



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B, 17 DECEMBER 2023



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 Persons with Disabilities



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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 Pope Francis, that his appeal for a missionary church will be taken to heart by all who call themselves Christian.

We pray for our faith community. May we all take time out from the frantic pace of this Christmas season to quietly meditate on the significance of Advent.



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash, Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White, Barry Reed, Jim Parkes, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Merylyn Knight, Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Peter Hopkins, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Thu: Saint Peter Canisus

**Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint John of Kanty**

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve

Mass Delegate 5pm

Mass Bombala 7pm

Father Bernie Patterson

Sr Jenny



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

December Anniversaries

Carol Badewitz, Vincent 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."**

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



"If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all." Saint Peter Canisus

Quotes and Thoughts

**SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



May our good God grant you all a holy and truly happy Christmas. We can all meet together in spirit at the Crib of our loving Infant and can recommend our several wants and pray for one another. I wish you every grace and blessing of this holy time with fondest love.
(19.12.1881)

CANDLE LITURGY



ADVENT WEEK 3 - The third candle is pink and represents JOY

The change in colour reminds us that we are at the midpoint of Advent and we are close to Christmas

CELEBRANT: Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptising you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. *(3rd candle is lit)*

ALL: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his love and become one with him when he comes in glory. Amen.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD A summons

Let's actively embody the Good News this December through acts of kindness, compassion and service.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who dedicate their lives ceaselessly to the work of justice and peace, that their passion for a new world will call us to a change of heart.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for church communities around the world. May they be a strong and comforting sign of God's saving love for the whole of creation.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, at Nazareth Jesus made his own the ancient words of the prophet Isaiah. Impelled by the Spirit of the Lord, let us pray for the whole human family.

READER: For Pope Francis and the leaders of our Church. By their words and deeds, may they be for us beacons of joy and gladness as we await the coming of the Lord. We pray to the Lord. *(R)*

For all believers anointed by the Spirit in baptism and confirmation, that they will gladly play their part in the church's mission of grace. We pray to the Lord. *(R)*

For the multitude of human beings afflicted with poverty in all its forms, that the good news will come to them not just as words but as practical relief. We pray to the Lord. *(R)*

For the many whose hearts are broken by grief and loss, that the loving-kindness of caring friends and neighbours will ease their pain and hasten their healing. We pray to the Lord. *(R)*

For teachers and students at schools across the land, that they will look back over the school year with pride and enjoy a refreshing long break. We pray to the Lord. *(R)*

For ourselves in this last week of the Advent season, that we will heed Paul's advice and be happy, pray constantly, and for all things give thanks to God. We pray to the Lord. *(R)*

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they now be at peace in the joy of God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord. *(R)*

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

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Giver of life, Lord God, you kindle hope in us by making all things new. Open our eyes in faith to see the advent of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 83 YEARS AGO

August 1940 - Fr Reg Howard & St Joseph's Convent School Delegate First Communion Class of 1940



Father Reginald Howard was ordained in 1966 into the Saint Columbans Mission Society, an organisation established in Ireland in 1918.

During the years 1939 to 1942, Fr Reg attended St Joseph's Convent School Delegate. His father served in the NSW Police Force at Delegate. Reflecting on his formative years, Fr Reg fondly remembers the Josephite Sisters at Delegate, attributing much of his grounding to their teachings. With almost 60 years as a priest Fr Reg describes his journey as one filled with happiness and fulfillment despite encountering moments of worry and anxiety. He acknowledges that his time in Delegate, shaped by its people and events, has played a significant role in shaping the person he is today. For Fr Reg, being a priest has been a life path rather than a mere career, marked by contentment and peace throughout the years. Fr Reg resides in Sydney and keeps in touch with Scrub & Greg Crotty.



Boys of First Communion Class 1940
L-R John Crotty, Jack Stewart, Reg Howard, Toby Black, Peter Alam & John Bates.
Photo taken in front of convent.

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.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. 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.

2. Micah's Theme *Sr Anne Kelly IBVM*

***Chorus: 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.
2. Ask and you shall receive
 Knock and it shall be yours.
3. Father, your Kingdom come
 May your will be done.

3. Prayer of St Francis *Various*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred,
 let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where
 there's doubt, true faith in you.

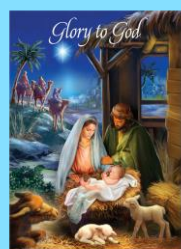
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair
 in life, let me bring hope.
 Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's
 sadness, ever joy.

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
 So much to be consoled as to console.
 To be understood as to understand.
 To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

4. Let There Be Peace on Earth *Miller & Jackson*

Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me
 Let There Be Peace on Earth
 The peace that was meant to be
 With God as our Father, Brothers all are we
 Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
 With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live,
 Each moment in peace eternally
 Let there be peace on earth,
 And let it begin with me



Bombala

Christmas Cards

Packets of 8 cards for \$4



TWO SIDES OF THE STORY



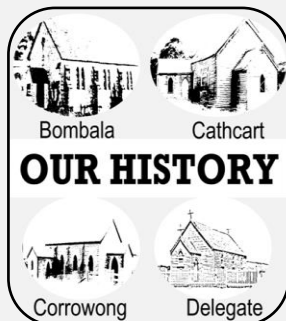
A child asked his mother, "How were people born?" So his mother said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his father, asked him the same question and he told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his mother and said, "You lied to me!" His mother replied, "No, your dad was talking about his side of the family."

**Christmas Eve: 5pm – Delegate, Merimbula
 6pm - Cooma
 7pm - Bombala, Eden
 8pm - Nimmitabel
 9pm - Pambula**

**Christmas Day: 8am - Adaminaby, Berridale
 10am - Cooma, Jindabyne**

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 Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and 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 1955-1973. 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.