

# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish

## in the Monaro Mission

Country of the Yuin and 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B**  
**9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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

##### **For the elderly**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

For the thousands of Rohingya people who have fled to Bangladesh

For the sick and recovering members of our parish; may the Spirit of healing restore them to better health.

For those who have died; may they wake to eternal life in the sight of God.

For the thousands of people affected by earthquakes and other tragedies in various countries of the world.

**For those who are ill** – Edna Reed, Baby Millie, Moira Tindale, Pat Papalia, Russel, Judy Rodwell, 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,

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

John Horton, Rita Shipton, Father Paul Tarapey, Helen Parkes (anniv 6/12), Nola Hehir (anniv1/12), Horst Weighardt, Carol Badewitz (Anniv. 1/12), Gloria Baker (Morrison), 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."**

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

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Fr. George Ogah, Asst. Priest

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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:

***"The knowledge and understanding that you can talk to God and with Him at any time of the day or night should fill you with inspiration, hope and joy."***

### **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**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**Mon –**

**Tue –** Rosary 11 am Currawarna

**Wed -** Feast of St. Lucy

Mass 10.30 Delegate MPS

**Thu –** Sister Teresa at Delegate

Feast St. John of the Cross

**Fri –**Adoration 9.30-10.00.

**Sat –**

**Sun -** Mass 8 am DELEGATE

Mass 10 am BOMBALA

COOMA MASSES:

Vigil 6 pm Saturday

Mass 10 am Sunday

### **COLUMBAN CALENDERS**

**FOR 2018 ON SALE AT SIDE PORCH. \$9 EACH**

Christmas Cards are available in the side porch at the nominated price.

### 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**

### **Advent season of Creation**

In Advent, amidst the tinsel and noisy bustle, we invite you to pause and reflect on the great mystery of God's love for Creation – so deep, and so tender that God chose to enter the world as one of us.

### **Second Sunday of Advent** (Candle liturgy) (LEADER)

Last Sunday we lit the first candle – the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

Two candles are lit.

**ALL:** Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

### **CELEBRANT:**

Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete. We will share in the Spirit; We will find consolation in love. Practice a ministry of humility and compassion for God is at work in you, empowering you. We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will live lives worthy of the Gospel. We will go forth in hope and in peace.

### **The Advent Wreath**

“The custom of lighting an Advent wreath of candles originates in the ancient Northern European custom of having a fire wheel at the winter solstice in December.

The fire wheel was lit to celebrate the gradual return of the sun after the shortest, darkest days of winter. Christians adapted this symbol to celebrate the coming of Christ, the light, who transforms the darkest depths of our world... The wreath comprises three purple candles and one rose-coloured, for the joyful Third Week of Advent. They are set in a circle of evergreen leaves, symbolising God's endless life and love. A fifth candle, a white ‘Christ candle’ may be placed in the centre to be lit at Christmas. The gradual lighting of the candles represents the increasing light of Christ as his coming draws near.” (RESource, Catholic Education Melbourne)

### **Prayer of the Faithful:**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Leader: In this time of Advent as we offer our prayers, we make space for God in our hearts and in our lives.

For our Church: John the Baptist is God's messenger who prepares the way of the Lord. May we welcome prophets in our Church who remind us of Gospel values, making straight the paths of our God.

We pray to the Lord:

For world leaders: in the darkness of our world, give them insight to see the needs of others and to work for a more just society.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray that families and communities divided by suspicion and old hurts will find their way to reconciliation.

We pray to the Lord:

That young people who resort to violence will learn peaceful means of resolving differences.

We pray to the Lord:

That we may all learn to be peacemakers:

We pray to the Lord:

We pray for the sick and all in need of your comfort and care, for those without resources and those without hope.

We pray to the Lord:

For all who have died especially John Horton, Father Paul Tarapey and all our loved ones: We ask you Lord to take them in your arms and lead them to the banquet of eternal life.

We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs:

We pray, **Hail Mary...**

Leader: Loving God, hear our prayers and grant that we may grow in love for all whom you bring into our lives.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **CALLED TO EVANGELISE**

#### **Pope Francis**

An evangelising community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelisation. Evangelisation with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelisation and the source of her renewed self-giving.

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

**Weekly Prayer Intention:**

How hard it is, at this time of year, not to become busy about many things! Keep us steady, O Lord: hold us in your hands: fill our hearts with peace: lead us day by day in hope.

**DON'T CHIT-CHAT, PRAY THE MASS,  
URGES FRANCIS**

Speaking in words that might have shocked many Australian Catholics, Pope Francis said the Mass is the highest form of prayer and not an appropriate moment for small talk.

At Church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus: instead of engaging in "chit chat", the pope said. We should respect those who want to pray after Mass also.

Numerous Australian Catholic parish masses often look and sound more like social gatherings. But "silence is so important" the Pope said. "Remember what I told you last time; we are not going to a show. Silence prepares us and accompanies us."

The Pope continued his new series of audience talks on the Mass, reflecting on the Eucharist as a form of prayer that is "the highest, the most sublime and, at the same time, the most concrete" way of encountering God's love.

"This is the greatest grace: to experience that the Eucharist is the privileged moment to be with Jesus and, though him, with God and with our brothers and sisters," the Pope said.

The disappearance of silence and a sense of reverence as normal or the "default setting" for Mass in Australian parish setting has become a common complaint in Catholic circles in recent years. Numerous Church leaders, including Cardinal Robert Sarah, have called for the cultivation of a greater sense of reverence at Mass.

- CNS, Catholic Weekly

**Like A Shepherd Dufford 1976**

*Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
Go to the mountain top  
Lift your voice, Jerusalem  
Here is your God

I myself will shepherd them  
For others have led them astray  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
And pasture them, giving them rest

**FAREWELL:**

Our Parish farewell for Father George Ogah will be after the 10 am Mass at Bombala on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring a *small* plate to share. The Catholic ladies have decided to give Father a monetary farewell gift, so should you wish to contribute to this, please give your donation to either Jan Farrell or Ros Hood.

**Manus; With remembrance goes compassion.  
(Father Andrew Hamilton, SJ)**

The refugees on Manus Island are not simply actors in a dramatic poem. They are human beings like us to whom we have a responsibility. They could have enriched us by their ingenuity and bravery had we accepted them. We should continue to listen to their voices and keep them in our hearts

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

Christmas Eve 5 pm Vigil DELEGATE  
6.30 pm BOMBALA

**ROSARY:**

A Decade of the Rosary will be said for PEACE IN THE WORLD, commencing at the start time of Mass or Liturgy – then attendees are present and not walking in throughout the Rosary.

**MARY MACKILLOP:**

*God is all goodness and loved. 2.1.1880  
God will carry you safely through every  
struggle. 20.11.1870  
Be generous and then God will love and bless  
you. 20.8.1886*