



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Third Sunday of Advent Year A 11 December 2022



“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*



PRAYER INTENTIONS



Popes Intention Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

We pray for all those injured and homeless in our violent world, as a result of war or terrorism.

We pray for the sick, dying and vulnerable and for those who care for the, may they know the loving presence of Jesus

We pray for all who have died, that God would gather them to himself for eternal peace.

We pray for the many homeless and distressed people in Myanmar, who are suffering with their war.

We pray for all who are sick, may the healing love of God strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits:

Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Maddie Manning, Christine Cowell, Marty Brick, Carl Crotty, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham



Year of Walking Together

Pastoral

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon: End of Year
Presentation & Awards**
High School Hall 12.30pm

Tue: Feast of St Lucy

**Wed: Graduation and End of
Year School Mass**
Bombala 9.30am
Feast of St John of the Cross

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
followed by Morning tea for
Fr Mick
Mass Bombala 10am
followed by Morning tea for
Fr Mick



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Jerry Johnson

December Anniversaries
Carol Badewitz, Vin Crotty
Del Duffell, Tori Finnane
Kitty Guthrie, Nola Hehir
Jareth Hillyer, Brian Murphy
Toby Mustard, Brian Nash
Kevin O'Mara, Dot Ogilvy
Helen Parkes, Mort Smith
Jim Twigg

**“We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death.”**



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

Pope Francis



DELEGATE: Christmas Eve Mass 5pm
BOMBALA: Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm
**Father Bernie Patterson will
be our celebrant and
Sister Jenny will be accompanying him.**

**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



Be obedient in heart and deed. 23.3.1878
Help one another and forgive and forget anything painful in the past. 9.8.1881
Be on your guard against exaggerating in the smallest matter. 17.12.1883
We may feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them.
14.4.1882

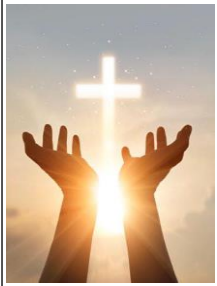
CANDLE LITURGY



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD *The good people do*

The world would be a poorer place without non-profit organisations that provide a place for volunteers.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who wield authority in the world, that guided by God's Spirit they will care for creation and be instruments of peace.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for dioceses holding their own synods or preparing for the Synod on Synodality. May those who take part be enthused by the manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



LEADER: We bring our Advent prayers to God in a spirit of joyful expectation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

READER: For the Church: that all its members may take up Pope Francis' call to renew their covenant with the Lord and live in the 'Joy of the Gospel'. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For leaders of nations and governments: may they be filled with a passion for peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children everywhere: may they be blessed with families who celebrate Christ among them at Christmas. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are grieving, troubled or depressed: may they experience a new heart and renewed hope in the care and compassion of others. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For refugees held in detention: that compassion may prevail over politics. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have died and especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they enjoy God's friendship for ever. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray..**Hail Mary....**

LEADER: Loving God, hear our prayers and renew our faith in your presence with us as we wait in joyful hope to celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

The effects of the war in Ukraine are being felt all over the world



Pope Francis has stated that the war between Russia and Ukraine is an example of the "globalisation of problems" with the far-felt effects of the energy and food crises. In a message to heads of state and other civil authorities participating in a high-level conference on geopolitics in Rome early December, the pope said that the food crisis in particular is affecting "a growing number of people all over the world, especially in the poorest countries."

"The Ukrainian conflict is in fact producing enormous repercussions in North African countries, which depend for 80% on grain from Ukraine or Russia," Pope Francis said. "This crisis urges us to consider the totality of the real situation from a global perspective, just as its effects are global."

The pope explained that "just as it is not possible to think of tackling the energy crisis apart from the political one, one cannot at the same time solve the food crisis apart from the persistence of conflicts." "Nor can the extent of human suffering be taken into consideration without taking into account the social crisis, in which, for economic or political gain, the value of the human person is diminished, and human rights are trampled upon," he added. The pope's message was delivered to the Rome Med - Mediterranean Dialogues conference in Rome. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosts the annual high-level meeting.

Source: Catholic News



A THOUGHT:
We want this Church to be here for our kids and grandkids and their kids thereafter!



What did the wise men say after they'd offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?

Wait, there's myrrh to come.....

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1. GLORY AND PRAISE Dan Schutte

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.

Many are the blessing he bears to those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings. **R**

2. In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. **R**

3. God has watered our barren land and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink. **R**

2. BE NOT AFRAID St Louis Jesuits

1. You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live **R**

**Refrain: Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all **R**

Christmas Blessings from the Sisters

Sr Teresa, and her sister, Sr Betty (Bridget), recently spent a few weeks in Sydney and caught with many people including friends from Bombala & Delegate. Sr Teresa and Sr Betty both now reside in Perth. Sr Teresa was pleased to receive past copies of the Parish Bulletin and proudly endorsed our new 'Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion' updated for 2023. Along with Sr Elly Fogarty, who is no stranger to our parish, our lovely Josephites pass on their blessings to all their friends in Bombala & Delegate and wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas.



Sr Elly, Sr Betty & Sr Teresa



Father Mick's Farewell's Sunday 18 December

At Delegate, Morning tea will follow the 8am Mass in St Joseph's School Centre. Should you wish to give a contribution for a gift please give it to Sandra Walker.

At Bombala, Morning tea will follow the 10am Mass. A gift for Father has been ordered and should you wish to give a contribution please give it to Anna or John (or this weekend to John or Nola B).



CHRISTMAS NOVENA PASTORAL NOTES

The Christmas novena COMMENCES ON 17 December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth. This is the time to begin to sing Christmas carols in the liturgy.

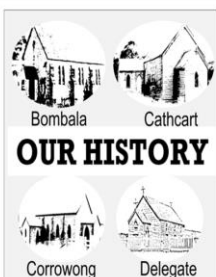
Christmas

Cards

On sale at
side porch Bombala
Price on packets

BOMBALA TIMES
Reconciliation for Christmas
Tuesday 20 Dec. 7pm
Mid-Week Mass
Wednesday 28 Dec. 9.30am
New Year's Day Mass
Time Change to 5pm, Bombala

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



The first Catholics arrived in the area from 1826 as assigned servants (convicts). Scottish, Irish, and later German immigrants built up the presence from 1833. Father Patrick Newman was the first resident priest in 1864. Prior to this, priests came from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were built in Bombala 1867 & 1942 (St Mary's), Delegate 1877 & 1915, (St Joseph's), Cathcart 1878 (St John's) and Corrowong 1894 (St Peter's). Schools opened in 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886 and Delegate 1921. In 1888 the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have provided continuous ministry for 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes were transferred from the Sydney Archdiocese to Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. Our first priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry who was ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. Delegate was a Parish in its own right from 1954-1972. 2008 saw the welcoming of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate celebrated its Centenary in 2015.



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Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

11 December 2022

First Reading Is 35:1-6, 10

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 5:7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the

spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 Mt 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. *Those* are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

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