



# 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

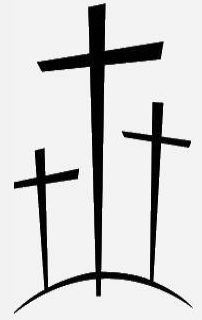
Schools 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886, Delegate 1921

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



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B**  
**19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 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 those travelling on our roads over the Christmas and New Year times, may their journeys be safe and uneventful and may their joining with families and friends be a happy and holy time.

**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:** Jen Farrell, 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:

Merv Platts, Eileen Walder, Nell Akmens, 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."**

### 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

*At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that, in Christ, we are related to one another and all of creation.*

### 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**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B**

**Mon:**

**Tue:**

**Wed:** Mass 9.30 am Bombala

**Thur:** Christmas Vigil 5 pm  
DELEGATE

Christmas Vigil 6.30 pm  
BOMBALA

Christmas Vigil 9 pm  
NIMMITABEL

**Fri:** BIRTH OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

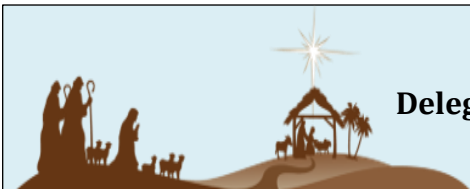
**Sat:** 6 pm Liturgy of the Word & HC DELEGATE

**Sun:** 9 am Liturgy of the Word & HC BOMBALA

### 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

*“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 recognize 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.

### ***For 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.

### **Weekly Prayer Intention**

We pray for the young people of the world, that they inspire each other to live with hope, courage and joy.

### **Daily Prayer Intention**

For the people of Australia, that the commissions of enquiry into aged care, the disabled, bushfire management and war crimes will make the nation safer and healthier.

### **Prayer of the Faithful 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Celebrant:** Gathered to hear God’s word in anticipation of our Christmas celebrations, 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 those responsible for enacting laws: that they always seek justice for their people. We pray to the Lord:

For Families: that scattered families may be reunited and that Christ’s coming may bring a new joy into all our relationships. We pray to the Lord:

For all in need: for the sick and the dying, for all who are lonely or depressed and for all who are waiting for the birth of a child. We pray to the Lord:

For those who have suffered from too much rain and for those who haven’t had enough: may God supply all their needs in his own good time. We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for Merv Platts, Eileen Walder and Nel Akmens: may they enjoy God’s presence forever. We pray to the Lord:

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

**Celebrant:** 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.

### **FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD:**

#### **Keeping our eyes open**

Christmas should not be primarily marked by being anxious about sin, but by being filled with a growing sense of joy.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

**DELEGATE 5 PM Christmas Eve Vigil (Outdoor)**

**BOMBALA 6.30 PM Vigil (Indoor)**

### **NEW YEARS DAY**

**BOMBALA: Mass 12 noon**

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**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

**Hail Mary: Gentle Woman**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women, and blest is the  
fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death. Amen

Gentle women, quiet light, morning star, so strong  
and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us  
wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;  
You were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women  
And for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women,  
Blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

**NOTICE:**

Thank you to everyone, including the school  
community, who so generously donated for the  
SVdP hampers. We were overwhelmed by your  
generosity. Thank you and God bless.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS  
AND ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS  
FOOD AND HELP YOU HAVE GIVEN TO VINNIES FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS. YOU ARE FANTASTIC!

**Eucharist Song**

This is my Body, take now and share  
Deep in the memory of my own prayer.

This is my Blood come drink and live,  
In all completeness this power I give.

You are my people My chosen friends  
Come share the Spirit my Father sends.

And hold within you in constant hope,  
My peaceful presence gift of my heart.

**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;

*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!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

**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)

**STAMPS:** Please keep your used stamps for the  
Josephite 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.

**A THOUGHT**

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



**MARY MACKILLOP:**

*Be generous and then God will love and bless you. 20.8.1886*  
*I am not afraid of difficulties. They rather make my courage rise. 26.3.1873*  
*Be not hasty in judging one another. 15.11.1878*  
*Remember on this earth no one is perfect. 28.10.1889*

# The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

20 December 2020

## First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

*The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29. R. see v.2**

**(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'  
I will keep my love for him always;  
or him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 16:25-27

*The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 1:26-38

*You will conceive and bear a son.*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter

We have reached the final Sunday in the season of Advent – a time of preparing ourselves to recognise and celebrate Christ's presence in the world, both historically and in an ongoing, timeless way. This week's gospel account of the Annunciation is an ideal culmination to this season as we recall Mary's emphatic 'Yes' to all that was being asked of her. At the end of the Advent season of reflection and preparation to recognise Christ's presence in the world and in our lives, what better response could there be than to simply say, 'Yes'?

In a world that is driven by selfishness and the drive to push one's self ahead of others, Mary's selfless act stands as a challenge to our modern society. Even in her own time, Mary's decision must have been an enormously difficult one – one that had the potential to bring great shame on herself and Joseph. Yet, her decision is made swiftly and in faith. She trusts God absolutely and gives her life over into God's hands. That is perhaps the supreme act of faith; to say 'Yes' to God so completely that you are prepared to hand over direction and control of your own life.

Few of us tend to be visited by angels who lay out God's plan for us as clearly as Gabriel did for Mary. For most of us, it is a challenge to discern God's desire for us; to realise what it is that we are called to do and then give ourselves fully to that call. In the hustle and bustle of life, it is difficult to hear anything that God may be trying to ask of us. Perhaps the example of Mary's 'Yes' is a reminder to be still enough to hear the question in the first place!