



BOMBALA - DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH

IN THE MONARO MISSION

Country of the Yuin and Ngarigo people

First Catholics arrived in the area from 1826 as assigned servants (convicts)
Scottish, Irish and later German immigrants built up the presence from 1833

First resident priest Fr Patrick Newman 1864

Churches built - Bombala 1867 & 1942, Delegate 1877 & 1915, Cathcart 1878, Corrowong 1894
Schools 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886, Delegate 1921

Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 131 years
Monaro & South Coast Parishes transferred to Goulburn Diocese 1917

First priestly vocation - Fr Ernest Baragry ordained as Missionary of the Sacred Heart 1941 (died 1997)

Delegate a Parish in its own right 1954-1972. Welcomed the World Youth Day Cross & Icon Feb 2008

St Mary's Church Bombala Consecrated 2008. St Joseph's Church Delegate Centenary 2015



Prayer Intentions

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C
1st 2nd December 2018

Pope's Intention:

Universal – in Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

We thank you, Lord, for all the good rain.

For all suffering from recent natural tragedies and those in war zones, especially Yemen and the children there dying from starvation.

We pray for the sick and suffering; may they receive the love and support of others.

We pray for our deceased loved ones especially those whose names have been written in our memorial book.

For those who are ill: Betty Cowell, Daryl White, Tracey Hampshire, Jackie Gates (Sue R's niece), Janelle Robinson (Sue's daughter), Cassandra Bennett, Enid Stewart, Gail Peisley, Jim Parkes, Tom Winner, Skippy Peisley, Kay Reed, Pam Scott, Michelle Farran, Margo Birmingham, Braith Frisby, Edna Reed, Greg Tett, Larry & Shirley Bedingfield, Tracey B, Brian Kelly (Maureen P's brother), Ken & Linda Atkins, Dorothy Tawney, Cheryl May, Paul Warren, Trish Guthrie.

Remembering their faith and love:

Bill Rushton, Helen Parkes (anniv 6/12), Roger Haylock, Brenda Preston, Phyllis McKey, Carol Badewitz (anniv. 1/12) Nola Hehir (anniv. 1/12), Joe Hood, Betty Lomas, Kerry Letts, Jean Hepburn, Ilma Stewart, Sr Bridie O'Connell rsj,

"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

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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

God has always and always will provide us with the answer through prayer, and in His time."

Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish

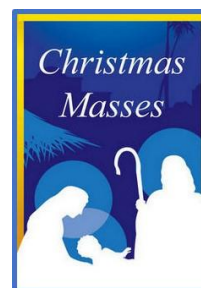
"Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve."
Parish Vision Statement, 2004



PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN EACH WEEK FOR MASS/LITURGY TIMES

1st Sunday of Advent Year C

- Mon:** Feast St Francis Xavier
- Tue:** Rosary 11 am Currawarna
- Wed:** Mass 9.30 am Bombala
- Thu:** Sister Teresa to Delegate School Christmas Performance
- Fri:** Adoration 9.30-10.00 am
- Sat:** Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary 6 pm Liturgy of the Word & HC, DELEGATE
- Sun:** 9 am Liturgy of the Word & HC, BOMBALA



CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS Delegate 5pm Bombala 6.30pm

ADVENT has a twofold character – as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

CANDLE LITURGY – 1st Sunday of Advent.

CELEBRANT: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language – the *coming* of Christ – because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

(First candle is now lit)

ALL Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.

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Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection –
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere. We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, And set aside time to offer quiet thanks. The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming, Christ is always coming, We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry. We will go forth from this place in hope.

NOTICE

**Church cleaning for Christmas,
Monday 10th December at 10am**

Finding God in our World
Reflection

Season of Joy – Week one: The Annunciation.
In the first Joyful Mystery, we enter the Annunciation story. Mary reports: "Here I am, the Servant of the Lord."

A THOUGHT

We want this Church to be here for our kids and grandkids and their kids thereafter

Prayer of the Faithful:

1st Sunday Advent C

Celebrant: In a spirit of openness to what God wants, we recall our needs before the Lord.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, may we be people of honesty and integrity, alert to the signs of the times as we wait for God's promises to be fulfilled. We pray to the Lord:

For the leaders of nations and all in positions of authority: may they exercise wise government and show a spirit of generosity to all people. We pray to the Lord:

For families and young people in our community: may they be supported with safe housing, good medical care and Jesus centered schools. We pray to the Lord:

For all in special need, for the sick and suffering, for those grieving the loss of loved ones, and for those whose lives have been impacted by tragedy and the recent weather disasters and the loss of lives. We pray to the Lord:

For a spirit of prayer, hope and renewal as we prepare for the Plenary Council: We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs: We pray, **Hail Mary**...

For our deceased loved ones especially those who lost their lives in the recent floods and for all the faithful departed : may they adore and glorify God forever. We pray to the Lord:

Celebrant: Loving God, guide us in your truth as we await in joyful hope the coming of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Intention

For all engaged in negotiations of peace between warring peoples, that they remain strong and hopeful in their mission of mediation.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for the many millions of stateless people around the world. May they be granted the recognition they need to belong and to thrive.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday 6th December: 6 pm End of Year class performances, Multi-Purpose Hall, Bombala High School. Supper will be served afterwards.
Wednesday 12th December, Graduation Mass and Awards, 6 pm

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

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.

SOLACE COMMUNITY PRAYER

Support in sorrow
Open in heart and home
Loving acceptance
Arms to hold and comfort
Consolation in distress
Enduring community of friendship

St. Joseph's School SCC

Raffle tickets @ \$2.00 are available in the side porch at Bombala. The prize is a \$1,000 travel voucher which can be used for flights, accommodation or even "your next cruise!!!" Please support the school as I am always reminding them that they are part of our Church community.

Our Supper Invitation Fr Kevin Bates

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, - branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now, eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream, love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk till you find
Just what the journey means, walk while there's time
Food for the journey will answer your need
Don't be afraid to walk, love, my love, will lead.

Christ Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.
Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Matthias Anglican Parish has invited all of us to attend their Annual Carols Service on Friday, 21st December. The evening will commence at 6 pm with a sausage sizzle, followed by the Carol Service.



Columban calendars and Christmas cards on sale in side porch

Call for peace, reconciliation and disarmament following killing of Jesuit Priest.

The Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar has released a statement calling for justice, reconciliation, peace and a complete disarmament in South Sudan following the brutal murder of Jesuit Fr Victor-Luke Odhiambo who was killed by unknown assailants who broke into the Jesuit residence in Cueibet on November 14.

MARY MACKILLOP:

Let self be forgotten and let God's glory, His will and the general good absorb our thoughts, deliberations and actions. 166.10.1898

Let us love and praise God in all. 9.7.1873

I want, first of all, to find you in peace and unity.

