

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 130 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

4th Sunday of Advent, Year C
22nd 23rd December 2018

Pope's Intention:

Evangelisation – in Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

We pray for peace in the world, especially those areas where conflict still exists.

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

For our deceased loved ones; may they live in the presence of the Lord forever

For those who are ill: Cheryl Hennessy, Joan Joshua (Anna's sister), Archbishop Francis Carroll, 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 and 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:

Judith Whittaker, Bill McDonald, Jean Gorman (nee McDonald), Sylvia Brotherton, Dorothy Ogilvy (anniv 24/12), Roger Haylock, Brenda Preston, Joe Hood, Betty Lomas, Kerry Letts, Jean Hepburn

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

Parish Team

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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

Jesus, be a guiding star before me.

Be a soothing wake behind me.

Be a rolling path below me.

Be a flaming hope within me.

Be all those things – now and forever.

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



PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN EACH WEEK FOR MASS/LITURGY TIMES

4th Sunday of Advent Year C

Mon: Christmas Eve Masses
5 pm Delegate,
6.30 pm Bombala

Tue: Christmas Day

Wed: Feast St. Stephen

Boxing Day

Mass 9.30 am Bombala

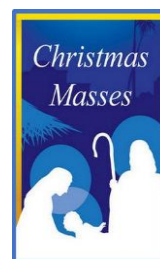
Thu:

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: 8 am Mass Delegate

10 am Mass Bombala



VIGIL MASSES

Christmas Eve

DELEGATE

5PM

BOMBALA

6.30PM

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

"It is consoling to hear that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is to be born. If Jesus justifies, who can condemn? If Christ heals, who can wound? If the Son of God exalts, who shall cast us down?"

From a sermon of St. Bernard.

CANDLE LITURGY

CELEBRANT: We have lit three candles – for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle – the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognise in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

Four candles are lit. Optional – sing one verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

ALL Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.

As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.

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.

Magnify your love within us.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ. AMEN.

QUIET PERSONAL REFLECTION

Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge

That God is always coming into the world.

We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger,

But in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.

May the blessings of Christmas make you a blessing to others;

May the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

We will welcome the challenge of discipleship.

We will offer ourselves as God's ministers.

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

Finding God in our World Reflection

Season of Joy – Week Four – The Presentation

That ritual purification when Jesus is presented in the Temple is important. But then Simeon enters the picture and the day takes on a striking new significance.

Prayer of the Faithful:

4th Sunday of Advent C

Leader: As we gather to hear God's word and to celebrate the coming of Christ in Communion and at Christmas, we bring before the Lord our needs and the needs of the whole world.

For Pope Francis and all Church leaders: that they may have discerning hearts to reveal God's love to the world.
We pray to the Lord:

For all responsible for enacting laws: that they always seek justice for all people.

We pray to the Lord:

For this community of faith: that we may be attentive to God's word in the Advent readings and respond by active preparation for Christ's coming.

We pray to the Lord:

For all in need: for the sick and the dying, for all who are lonely and feel unwanted and for all who are waiting for the birth of a child.

We pray to the Lord:

For those who live in abusive regimes or abusive relationships and for those who find Christmas a difficult time: help them to find fullness of life and freedom.

We pray to the Lord:

For those who have died especially our own deceased loved ones: may they enjoy God's presence forever.

We pray to the Lord:

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

Leader: Loving God, lift up our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Messiah and grant what we need through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Weekly Prayer Intentions

For an end to the culture of complaint and the birth of a new spirit of gratitude.

Daily Prayer Intentions

We pray for planet Earth, our common home. May the Spirit of creation stir us to take the vital steps needed to protect it for future generations.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

This appeal is conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds that are raised split for various areas.

Copy of Letter on Notice Boards.

Come Lord Jesus Rev. Carey Landry

- 1 Come Lord Jesus (3)
Come and be born in our hearts
- 2, Come O Prince of peace (3)
Come and be born in our hearts
3. Our hearts are open (3)
Come and be born in our hearts
4. Come Emmanuel (3)
Come and be born in our hearts

From the Big Bang to the First Christmas

All of life is sustained and intensified by those two greatest sacraments of the heart;
That first morning when the huge heart of the Creator spun the earth lovingly into being
And then, that enduring night when God's astonishing desire for us was revealed in the small heart of a starry-eyed and mystified child whom Christians call Jesus.
(Father Daniel O'Leary)

NOTICE

Thank you to everyone who donated for the SVdP hampers. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you and God bless.



Columban calendars and Christmas cards on sale in side porch

STAMPS: Please keep your used stamps for the Peruvian Missions. With many receiving Christmas cards, we ask that you put your stamps in a small paper or plastic bag and leave them in the Church porch or give them directly to Sister Teresa.

When angels spin your life around, turn you upside down, wrestle you to the ground, toss you high into the clouds Heaven only knows where you'll land!



MARY MACKILLOP:

*God has done wonders for us through our holy patron. 3.3.1903
Humility and truth will keep my loved children out of danger. 20.8.1884
May God bless and keep you all. 9.8.1894*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glorv to God. all glorv in the highest:

A THOUGHT

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

NATIVITY: Joy Cowley

Look now!

It's happening again!

Love like a high spring tide is swelling in fullness
and overflowing the banks of our small concerns.

And here again is the star,
that white flame of truth blazing the way for us
through a desert of tired words.

Once more comes the music,
Angel song that lifts our hearts and tunes our ears
to the harmony of the universe,
makes us wonder how we ever could have forgotten.

And now the Magi within us gathers up gifts
of gold and myrrh,

while that other part of ourselves,
the impulsive, reckless shepherd,
runs helter skelter with arms outstretched to embrace
the wonder of it all.

We have no words to contain our praise.

We ache with awe, we tremble with miracle,
as once again, in the small rough stable of our lives
Christ is born.

CANONISATION OF Archbishop Oscar Romero.

“Archbishop Romero, who left the security of the world, even his own safety, in order to give his life according to the Gospel, close to the poor and to his people, with a heart drawn to Jesus and his brothers and sisters”. (Pope Francis Oct. 2018)