



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 12 JANUARY 2025



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Response:(R)** Lord, hear our prayer

**LEADER:** Dear friends, today we look to Jesus, baptised by John and named from heaven as God's Beloved Son. Let us pray for the world as the baptised children of God.

**READER:** For Pope Francis and all the bishops of the church. May they be spirited ministers of the gospel and faithful shepherds of the flock. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all who depend on community services that are reduced at this time of year. May the support of family, friends and volunteers see them safely through. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** people living in lands of drought and water scarcity. May governments cooperate to ensure supplies of safe clean water are justly shared. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** defence personnel engaged in peacekeeping in places of hatred and violence. May they succeed in keeping communities safe and reducing tension. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** emergency and essential service workers on duty through the summer holidays. May they keep themselves and the whole community safe. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**LEADER:** Holy God and Father of Jesus, you looked with favour on your Beloved Son. Bless us always as your adopted daughters and sons. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION JANUARY

##### For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**We pray** for those who devote themselves to a life of prayer in community, that they will know God's favour rests on them.

**We pray** for the church in Australia. May parishes and dioceses progress on the path of synodality this year.

**We pray** the bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful of Australia's country dioceses, especially those that are most remote and under-resourced. May their grass-roots ministry strengthen the solidarity of local communities.



**We pray** for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, John Elliott, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



### PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Saint Hilary  
**SUN** Mass Delegate 8am  
*Morning tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre*  
**Mass Bombala 10am**

Please note that there will be no weekday Mass until further notice. Fr Mark is recuperating from a small operation, and Fr Kose will be on leave from January 13 to February 18. We wish Fr Mark a speedy recovery and Fr Kose a safe and happy holiday with family in India. The Archdiocese is actively seeking relief clergy. There may be some changes to next weekend's Masses. To be advised.



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

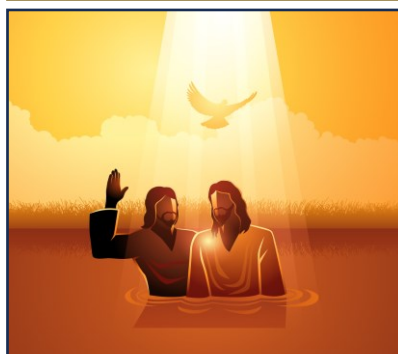
**Recently Deceased**  
Ruth Clarke

#### January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear  
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker  
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch  
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman  
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead  
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley  
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts  
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith  
Lena Spoljaric, Doris Thompson  
Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg  
Ruth Walker, Mary Williams

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

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**

**Birth of Mary, Victoria, 15.1.1842**  
**183 years ago.**

## READINGS

### FIRST READING: PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R)

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. (R)

### SECOND READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL OF LUKE:

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. 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 Heaven above! Glory to God, in the highest:

### 2. Christ Be Our Light

*Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see. *Refrain*

**Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

## REFLECTION BY SR DIANNE BERGANT CSA



This Christological feast brings to a close the Christmas season that reveals who God is for us and who we are to be for others in Christ. The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the messiah of God.

The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah that God intends Jesus to be. He will be a servant, one who, though mighty, is gentle, one who is chosen by the high God yet committed to the needy and the marginal, one who is the proclaimed Son of God and who still attends to the least within the human community. He may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. For whom did the messiah of God come? He came for people who were broken and suffering, blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins, beyond our view, where the circumstances of their lives will not trouble us – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who for any number of reasons threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.



## POPE AT EPIPHANY MASS: STAR CALLS ALL TO SEEK CHRIST IN PILGRIMAGE

At the Epiphany Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis reflected on the star that guided the Magi to Jesus, emphasising its significance as a symbol of God's universal call to unity and love. The Pope described the star as "bright," embodying selfless love that illuminates others, and urged believers to lead others to Christ through faith, compassion and kindness. He highlighted its visibility to all, emphasising that Christ's light is for everyone, transcending barriers of ethnicity, language and exclusion, and called for a culture of welcome and peace. Finally, he noted the star's role in guiding pilgrims, encouraging all to embark on a journey of faith and mercy, embodying humility and generosity as followers "of the Way" to encounter and honour Christ. (*Vatican News*)