



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN First Sunday of Advent, Year C, 1 December 2024



PARISH VISION STATEMENT 2004



“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.”

St Mary's Bombala
St Joseph's Delegate
St Peter's Corrowong



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope



We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

We pray for all who read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel, that they will show us the way to renew the face of the earth.

We pray for an end to the bloodshed in Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan and Ukraine. May leaders there break free from the futile cycle of murderous war.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.



We pray for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

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



PARISH CALENDAR



TUE Saint Francis Xavier
WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint John Damascene
FRI Saint Nicholas
SAT LW&HC Delegate 6pm
Note time change
Saint Ambrose
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

John Vincent

December Anniversaries

Carol Badewitz, Vincent Crotty
Del Duffell, Tori Finnane
Emily Giblett, Kitty Guthrie
Nola Hehir, Jareth Hillyer
Brian Murphy, Toby Mustard
Brian Nash, Kevin O'Mara
Dot Ogilvy, Helen Parkes
Mort Smith, Jimmy Thompson
Jim Twigg



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



“Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy; it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to generation, right along the course of the centuries. Wonderful works have been achieved through prayer.” St Francis Xavier



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



I would advise all to trust more to God, and of course, prayerfully to seek God's guidance. (1.12.1898)

Only what you will, my God. (1.12.1898)

First Mass celebrated in Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel,
North Sydney 8.12.1913

CANDLE LITURGY



ADVENT WEEK 1 | THE FIRST CANDLE IS PURPLE AND REPRESENTS HOPE

CELEBRANT: The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. (*First candle is lit*)

ALL: Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Be kind to yourself

We need to cease highlighting our flaws and understand that God's love makes us perfect.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the world's spiritual, political, cultural and financial leaders, that they will use all the power at their disposal for the good of humankind and the health of the planet.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who feel overwhelmed by the global crises confronting the human family, that the hopeful spirit of Christian believers will renew their confidence and call them to action.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls us to stay awake, pray for strength, and stand with confidence while we await his glorious return. Trusting in his promise of liberation, let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER: For the church around the world. May every Christian community be a beacon of hope and a model of steadfast love for all to see. We pray to the Lord. (**R**)

For those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, that they may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as true disciples of Christ. We pray to the Lord. (**R**)

For people living with disability. May this week's United Nations observance draw attention to their gifts and help provide for their needs. We pray to the Lord. (**R**)

For emergency service personnel as the summer season commences. May they succeed in their task of keeping the community safe. We pray to the Lord. (**R**)

For the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength, comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. 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**...

CELEBRANT/LEADER: God, ever ancient and ever new, all times and seasons are in your hands. Be close to us every day of our earthly lives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN

THE ORGANIST

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played the National Anthem ... and that is how the substitute organist became the permanent organist!

LOOKING BACK 93 YEARS AGO

Bishop Barry DD Visits Bombala

On Tuesday of last week the Right Rev John Barry, D.D., Bishop of Goulburn, made his triennial visit to the Parish of Bombala. During his week's visit he was the guest of the Reverend Father Roche at the Presbytery. At Nimmitabel, Cathcart and Delegate, the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a hundred children and adults. On Sunday afternoon last, St Mary's Church, Bombala was packed to its utmost when Bishop Barry administered confirmation to 26 children and 13 of Father Roche's adult converts to the Catholic Church. The Bishop left by special car at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon for Goulburn, in order to be present at Bishop Dwyer's funeral at Maitland on Tuesday. Bishop Barry congratulated Father Roche on his 16th year in charge of Bombala as Parish Priest, and his untiring zeal and interest, and the success of his work throughout his large parish of Bombala. Born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1875, Bishop Barry was the eldest son of ten children in a farming family. He was sent to Melbourne after his 1899 ordination, serving as a parish priest before being appointed to high offices in the archdiocese of Melbourne and earning the friendship of its eminent Archbishop, Daniel Mannix. According to the Australian Dictionary of Biography, during his years as Bishop of Goulburn from 1924 to 1938 he became known as the 'building bishop', responsible for the renovation of Goulburn Cathedral and for founding or extending schools, hospitals, orphanages and homes for the elderly.



Fr Roche



Bishop Barry

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness
bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

2. A Trusting Psalm *Fr Kevin Bates*

Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured. His beauty is like nothing
we have ever seen, so let us place our trust in him. **R**

2. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary. His mercy is as though our
sins have never been, if we can place our trust in him. **R**

3. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

4. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of
thirst, You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not
know the way, You shall speak your words to foreign men,
And they will understand, You shall see the face of God and
live. **R**

**Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, You shall not
drown, If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed, If you stand before the power of
hell, And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all. **R**



3 December 2024

International Day of People with Disability

We aspire for our church to be a lasting
beacon of faith and community, enduring
for generations to come, reaching even
our grandchildren's grandchildren.



13 December: St Joseph's School Street
Stall & Drawing of Wood Raffle

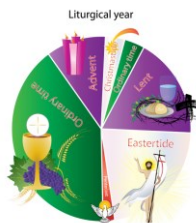
14 December: Ecumenical Christmas Carols
St Andrews Community Church Delegate 11am

18 December: Year 6 Graduation Mass
Bombala 9.30am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**We, the Parish of Bombala-Delegate,
acknowledge with deep respect that we stand upon
the traditional lands of
the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.
We recognise the enduring legacy of their culture,
which continues to enrich
the life and spirit of Australia.**

What is liturgical year C?



In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke.
The Gospel of John is read during the
Easter season in all three years. The first
reading, usually from the Old Testament,
reflects important themes from the Gospel
reading. The second reading is usually
from one of the epistles, a letter written to
an early church community.

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



Our History



The inaugural Catholics to settle in the region arrived in 1826 as designated servants, primarily convicts. The community's foundation expanded with the influx of Scottish, Irish and subsequently German immigrants starting in 1833. Father Patrick Newman assumed the role of the first resident priest in 1864, succeeding a period during which priests were dispatched from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were erected to serve the growing Catholic population, including St Mary's Bombala in 1867 & 1942, St Joseph's Delegate 1877 & 1915, St John's Cathcart in 1878 and St Peter's Corrowong in 1894. Educational institutions also emerged with privately Catholic schools opening between 1866 and 1886, followed by the establishment of Catholic schools in Bombala in 1886 and Delegate in 1921. In 1888, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (North Sydney) co-founded by St Mary MacKillop, arrived, embarking on a continuous ministry that spanned 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes transitioned from the Sydney Archdiocese to the Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and later to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. The first local priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry, ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. The Parish of Delegate operated independently from 1955 to 1973. Significant events marked parish history in 2008, including the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following extensive repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate commemorated its Centenary in 2015.



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First Sunday of Advent, Year C

1 December 2024

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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