



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



3rd Sunday of Advent Year B
12th 13th December 2020

Prayer Intentions

Pope's Intention: **For a Life of Prayer**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

We pray for our 5 Year 6 students who are graduating from St. Joseph's Primary School this year. May they enjoy their years of High school and continue to grow further as fine young people.

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.

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.

May The Sick be Comforted by our Prayers: Sue Robinson, John Vincent, Terry Perkins, Daryl White, Holly Stewart (1 yr old), Stewart Reed, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Cheryl Hennessey.

Remembering their faith and love:

Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare), Ida Feld, Natalie Ingram, Gwen Kimber, Ellen Atkins, Carol Badewitz (anniv. 1/12), Nola Hehir (anniv. 1/12), Helen Parkes (anniv. 6/12), Dot Ogilvy (anniv. 24/12), Jareth Hillyer (anniv. 29/12), Peter Williams (anniv. 29/12)

"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.

RECONCILIATION in

preparation for Christmas will be
held this Thursday, 17th Dec. at 7
pm in St Mary's Church Bombala.

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**

3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

Mon: Feast St John of the Cross
Tue:

Wed: Final school Mass for
2020 9.30 am Bombala

Thu: Reconciliation 7 pm
St Mary's Church

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: 8 am Mass DELEGATE
10 am Mass BOMBALA

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Meet Him with joy
Advent is a time for reflecting
on how we want to be found
when Christ returns as king
and judge.*

Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP

CHRISTMAS MASSES: CHRISTMAS EVE

Delegate 5PM - Bombala 6.30PM - Cooma 6.30PM - Nimmitabel 9PM

CHRISTMAS DAY - Cooma 9AM



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

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 experience.

CANDLE LITURGY

LEADER: 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 within 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. (Three candles are lit – 1 pink and 2 purple)

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.

For quiet reflection

Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice
For God has created you with the capacity for you to love.

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.

The Third Sunday in Advent is **Gaudete Sunday**. **Gaudete** means “rejoice” in Latin. This name comes from the first line of the opening prayer for the 3rd Sunday in Advent, which encourages Parishioners to “rejoice in the Lord always.”

Prayer of the Faithful 3rd Sunday of Advent

Leader: With a sense of joyful expectation on this Gaudete Sunday, we bring before the Lord our needs and the needs of the Church and the world.

For the Church: that it may proclaim with a renewed sense of hope the word of the Lord:

We pray to the Lord:

For leaders of nations and governments: in the darkness of our world give them passion to create a more just society.

We pray to the Lord:

For peace in the world: God of peace, help us to renounce whatever separates us from you and our brothers and sisters. May nations torn by racial and religious prejudices find a way to embrace peace with justice.

We pray to the Lord:

For all families: may they know the blessings of Advent and may those who are estranged forgive one another and be reconciled.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray that all human life- especially the unborn, the elderly and the disabled- would be protected and cherished and treated with dignity and respect.

We pray to the Lord:

For those who have died and especially for Tori Finnane (nee O’Hare): gladden them O Lord with the light of your face and may those who grieve their passing come to know peace, hope and love.

We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady’s intercession for our special needs:

We pray: **Hail Mary...**

Leader: God of hope and consolation, we rejoice and give thanks that you are always near to those who call on you.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord and saviour. **Amen.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS & HAMPERS

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve

DELEGATE 5 PM Vigil

BOMBALA 6.30 PM Vigil.

(Both these Masses may be held outdoors, however, you will be advised whether to bring your own chair or picnic rug)

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

13 December 2020

First Reading Is 61:1-2.10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn1:6-8.19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

St John's Gospel never calls John, 'the Baptist'. No, he is John the Witness: 'a witness to speak for the Light'. We discover in this Gospel that this light is embodied in Jesus Christ, most graphically portrayed in the Transfiguration when Christ's body is radiant, translucent, with Divine Light.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the One who came to liberate human beings from the many dark captivities which imprison them, the One who vanquished the inky blackness of the tomb.

We can become partakers in the life of this Divine Light. At baptism, this is symbolised by the lighting of a small candle from the great Easter candle which is sung into the church on the Easter Vigil as 'Christ our Light', the Conqueror of Death.

As a baptised people our allegiance to 'The Light' is not to be a private matter between 'me and God'. No, like John, we must bear witness to 'The Light' by being instruments of His power to dispel the darkness which can enshroud people's lives.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to fulfil the promise of our baptismal candle so that we might more authentically celebrate the birth of the Divine Light come into human history.

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Micah's Theme Anne Kelly

Hear then what Yahweh asks of you, to live justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive, knock and it shall be yours.

Father your Kingdom come, may your will be done.

“We are called to be Neighbours without Borders”

(continued from last week)

Pope Francis is a realist and acknowledges that “*All of us have in ourselves something of the wounded man, something of the robber, something of the passers-by, and something of the Good Samaritan.*” (#69) There are many ways that we “pass by”.

“We can retreat inwards, ignore others, or be indifferent to their plight”. (#73). Elsewhere, Francis has said, “*You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That’s how prayers works.*”

To be a neighbour without a border requires that the common good trumps individual and sectional interest and indifference. Don’t we see this starkly played out in the response to restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic? We – the world that is – cannot beat this virus without a commitment to the common good. Conversely, we witness the disastrous consequences when individuals self-servingly flout restrictions. “I’d rather die than be told to wear a mask”, said one angry protestor.

I can be the Good Samaritan that I claim to be by giving my time, being committed to the common good and acting as a neighbour – a neighbour without any border. It occurs to me that Jesus and Pope Francis are calling all of us to be Good Samaritans.

Sister Patty Fawcner, sgs

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

“Like us, the Samaritan had his own plans for the day, his own needs and priorities. But he saw that the injured stranger was deserving of his time and attention.”

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.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the remnant Christian communities of the Holy Land, that they will stay strong and true to their faith in Christ.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for the elders of indigenous communities around Australia, that they be respected and heeded in their role as custodians of country.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD:

The unsettling sound of silence.

In the New Testament, John the Baptist is the figure who points to both the here and now, and the yet more to come.

CONGRATULATIONS to **CONNOR REED** from Year 5 who was awarded the St Mary MacKillop Parish prize for being such a caring and thoughtful young man.

A THOUGHT

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



MARY MACKILLOP:

Though many of us will be far apart, we can be united in spirit and pray for each other at the Crib and at the Altar. 7.12.1899

“Love one another, each one always, in good or bad, not minding how things seem” 25.9.1873