



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A 18 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 our Community as we prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas.

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

We pray for the souls of the two police officers who lost their lives in Queensland and for others involved in that violent attack.

We pray for our deceased relatives and parishioners. May our prayers accompany them to their heavenly reward.

We pray for the sick and for the terminally ill and for all those who care for them:

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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PARISH CALENDAR

Tue: Reconciliation Bombala 7pm

Wed: Mass 9.30am Bombala

Sat: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Delegate 5pm
Bombala 6.30pm

Sun: Christmas Day
Nativity of the Lord



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Dale Sproates

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."



"You love Father Mick,
I love Father Mick
We all love Father Mick!"

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Delegate Centenary 2015



CHRISTMAS EVE
DELEGATE: 5pm
BOMBALA: 6.30pm
COOMA: 6.30pm
NIMMITABEL: 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
PAMBULA: 8am
COOMA: 9.30am
MERIMBULA: 10am



Thank God for all his mercies and love. 27.6.1873
God is all goodness and love. 2.1.1880
Remember on this earth no one is perfect. 28.10.1889
Be not hasty in judging one another. 15.11.1878

Please save your used stamps for the Josephite Mission in Peru. The Mission group has had another wonderful year, raising approx. \$42,500 A great effort from many people! From 2001 till now the total raised is \$486,000 (almost 1/2 a million)

CANDLE LITURGY



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.**

ALL: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with our 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.**



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Moments of peace.

Through our days and weeks there are little scenes of peace - we just need to recognise them.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all practitioners of healing, in body, mind or spirit, that their care for the wellbeing of others will be wise and loving.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who languish in refugee camps around the world, especially children who have known no other life, that their basic needs for food, shelter, safety and sanitation will be met.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT: In a spirit of anticipation, we bring our prayer to the Lord.

READER: For the Church that all Christians may put their faith in the reality that God is with us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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. **(R)**

For people living in the midst of war and devastation and for victims of natural disasters. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick and suffering members of our community and for those who have asked us to pray for them: may they experience the divine healing of Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our deceased loved ones especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they enjoy God's presence for ever. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs, especially for the people of Ukraine and other war-torn countries. We pray.. **Hail Mary....**

CELEBRANT: 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**

Pope Francis breaks down and cries while mentioning Ukraine at public prayer



Pope Francis broke down and cried recently as he mentioned the suffering of Ukrainians during a traditional prayer in central Rome. The pope's voice began to tremble as he mentioned the Ukrainians and he had to stop, unable to speak, for about 30 seconds. When he resumed the prayer, his voice was cracking. The crowd, including Rome Mayor Roberto Gualtieri who was right next to the pope, applauded when they realised he was unable to talk and saw him crying.

The Pope broke down during a traditional prayer to the Madonna at the foot of a statue on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a national holiday in Italy. "Immaculate Virgin, today I would have wanted to bring you the thanks of the Ukrainian people (for peace)," he said before being overwhelmed by emotion and having to stop.

When he was able to, he continued: "Instead, once again I have to bring you the pleas of children, of the elderly, of fathers and mothers, of the young people of that martyred land, which is suffering so much." Since Russia invaded its neighbour in February, Pope Francis has mentioned Ukraine in nearly all his public appearances and has grown increasingly critical of Moscow. When one of journalists mentioned to Francis that she had seen him overcome with emotion, he responded: "Yes. It (the war in Ukraine) is an enormous suffering, a defeat for humanity."

Source: Catholic News

BOMBALA RECONCILIATION & MASS TIMES

Reconciliation for Christmas Tuesday 20 Dec. 7pm Mid-Week Mass Wednesday 28 Dec. 9.30am

New Year's Day Mass Bombala 5pm – Note no Mass in Delegate



Our dear Father Mick

Your farewell is a moment of sadness for us, but we wish you all the best so that you achieve success. Thank you, goodbye for now and please stay in touch.

May God watch over you and shower his blessings and love on you forever.

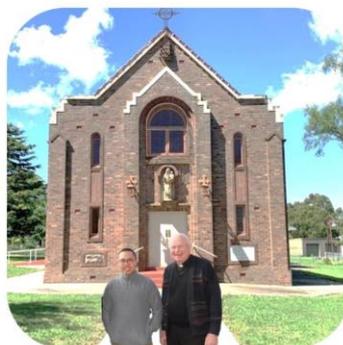
Fr Mick MacAndrew, of the Monaro Mission based at Cooma, has been our parish priest from 2015. Fr Mick had previously served our parish when based at Bombala from 2004 until January 2011. Fr Mick was born in Toowoomba Queensland on 25 October 1954 and was educated at Holy Name Toowoomba, Holy Rosary Windsor and St Columban's College Caboolture. He then went on to attend Kedron Park Teachers College, Queensland University and St Paul's Seminary in Sydney. He was ordained on 15 January 1993 and has also served in parishes at Calwell, Cathedral, Gowrie, North Goulburn, Gunning and the Western Mission based at West Wyalong. Since his first appointment to the area he has been closely involved with the community not only with the Catholic pastoral needs but also with other denominations and organisations. Fr Mick is a well-known and popular member of the wider Monaro community being an avid supporter of rural affairs. He was awarded Citizen of the Year in Bombala Shire in 2010, an honour justly deserved. We wish Fr Mick all the best in his new chapter at North Belconnen.



Australia Day Citizen of Year



they never moved!
Father Mick has changed that. His commitment to our youth is and he is loved and respects young people with whom he contact. An example of his in this field was the former soccer club which played and gave great joy to 1 young people. Unfortunately parents to provide ongoing support to the club. The commitment speaks also applies to our Adu who seek his counsel on a range of issues. He has Astronomy group which is involving adults and child ensures that professional visit to provide lectures and specific astronomy events.



1. Father Welcomes Robin Mann

Refrain: Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son. Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.

1. Little children, come to me, for my kingdom is of these; life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. **R**

2. In the water, in the word, in his promise be assured: those who are baptised and believe shall be born again. **R**

2. Come Lord Jesus

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts.

Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel, Come and be born in our hearts.

Come O prince of peace, Come O prince of peace, Come O prince of peace, Come and be born in our hearts.

3. Gentle Woman Carey Landry

1. 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. **R**

Refrain: Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

2. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one. **R**

4. O Come All Ye Faithful Various

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, (x3)
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him, (x3)
Christ the Lord.

18 December 2022



Reflection by Fr. Michael Tate

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

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Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

his name will be Emmanuel:

God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Second Reading Rom 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

First Reading Is 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore,

will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel,

a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7-10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is King of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

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