



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Second Sunday of Advent Year A 4 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 those injured, homeless and without any shelter as a result of the earthquake in Indonesia.

We pray for the sick and dying and for those who care for them, may they know the healing 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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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:
Tue:
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu: Feast Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri:
Sat: Our Lady of Loreto
LW&HC Delegate 6pm
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Jerry Johnson, Helen Neven,
Helen Nelligan, John Walker,
Sandra Bray, Yvonne Murphy

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.”

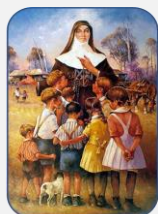


PEACE
The Lord gives strength
to his People:
the Lord blesses his people
with peace. Psalms 29:11



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



Let us love and praise God in all. 9.7.1873
I want, first of all, to find you in peace and unity. 26.4.1873
Happy indeed is the love of God and the true religious peace
I hope will be yours. 7.12.1899
God is all goodness and love. 2.1.1880

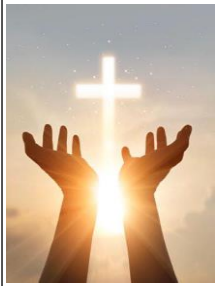
CANDLE LITURGY

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



LEADER: Last Sunday we lit the first candle – the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, between families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities. (Two candles are lit)

ALL: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

We are all precious

Jesus showed people with disabilities they were precious in God's eyes, and in doing so demonstrated the response he wanted Christians to follow.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the Church in Africa, that vibrant faith communities across the continent will inspire hope and foster peace.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for those suffering most from the global energy crisis, especially those who cannot afford both food and power. May their plight be eased.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



LEADER: The Lord is very near. Let us bring our prayers to God who answers all our needs.

READER: For the Church, its leaders and people: that we may be a consistent example to our young people of worshipping God as communities of faith. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for our world, a world waiting for God, that the light of Christ's coming will break through the darkness of violence and hate. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for those who are bearing the burden of sickness and pain in our community. May they know they are held in God's tender care and in the prayer of our hearts. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the children confirmed last weekend: may they have the continuing support of their parents and teachers in living their faith. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have lost loved ones: may the Lord come into their lives with hope and support from the people around them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our deceased loved ones, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may our prayers accompany them to their heavenly reward. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

LEADER: God of justice, your prophets confront our complacency as we read your Word. Hear our prayers and teach us to heed the words of John the Baptist and bear good fruit. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



ADVENT 2022 REMOVING THE EXEMPTION Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Dear friends in Christ,

You will be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic period this Archdiocese did not require us to attend Church. This was an extraordinary measure for our health and wellbeing. Given the facts of the new situation regarding the pandemic, I am lifting the exemption from obligation to worship God at Mass on Sundays from the First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022. Clearly, this obligation does not bind those who have serious health concerns, or who are physically or morally prevented from attending Mass. Indeed, I ask you to remain at home, if you are feeling unwell, have cold or flu symptoms, or believe you pose a risk to the health of others. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present with us in a very special way when we gather as a community in prayer and action, walking together in our faith and celebration. We attend Mass because Jesus feeds us in Word and Sacrament. An obligation to attend Mass is present to support and encourage us all to gather for the Eucharist, "the source and summit" of our entire Christian lives. We need each other's prayers at Mass, especially to support those struggling in life. We appear to be coming to an end of this long and, for so many, most terrifying time. We reflect on all we have experienced. We pray for each other, especially for those who continue to suffer in any way from the COVID-19 pandemic. As we prepare for the Christmas Season of joy, let us continue our "Walking Together" into this penitential season of ADVENT in repentant and joyful HOPE for the coming of the Saviour at Bethlehem.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

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1. 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. **R**

**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. **R**

2. Micah's Theme Sr Anne Kelly IBVM

**Refrain: Hear what the Lord God asks of you
To live justly, To love tenderly
And to walk humbly with your God.**

1. I have come that you may have life
And have it to the full. **R**

2. Ask and you shall receive
Knock and it shall be yours. **R**

3. Father, your Kingdom come
May your will be done. **R**

CLAIM THE DATES: DECEMBER 2022

End of Year Presentation & Awards

Monday 12th at 12.30pm at High School Hall

Graduation and End of Year School Mass

Wednesday 14th at 9.30am

PRAYER

*May our families and communities, through love,
generosity, commitment and patience build stronger
communities safe for children.
Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
they will need for their life's journey.
We ask you God to help our Catholic communities to
be resolute in building a community where our
children both flourish and are safe.*

Father Mick's Farewell

We are hoping to have a morning tea after the 10am Mass on Sunday 18 December. A gift for Father is being considered and should you wish to give a contribution please give it to John or Anna.

POPE TELLS THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE THEIR PAIN IS HIS PAIN



Pope Francis writes with the love of a father grieving with his children, with the pain of the pastor who sees a people wounded by "destruction and pain, hunger, thirst and cold."

Nine months from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis writes a letter in which he expresses his sorrow and closeness to "the noble and martyred" Ukrainian people. The letter was written by Pope Francis to the people of Ukraine exactly nine months from the unleashing of "the absurd madness of war", months in which he has launched over one hundred appeals for the "martyred" nation. It is addressed to all: to the women, victims of violence or war-widows; to the young men sent to the front; to the old people who have been left alone; to those who have become refugees or displaced persons; to the volunteers and the priests, to the country's authorities.

Hence, he entrusts Ukraine to Our Lady, to whose Immaculate Heart he has consecrated both Russia and Ukraine.

Source Vatican News

MEDJUGORJE is the spiritual centre of the world St John Paul II

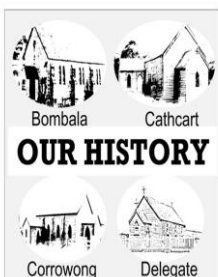
"Dear children! The Most High has sent me to you to teach you prayer. Prayer opens hearts and gives hope, and faith is born and strengthened. Little children, with love I am calling you: return to God, because God is love and your hope. You do not have a future if you do not decide for God; and that is why I am with you to guide you to decide for conversion and life, and not for death. Thank you for having responded to my call." (November 25, 2022)

Christmas Cards



On sale at
side porch
Bombala
Price on
packets

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.



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

4 December 2022

First Reading Is 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the
land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the
Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the
scriptures was meant to teach us something about
hope from the examples scripture gives of how
people who did not give up were helped by God.
And may he who helps us when we refuse to give
up, help you all to be tolerant with each other,
following the example of Christ Jesus, so that
united in mind and voice you may give glory to the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat
each other in the same friendly way as Christ
treated you. The reason Christ became the servant
of circumcised Jews was not only so that God
could faithfully carry out the promises made to the
patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give
glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one
place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans
and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:**

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he
preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was
his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet
Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair
with a leather belt round his waist, and his food
was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and
all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their
way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the
river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when
he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of
vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution
that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce
the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell
yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father,"
because, I tell you, God can raise children for
Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe
is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree
which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down
and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for
repentance, but the one who follows me is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his
sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear
his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
never go out.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

John proclaimed that the reign of
God was 'at hand' as he immersed
and plunged followers into the
waters of the Jordan River. (His
nickname was John the Immerser,
or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used
flowing water to symbolise the
washing away of the past for those
who repented so that they could be
totally focused on the 'at hand'
person who would inaugurate
God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not
identify the 'Someone'! But he
realised that this 'Someone' would
have divine power to affect the
future by immersing, baptising, his
followers with the Holy Spirit and
with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should
be like John's disciples, filled with
a sense of anticipation, looking
forward to the *coming towards us*
('Advent' in Latin) of the One who
can flood our minds and bodies
with the Holy Spirit and can
immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to
thank God that, even though we
are unworthy to carry His sandals,
there is One who is coming towards
us wanting to transform us with
Divine Power.

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