

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 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B 2018 – YEAR OF YOUTH

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 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.

We pray for the members of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons who were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. May they succeed in making the world a safer place.

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,

Remembering their faith and love..

John Horton, Rita Shipton, Father Paul Tarpey, 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.”**

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

Delegate a Parish in its own right 1954 – 1972

Welcomed the WYD Cross & Icon, Feb 2008

St Mary's Church, Bombala, Consecrated 2008

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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:

“Prayer is a two-way conversation with God, not a monologue. When we pray, we should also listen. God speaks to our mind and heart. God enters directly into our thoughts and desires.”

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*“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

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3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Mon –

Tue – Rosary 11 am Currawarna

Wed – Mass 09:30 am Bombala

Thu – Sister Teresa at Delegate

Fri – Adoration 09.30-10.00.

Sat – DELEGATE 6 pm Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sun – BOMBALA 9 am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Sunday:

DELEGATE 5 pm Vigil Mass

BOMBALA 6.30 pm Vigil Mass

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

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

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.

Third Sunday of Advent:

CELEBRANT: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us – in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations – or our memories – push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up with us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

ALL: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. AMEN

CELEBRANT: Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice.

For Good has created you with the capacity for joy. We will find what makes us joyful, and make that our gift to the world.

Trust in God's good will for all of creation and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

We will welcome new possibilities in our lives.

We will offer ourselves to God's goodness.

We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy.

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.

CAROL DE JONG

The Parish has received a lovely card from Betty and Carol's family.

You can read it on the notice board in the side

Prayer of the Faithful: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Leader: In the joyful spirit of today's liturgy, we bring our needs before our God.

For the Church: Like John the Baptist may all Church people be witnesses to the light of Christ, pointing to the One who stands among us.

We pray to the Lord:

For world leaders: Give them holy wisdom that they may speak and act in ways to bring reconciliation and peace in areas of dispute and conflict.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray for all who suffer, for the sick and the dying and all who mourn: comfort them in your mercy.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray for the world's refugees, driven from their homes by war, famine and persecution and for so many affected by natural disasters: open the hearts of nations to provide shelter to those in need.

We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for those who have died recently: may the promise of eternal life be their reward:

We pray to the Lord:

We give thanks for the ministry of Father George among us and we ask God to bless him abundantly as he continues to witness to God's love in his new Parish.

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 guide us in faith as we wait in joyful hope. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Contributions will support:

Diocesan projects locally, with the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese as well as the Wilcannia Hub project supporting young indigenous families, and globally, with the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria and Tagbilaran, Cebu, Philippines for their Diocesan Seminary.

Also supporting the provision of a school bus to transport young children to school from poor surrounding villages within the La Salette Matha Province in India.

Bring Forth The Kingdom Marty Haugen

1. You are the salt for the earth, O people.
Salt for the Kingdom of God.
Share the flavour of life, O people.
Life in the Kingdom of God.

Chorus

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God.

2. You are the light on the hill, O people.
Light for the City of God.
Shine so holy and bright O people.
Shine for the Kingdom of God.

Chorus

3. You are a seed for the Word, O people.
Bring forth the Kingdom of God.
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God.

Chorus

4. You are a blest and a pilgrim people.
Bound for the Kingdom of God.
Love our journey and love our homeland.
Love is the Kingdom of God.

Chorus

Let There Be peace on Earth Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let it begin with me.

OPEN TO NEW HORIZONS:

Archbishop Christopher Prowse gave talks at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival which had a theme of 'Open new horizons for spreading joy'. Almost 20,000 young Catholics participated in deepening and sharing their faith over three days of prayer, music and connection. Momentum will continue to build for the Catholic youth of Australia in 2018 as they look toward the next World Youth Day and National Catholic Youth Festival.

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.

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.

Prayer of St Francis Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

*Oh, master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved, as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**DELEGATE FAREWELL TO FATHER
GEORGE:**

A short morning tea will be held after the 8 am Mass on Sunday, 31st December.
Father has Mass in Bombala at 10 am that day, but this is our only opportunity.
Please bring a small plate to share.

WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTION:

We can drown in the past of nostalgia or regret; we can be drawn towards a future of fear or fantasy. Eternal God, keep us grounded in the present moment; open our eyes to the peaceful grace of the now.

MARY MACKILLOP:

*"May the spirit of the Sacred Heart animate you. 18.9.1906
Rest assured that I shall not forget any of you. 7.12.1899
God has done wonders for us through our holy patron. 3.3.1903"*