



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 Baptism of The Lord Year C 12th 13th January 2019

Pope's Intention:

Young people and the example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

As Pope Francis has asked: We pray for peace in the world.

For our sick and infirm parishioners and for all in our aged care facilities: may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort.

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

For those who are ill: Little Florence from Cooma (2 y.o.), 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), Enid Stewart, Margo Birmingham, Brian Kelly (Maureen P's brother), Cheryl May.

Remembering their faith and love:

Jono Kidman, Madge Crotty (anniv.10/1) Ralph Sims (anniv 10/1), Tony Elliot (anniv 16/1), Brian Murphy, Peter Williams, Judith Whittaker, Bill McDonald, Sylvia Brotherton, 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

God wants us to be involved in His work. He wants to reach people and He counts on us. He doesn't need to, but He wants to count on us.

Bishop Richard Umbers.

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**

Baptism of The Lord Year C

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: Mass 9.30 am Bombala

Thu:

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: 8 am Mass DELEGATE

10 am Mass BOMBALA

**NO ROSARY OR ADORATION IN
JANUARY**

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.

FATHER JOHN VALLAYIL

We had a beautiful email from Father John, received Christmas Day and I will include some of it for you all.

"Once again we are celebrating the great feast of Christmas. May Jesus who was born among us bring us, peace, joy and above all salvation. Hope everything is fine in Bombala. You are in my regular prayers.

All of us keep fine. This year we have 115 seminarians in residence. They are doing well. Fifteen of our Deacons will be ordained Priests in the coming weeks. Please pray for them.

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas, happy 2019 and praying for your personal intentions, I remain.
Yours in Our Lord,
Fr. John Vallayil"*

...Isn't it amazing the number of Seminarians and the number to be ordained, and we get excited if we have 2!!!!!!!

PRAYER:

Remember us, O God,
From age to age, be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever. Amen

Finding God in our World Reflection

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany, last Sunday, reminds us that in their Gospels, Matthew and Mark gather together stories about the childhood of Jesus, each pointing to different aspects of his significance. They both bring out the unique importance of Jesus in God's plan. He is the Son of God come among us for the salvation of the world.

Prayer of the Faithful: Baptism of the Lord Year C

Leader: Aware that we are the beloved sons and daughters of God, we pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

For the Church: On this feast, may all Christians allow the Spirit of Jesus into their lives and remember that each of us is a beloved child of God.

We pray to the Lord:

For all people on the earth: for peace and good will, for reconciliation and forgiveness, and for an end to terrorism.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray for freedom and hope for asylum seekers and all people held in oppression or injustice: may they be allowed to live in freedom and hope.

We pray to the Lord:

That all Christians will respond to their baptismal vocation in their families, in society and in the Church.

We pray to the Lord:

Loving God, bring healing to those who are sick, hope to those in despair and comfort to the lonely and housebound.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray for all who have died especially..., may they rejoice forever in the presence of Christ and bring comfort to those who are grieving their loss.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray through Mary's intercession for our personal cares and concerns: **Hail Mary**.....

Leader: Loving God, hear our prayers and send your Spirit to us, that like Jesus, we may be instruments of your goodness and truth.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Intention

For all who search for a wisdom to live by, that they will be led to Christ, the light of the world.

Daily Prayer Intention

For the many Christians who suffer persecution, oppression or harassment for their faith, that they will take heart from our solidarity with and support for them.

In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the riches of the Bible are opened to them.....GIRM 57

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

STAMPS: Please keep your stamps for the St. Joseph's Peruvian mission.
Have you kept your Christmas card stamps and placed them in the plastic folder at Bombala, or leave them for Sister Teresa at Delegate.



**Columban calendars on sale
in side porch**

Prayer

O God, you raised up Mary MacKillop in your Church to found a Religious Order dedicated to the education of children.
May we, as members of the church today, be attentive to the children in our midst who receive no education and to those with little knowledge of their faith.
May we, like her, follow Christ the teacher as we preach the Gospel through our daily lives.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.
St. Mary of the Cross, teaching God's little ones, pray for us.

Sing A New Song Schutte 1972

*Sing a new song unto the Lord
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing alleluia*

Yahweh's people dance for joy
O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound

Rise O children from your sleep your saviour now has come
He has turned your sorrow to joy and filled your soul with song

Mary MacKillop – Teacher and Educator

In the spirit of Jesus the teacher, Mary combined a love of children with a desire that education should be available to all. Mary sent her Sisters to remote areas to ensure that economic hardship and distance was no barrier to providing a basic education to those in isolated communities. It also concerned her that people in these far-flung communities had very little understanding of their faith. It was remembered by the Sisters that Religious Education classes were to be held at 12 noon. This meant that children in country places who often had to walk to school or do farm duties before they came, did not miss out on what Mary considered the most important lesson of the day.

(Prayer and Reflection-Celebrating Mary MacKillop: Sr. Monica Cavanagh, rsj)

Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence.
Verbum Domini (2010) 66

“Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.”
Pope Francis, Laudato Si’ #13

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:

*Let not your cross make you unhappy. 28.2.1890
Do not, for the sake of defending one or two, shrink from speaking the plain, open truth. 21.11.1871
The love of Jesus is too strong for me not to cling to. 1873*