



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

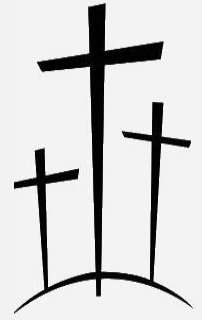
Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 132 years

Monaro & South Coast Parishes transferred to Goulburn Diocese 1917

First priestly vocation - Fr Ernest Baragry ordained as Missionary of the Sacred Heart 1941

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



1st Sunday of Advent Year A
28th 29th November 2020

Prayer Intentions

Pope's Intention:

Artificial Intelligence:

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

We thank God for all the recent rain and the lovely lush growth that we are seeing in the paddocks.

We pray for the Pharmaceutical companies working on a vaccine for Corona virus; may their research be ethical as we await this vaccine to prevent us all from the Virus.

We pray for those who are sick in our local communities and their families and friends who also are unwell. May they be comforted by God's healing graces.

We pray during November, for all the Holy Souls and for those parishioners and family who are in God's care; may they rest in His peace.

May the Sick be Comforted by our Prayers:

John Crotty, John Vincent, Terry Perkins, Daryl White, Holly Stewart (1 yr old), Stewart Reed, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Cheryl Hennesse,

Remembering their faith and love:

Ida Feld, Natalie Ingram, Gwen Kimber, Ellen Atkins, Jareth Hillyer, Carol Badewitz (anniv. 1/12), Nola Hehir (anniv. 1/12), Helen Parkes (anniv. 6/12)

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

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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 doesn't want our deeds;
God wants the love that prompts them.**

Saint Teresa of Avila

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 A

Mon: Feast St. Andrew, Apostle

Tue:

Wed: Children's Mass 9.30 am
Bombala

Thu: Sister Teresa at Delegate
Feast St. Francis Xavier

Fri:

Sat: Vigil Mass 6 pm DELEGATE

Sun: BOMBALA 8 am Mass

NOTICE

Church clean for Christmas Thurs
3rd Dec. At 10am

“Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation.” Pope Francis

“Building bridges, rather than walls is a familiar theme of Pope Francis’ teaching”

Weekly Prayer Intention:

We pray for a new spirit of social friendship and human solidarity that bears fruit in works of mercy.

Daily Prayer Intention:

We pray for the naked, that economies driven by consumption will be converted to economies of inclusion and generosity.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD:

Dance of inclusion and exclusion

Social inclusion Week is a good time to reflect on how and why we include and exclude others, and the lasting effects of exclusion and rejection.

Daily Blessing – God the Weaver

May God the Weaver be with you. May you gaze with wonder at the tapestry of your life. As you recall the people who have threaded your life and the experiences that have been woven into your story, may you see what God sees: a work of art reflecting a wondrous pattern of God’s making, laced with God’s love and abiding presence. May you entrust all that is yet to come into God’s hands. May God the Weaver bless you. –

Maxine Shonk, OP

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS:

These books are available @ \$3.00 each and there are some on the front seat, or with the Vincents. Please give your money to John or Anna or put it on the collection plate with a paper wrapping please. Then we can pass on the money to the Cooma office to pay our share.

STAMPS WANTED:

Used stamps wanted for the **Josephite Mission in Peru.**

Please keep your stamps and those of family members and give them to Sister Teresa or leave them for Sister in the Church porches. Please discard stamps that are heavily franked, torn or have biro or felt pen lines across them.

**Prayer of the Faithful
1st Sunday of Advent B**

Celebrant: In a spirit of openness to what God wants of us this Advent we recall our needs and the needs of all God’s people.

For the Church, its leaders and people: that we continue to grow in faith and renew our appreciation of God’s presence in our lives and in all of creation during Advent. We pray to the Lord:

For those in positions of public trust: that they may promote the dignity and freedom of all people. We pray to the Lord:

For all in need, for the sick and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners and those in danger: that they may be renewed in faith, steadfast in hope and filled with love. We pray to the Lord:

For families: that they be supported with safe housing, good medical care and good schools. We pray to the Lord:

For the protection of those on front line services: may they be blessed in their work and kept safe from all danger. We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed: may our prayers accompany them to the place that Jesus has prepared for them. We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady’s intercession for our special concerns: We pray: **Hail Mary...**

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.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards on sale at side porch.
Pkt. Of 8 for \$4
SVdP Christmas hampers in the Church.

RETIRED PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Our Parish collection for this work was \$360-00. Sorry we forgot to advise this earlier.

BLEST BE THE LORD Dan Shutte

*Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy,
The God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings
I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
No arrow strike me down, no evil settle in my soul.

ABBA FATHER Carey Landry

*Abba. Abba, Father, You are the potter
We are the clay, the work of Your hands.*

Mould us, mould us and fashion us,
Into the image of Jesus your Son, of Jesus, Your Son.

Father, may we be one with you,
As He is in You, and You are in Him. and You are in Him.

Carry me Lord

Carry me Lord to peace and shelter,
O carry me Lord from wind and rain.
Remember your promise, O Shepherd of Israel,
I will be yours and you will be mine.

Carry me Lord to light and safety,
O carry me Lord from dark despair,
Remember your promise, O shepherd of Israel,
I will be yours and you will be mine.

Carry me Lord to love and freedom,
O carry me Lord from hate and fear.
Remember your promise, O shepherd of Israel,
I will be yours and you will be mine.

City of God Dan Shutte

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.

“We are called to be Neighbours without Borders”continued from last week

Little wonder that Pope Francis loves the parable of the Good Samaritan, so attuned as it is to his own mode of teaching. Neither Jesus’ parable nor Francis’ encyclical indulge in abstract moralizing about how to respond when one chances upon a person in need. Trusting in the best of the human spirit, both call for a simple human response of love. Love “does not care if a brother or sister in need comes from one place or another. For love shatters the chains that keep us isolated and separate; in their place, it builds bridges.” (#62)

Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan in answer to the question asked of him: Who is my neighbour? In Jesus’ time, as in ours, a neighbour usually meant someone like us, ‘one of us’. Samaritans were not neighbours of the Jews. “Jesus, himself a Jew, completely transforms this approach. He asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbour, but rather that we ourselves become neighbours to all.” (#80)

The Samaritan traveller gave the wounded man on the dangerous Jerusalem to Jericho road one of our most precious commodities – the gift of time. Francis observes that in our frenetic world we cling tightly to time. Yet we become a neighbour, we build bridges and break down walls, by first giving of our time.

To be continued next week

(From The Sisters of the Good Samaritan “The Good Oil”)



MARY MACKILLOP:

Be faithful in little things. 30.6.1873

Do pray with confidence. 16.2.1874

Keep your minds in peace whatever happens. 15.9.1890

The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent, Year B

29 November 2020

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your
ways
and harden our hearts against fearing
you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens
open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains
would melt.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen

any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy
clothing.

We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the
wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our
sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we
implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has
planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you
have chosen,
the man you have given your
strength.
And we shall never forsake you
again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through Jesus
Christ. I thank him that you have been
enriched in so many ways, especially
in your teachers and preachers; the
witness to Christ has indeed been
strong among you so that you will not
be without any of the gifts of the Spirit
while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus
Christ to be revealed; and he will keep
you steady and without blame until
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and
God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your
guard, stay awake, because you never
know when the time will come. It is like
a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in
charge, each with his own task; and he
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.
So stay awake, because you do not
know when the master of the house is
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he
must not find you asleep. And what I say
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus
cautions his disciples to be constantly
vigilant and to be alert to the return of
the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin
the season of Advent. Advent has
traditionally been observed as a time of
preparation and waiting. It culminates in
the Christmas season and so the waiting
and preparation is related to the
celebration of the coming of Christ into
the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this
Advent is also a call to stay awake and
stay alert in faith. One of the great
challenges to faith today is the
complacency that has taken hold of
many in our society. When life is
comfortable, the perceived need for faith
appears to diminish. Many young people
in our society cannot see the value of
religious belief or religious practice. In a
world of instant communication and
instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and
slow work of faith can seem too much
effort for some people. The gospel call to
stay awake in preparation for the coming
of the Lord is a call to continue the work
of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Over the last three weeks, the gospel
passages from Matthew 25 were
reminders about continuing to prepare
for the coming of the Kingdom. This
week, with the beginning of Advent, it is
the gospel of Mark that also reminds us
that we cannot take the Kingdom for
granted and must remain vigilant in
working to realise the Kingdom. This
vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing
our own faith life as well as making a
difference in the lives of those around us
and the needy in society. Rather than
'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to
be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to
pay closer attention to faith and perhaps
this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

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