical cycle of Year B. For that reason, Advent is an opportunity for us all for a new beginning. We start again a new phase in our spiritual journey.

Let us pause for a moment....have a space and time.... Think of and reflect on our journey of life! What has happened in our life? What is happening? What is our hope to come? We realise that the time flies so fast. Where was God in our life? Where He is in our life? Where will he be in your life?

Advent: A time to start a new means we know that we have the past. It might be full of joy and happiness. However, there may be hurts, challenges, sins and all that made us feel unworthy, discouraged and disappointed. It is a time to take our past-experiences and give them over to our Divine Potter to form and shape us a new. It means that we let go of our past hurt, pain and ask Jesus to enter in. It is all about to let go and let God. It means we turn to Him for a fresh start and have hope in all that He plans to accomplish in our lives. We now must walk the today toward the future hope with God and one another. It is a time to start a new!

Think of and reflect on their responses of St. Mary and St. Joseph. They were ordinary people like the rest of us. They had their past and we are journeying toward the future with God and one another. Let us make this Advent as a time to start a new! Have a blessed Advent!

**Archdiocese Notice: Cost of each Priest in a parish in our Archdiocese** – As a result of research with the Inner North parishes re-configuration, the following information is being offered to all parishes in the Archdiocese. This research coincides with a serious downward trend across the Archdiocese for the First Collection (Presbytery Account - that goes to the Central Presbytery Fund from which all our priests are paid). The 2024 financial breakdown is:

\$19,000	Stipend (wage)
\$12,000	Housekeeping
\$ 2,500	Health Insurance (\$2000-\$3000)
\$18,000	Sustentation based on \$90K pa for first collection (supports the Archbishop's ministries)
\$ 4,500	CRF Levy based on \$90K pa for first collection
\$ 1,000	Sabbatical leave levy
\$ 9,600	Car
\$18,000	Presbytery costs: Electricity/Gas/Utilities
\$ 2,090	Superannuation
\$86,690	Total

Please help us support out clergy!

Thank you

### St Patrick's Parish Monster Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now on sale at the back of the Church - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Thank you to those parishioners who have taken a book of tickets to sell in the community.

PLEASE RETURN completed books and money to Pete Reardon by Tuesday 14th.

Anyone also wishing to take a book, please collect from the back of the Church. Please encourage your family members, friends, neighbours, workmates and local community to buy tickets for our raffle. There are some fantastic prizes that should appeal to all ages.

The Raffle will be DRAWN at the conclusion of 6pm Mass on Saturday 16th December.