



The Epiphany of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN The Epiphany of the Lord Year A 8 January 2023



“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 For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

We pray for our parish community; may 2023 bring us many graces and blessings.

We pray for all those drowned, car accidents and other tragedies over the festive season and for their families.

We pray for our deceased loved ones; may they enjoy God's presence forever.

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

for the sick and suffering members of our community and for those who have asked us to pray for them:

Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Christine Cowell, 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: The Baptism of the Lord

Tue:

Wed: No Mass at this stage

Thu:

Fri: Saint Hilary

Sat:

**Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Mass Bombala 10am**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

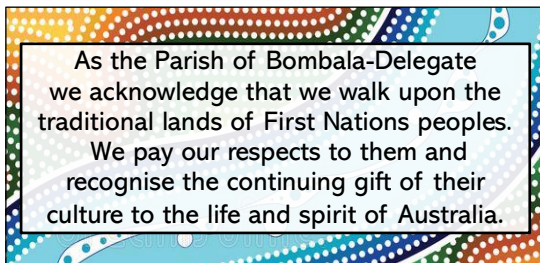
Pope Benedict XVI
Peter Payten, Dot Mead,
Ron Reed

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Tony Clear
Elaine Clear, Madge Crotty
Pauline Crouch, Tony Elliott
Jono Kidman, Shirley Ladmore
Sr Janet Mead, Molly Mustard
Kitty Peisley, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg
Ruth Walker, Marty Williams



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



As the Parish of Bombala-Delegate we acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples.

We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

Thought
for the week

Dear young people, the Church depends on you! She needs your lively faith, your creative charity and the energy of your hope. Your presence renews, rejuvenates and gives new energy to the Church. Pope Benedict XVI



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



Be not hasty in jading one another. 15.1.1878

Today God has been so good to me. 1874

The little crosses are harder to bear patiently than the thumping big ones. 17.12.1884

Be full of forgiveness, hope and love. 26.11.1873

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: (R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: On this Feast of the Epiphany, Christ is revealed as the light of the world. May our lives be bathed in light as we now pray for the needs of the Church and of the world.

READER: The Magi were filled with delight at the sight of the star. As each of us follows our star, may we find Christ in our lives this coming year. We pray to the Lord. (R)

Our world thirsts for meaning and direction. Help us to encourage all those who seek you. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For our sick and infirm parishioners: may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort. We pray to the Lord. (R)

We pray for our deceased loved ones, and especially Pope Benedict XVI, Peter Payten, Ron Reed, Dot Mead and our deceased Parishioners; gladden them O Lord, with the light of your love. 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, shine your light and dispel the darkness from those who are excluded from the necessities of life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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1 Once in Royal David's City

1: Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

2: He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

2 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; With Angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: *Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"*

2: Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, Pleas'd, as man with men to dwell. Jesus, our Emmanuel. **R**

First Reading Is 60:1-6

Jerusalem is exalted.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

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 earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. 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.)

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Paul declares the Gentiles co-heirs to the Kingdom.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men journey to the infant Jesus.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate



Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a starchild in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child. Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth. We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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