



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C - 28 NOVEMBER 2021



"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 YEAR OF ST JOSEPH SPECIAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Popes Intention

People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

We pray for protection for all from the pandemic, that we will show love and care through our acceptance of the regulations placed on us.

We pray for our parliamentarians that they will make decisions on the respect for life.

We pray for our deceased loved ones and those who have died recently; may they rejoice in the blessings and happiness of God's Kingdom.

We pray for peace in the world, especially those areas where conflict still exists.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Judy Periera, Carol Ogilvy-Garnock, Michael Platts, Libby McGruer (Lomas), Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker (Therese R's sister), Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.



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*Please assist the team by having items in by
Wednesday pm. Items may come in by
phone, note or email.*

Parish Calendar

November - Month of the Holy Souls

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: Mass 9.30am Bombala

Thu:

Fri:

Sat: Mass Delegate 6pm

Sun: Mass Bombala 8am
Mass Nimmitabel 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Clark Peadon (Doug & Marie's son),
John Kelland, Sally Reed,
John Scott, David Cottrell,
Mark Bruce, Ann-Maree Stokes,
Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Des Twigg,
Beryl Phillips, Graeme Enright.

Anniversaries:

Carol Badewitz, Nola Hehir,
Helen Parkes

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



**Message of His Holiness,
Pope Francis for the
XXXV1 World Youth Day.**

**Stand up, I appoint you as a
witness of what you have seen**

(Acts 26;16) 21/11/21.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Before Communion the sacred bread
does not look as if Christ is present in it.
After Communion we Christians do not
always look as if Christ is present in us.**
(Frank Sheed)



Delegate Ecumenical Christmas Carols

With Reverend John Kuruvilla & Canberra Carolers
St Andrew's Community Church - Sunday 12 December 2021
at 2pm and afterwards at Delegate Country Club

Everyone is invited



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



*What may seem a great misfortune in one sense is generally... a hidden blessing. (1905)
We can never be sure that all that looks good, is really so. (1875)
Let God's glory...absorb our thoughts. (1904)
Bear your little trials...they are intended as your stepping stones to heaven. (1876)*

CANDLE LITURGY



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LEADER: In commemoration of the coming of Christ into the world, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language – *the coming of Christ* – because it speaks to a deep truth Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation. **(First candle is lit)**

ALL: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

YEAR OF
St Joseph
8 DEC 2020 – 8 DEC 2021

"With a father's heart"

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil. AMEN
St Joseph, pray for us.

Prayer of the Faithful

LEADER: In a spirit of openness to what God wants, we recall our needs before the Lord.

READER: As we prepare for the coming of Christ, may we be people of honesty and integrity, alert to the signs of the times as we wait for God's promises to be fulfilled.

We pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of nations and all in positions of authority; may they exercise wise government and show a spirit of generosity to all people.

We pray to the Lord.

For families and young people in our community; may they be supported with safe housing, good medical care and Jesus centred schools.

We pray for the Lord.

For all in special need, for the sick and suffering, for those grieving the loss of loved ones, and for those whose lives have been impacted by tragedy and the loss of lives.

We pray to the Lord.

For our deceased loved ones, especially those who have lost their lives recently, especially Clark Peadon and John Kelland, and for all the faithful departed; may they adore and glorify God forever.

We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs: We Pray.

Hail Mary.....

LEADER: Loving God, guide us in your truth as we await in joyful hope the coming of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Waiting in hope

In most religious traditions we find a rhythm of fasting and feasting, waiting and celebration, work and holiday, or life and death.



Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all seekers of truth, that they will find wise guides to accompany them on their quest.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for island nations under threat from rising sea levels, that their pleas for climate justice will be heard and heeded.



St Vincent de Paul Society
CANBERRA/GOULBURN
good works

Collection Boxes are at the front of the Church for your donations towards the Christmas hampers.



A Minister had a group of trustees over to paint the parsonage. It was getting late and it looked like they were going to run out of paint, but by that time the paint store was closed. The pastor looked and noted that it was water-based paint, so they added water to thin the paint and finished the job. That night it rained cats and dogs. The pastor worried that the paint which wasn't dry would be washed from the house. Sure enough, in the morning all the paint to which they had added water was washed from the house. At that moment the clouds parted and the pastor heard a voice from above. It said "Repaint and thin no more."

Thank You! DELEGATE PAINTING

The painting of the church interior has been completed and looks a million dollars. A huge **thank you** to all those who assisted with moving and cleaning the furniture, statues, pictures etc. James will shortly commence the inside of St Joseph's School Centre and again we would be grateful for any volunteers who can assist with moving and cleaning furniture, statues, pictures etc.



LOOKING BACK 83 YEARS AGO Walker-Thompson Wedding, Delegate 1938

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Delegate, on Wednesday morning, August 24, when Madeline Ellen (Madge), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J Thompson, of Glenroy, was married to James Edward, eldest son of Mr RA Walker, of Tombong. Rev Father Keating performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming wearing a tailored gown of magnolia satin with a circular train. Her veil of embroidered tulle was held by a halo of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of arum lilies and asparagus fern tied with white and silver ribbons.

Miss Gwen Callaghan was bridesmaid and wore a pretty frock of apricot georgette. On her head she wore a halo of white tulle and short veil. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas, carnations and maiden hair fern. Little Lorna Thompson, niece of the bride, was flower girl and wore a pretty frock of pink net over satin and carried a posy of sweet peas and stocks. Little Johnnie Thompson, nephew of the bride, was page boy and wore a pretty white crepe satin suit with long sash. Mr Percy Walker, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mrs Armstrong presided at the organ during the signing of the register.

The reception afterwards was held at the School of Arts. The bride's mother received the guests wearing a black wool georgette hedge to hedge coat over a frock of navy satin backed crepe with hat to tone and wore a posy of Lily of the Valley. The happy couple left for Sydney, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride travelled in a tailored costume with hat and shoes to match. Many beautiful and costly presents (including several cheques) were received by the happy couple.



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



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

Mini Vinnies: The team members were blessed by Father Mick at Mass on Wednesday and they read out their prayer and pledge. It was wonderful to see such a large number of children offering to be involved and such a diverse range of ages.

First Reconciliation on Tuesday was a very simple but prayerful ceremony for the 7 children involved – 6 from St Joseph's and 1 from Bombala Primary. They sang beautiful hymns.

This is a time to Pray for Peace

*May the deep blessings of earth be with us.
May the fathomless soundings of seas surge in our soul.
May boundless stretches of the universe echo in our depths
to open us to wonder
to strengthen us for love
to humble us with gratitude
that we may find ourselves in one another
that we may lose ourselves in gladness
that we give ourselves to peace.*

PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC:

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray each day for those suffering illness as a result of Corona Virus and to ask God to end this terrible COVID-19 Pandemic.

*Loving God, we ask your continuing protection for all now that our nations has begun opening up. We especially pray for the most vulnerable, the aged, those with underlying health issues and those who cannot have the vaccine. Keep us all responsible and safe.
We also pray for the front-line medical personnel as they care for those with the virus.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

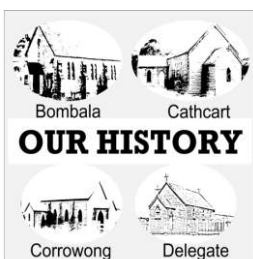
CHRISTMAS CARDS: On sale in the side porch at Bombala

STAMPS: Please save your stamps from Christmas cards to assist the Peruvian Josephite Missions.

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.
We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.
The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming, Christ is always coming.
We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
We will go forth from this place in hope.



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 travelled 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 133 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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First Sunday of Advent, Year C

28 November 2021

First Reading Jer 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow
for David,
who shall practise honesty and
integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be
called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who
stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant
and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those
who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus’ saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added ‘living in the virtual world’. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.

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