

# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish

## in the Monaro Mission

Country of the Yuin and Ngarigo Ngarigo Peoples, first Catholics arrived in the area from 1826, as assigned servants (convicts), Scottish, Irish and later German immigrants built up the presence, from 1833

1864 the first resident priest, Fr Patrick Newman

Churches built, Bombala (1867 & 1942), Delegate (1877 & 1918), Cathcart (1878), Corrowong (1895)

Schools 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala, 1886, Delegate, 1921

Sisters of St Joseph (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 128 years

Monaro, South Coast Parishes transferred to Goulburn Diocese 1917

First priestly vocation – Fr Ernest Barragry, ordained as Missionary of the Sacred Heart 1941 (died 1997)

### Prayer Intentions

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

#### **Pope's Intentions;**

#### **Religious Minorities in Asia:**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

For those travelling on the highways, may their journey be safe, their holiday happy and a successful return to home.

For those who have died; may they wake to eternal life in the sight of God. We pray for those killed in the tragic Jakarta stock exchange floor collapse.

For those killed and injured in the continuing car accidents in N.S.W. this week.

We pray for the sick and suffering people in our community.

#### **For those who are ill – Margo**

Birmingham, Braith Frisby, Edna Reed, Moira Tindale, Pat Papalia, Russel, Greg Tett, Veronica McDonald, Rev. Bob Lindbeck, Larry & Shirley Bedingfield, Steven Baseler, Tracey B, Brian Kelly (Maureen P's brother), Ken and Linda Atkins, Dorothy Tawney, Cheryl May, Paul Warren, Trish Guthrie,

Delegate a Parish in its own right 1954 – 1972

Welcomed the WYD Cross & Icon, Feb 2008

St Mary's Church, Bombala, Consecrated 2008

### Father Mick MacAndrew

Parish Priest. Mobile 0419 010 870

Fr James Onoja Asst. Priest

**Cooma Presbytery 6452 2062**

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*Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.*

*Items may come in by phone, note or email.*

### Thought for the Week:

*What I am is God's gift to me.*

*What I become is my gift back to God.*

Anonymous

### **Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish**

*"Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons,*

*St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband,*

*to worship, study and serve."*

*Parish Vision Statement, 2004*

### Weekend Masses

**CHECK THE BULLETIN EACH WEEK FOR MASS/ LITURGY TIMES**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B**

**Mon – Feast St. Vincent**

**Tue –**

**Wed - Mass 9.30 am BOMBALA**

**Thu –**

**Fri – AUSTRALIA DAY**

Mass 9.30 am BOMBALA

**Sat - 6 pm DELEGATE Liturgy of the Word & HC**

**Sun - 9 am BOMBALA Liturgy of the Word & HC**

(No Rosary or Adoration until February)

### **Remembering their faith and love..**

Sr. Bridie O'Connell, rsj, Fr. J.B. Tran, Tony Elliot (anniv 16/1), Gwen Adcock (anniv 29/1), Phyllis Platts, John Horton, Dick Kennedy, Carol De Jong, Meryl Lock, Jean Talbot, Don Tindale, Sheila White, Val Buckley, Clare Birmingham,

***"We have loved them in Life: let us not forget them in death."***

### For Our Monaro Mission

**For Vocations: We pray that as a parish within the Monaro Mission we will support each other, our priests and sisters in becoming the Body of Christ for all in the area. We also pray for vocations to the religious life and the priesthood that the generations to come may also hear the Word of God as we have. Keep us working with other churches to share the Gospel. Amen**

Howard Thurston, an influential African American Author, puts the work of ministry beyond this time of Christmas into perspective in his poem;

**“When the Song of the Angels is Stilled”:**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the wise men are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins;  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

(Sent to us by Sister Timothy)

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW Assistant Priest,** Father James Onoja, also from Nigeria, who has come to join us from the Cathedral Parish, Manuka. I hope life here will be a little less stressful for Father James. Some of us have met Father James on Wednesdays at Mass when he has travelled down with Father Mick.

**AFTER MASS MORNING TEA:**

We would have frozen last week, so we will have morning tea this week to welcome Father James and he will have the opportunity to meet some of the Parishioners.

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you from Father Mick and Father George for all the good wishes sent and given to them in the form of cards, gifts and letters of appreciation. This spirit of giving was much appreciated by our two Priests.

**FATHER GEORGE:**

Father George drove over from Tumut on Monday (his day off) to visit Fathers Mick and James and is happily settling in at Tumut. He sends his greetings to all.

*God speaks to us in the silences of our noisy world – in the silences of nature, of suffering, of ageing, or imprisonment, of dying, of prayer and ritual, to mention just a few. Archbishop Christopher Prowse.*

**Prayer of the Faithful:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Loving God, we ask you to look kindly on all of us and on all whom you have called to follow you.

For the Church: we ask for God’s blessing on all Church people in the year ahead; may we be open and receptive to the challenges given us by Pope Francis.  
We pray to the Lord:

We pray for peace among all the religions of the world. May peace among religions be a foundation for peace among all people. We pray to the Lord:

For the leaders of governments: may God give them strength and wisdom so that the nations may live in peace. We pray to the Lord:

For those who have given their lives to the ministry of the Church: that they may be conscious of the obligations of their commitment to Christ and his people. We pray to the Lord:

We pray for all who are sick in our community: may they experience the compassion of Christ in those who minister to them. We pray to the Lord:

For those who have died, may our prayers accompany them to the place that Jesus has prepared for them. We pray to the Lord:

Celebrant: Loving God, hear and answer the prayers we have spoken in Jesus’ name. Amen

**Weekly Prayer Intention:**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**Reflection:**

Loving Jesus,  
You understood that your Church needed communities of committed people to carry out your mission.  
We pray that our parishes today might be inspired by the Holy Spirit in the same way as the first Christian communities.  
May they live out the Good News in their works, helping others discover you by their loving example.

**Come To The Water** Frank Anderson

Come to the water. You who are thirsty.  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come.  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer.  
Come, listen, live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill the  
emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to My word  
and you will enjoy: goodness and peace in your  
heart.

Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways  
and thoughts beyond you. Call me your father and  
know I am near. I will be Father to you.

**Galilee Song** Frank Andersen

Deep in my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.  
Words that I can't understand;  
Meanings I can't clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself  
behind!  
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more  
time!

***So I leave my boats behind!  
Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again, my Lord!  
Lord! Lord!***

In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains  
Falling gently on my days;  
Dancing patterns on my pain!  
And I need to learn once more, in the fortress of my  
mind,  
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!

(From Caritas Australia)

WE BELIEVE In the common good.  
God of love: Today, as the Spirit of Jesus lives and  
moves among us, we are learning to live in harmony  
with all your creation. Awaken in us the joy that  
comes from loving one another, so that all your people  
may be empowered to live in dignity and freedom in a  
world alive with the peace that comes with  
justice. AMEN.

**Amazing Grace** John Newton

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And Grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And Grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**City of God** Dan Schutte

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep, a  
new day is dawning, for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light, the  
Lord of our longing, has conquered the night.

*Let us build the City of God, may our tears be  
turned into dancing, for the Lord our light and our  
love, has turned the night into day.*

We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of  
day, the One who has loved us, has brightened our  
way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a  
light for all people, to set their hearts free.

**"Concerned Catholics of Canberra" – 22 March.**

Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
public forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra-  
Goulburn. Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and  
Healing Council, will provide an analysis of the  
Royal Commission's final report. Contact: Rod  
Page; [concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com](mailto:concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com).

**MARY MACKILLOP:**

*See the hands of God, not the caprice of others, in all that happens. 1871  
Pray that God may direct and that St. Joseph's humble spirit may guide. 16.10.1898  
Let us ever remember we have been called by God and God has a right to our perfect  
service. 12.3.1899*