



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C - 19 DECEMBER 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

SPECIAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Popes Intention
Catechists
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
We pray for protection for all from the pandemic, especially this new variant.
We pray for our teachers and students as they finish the year and go on holidays - may they be kept safe.
We pray for our deceased loved ones and those who have died recently.
We pray for peace in the world, especially those areas where conflict still exists.
We pray that we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah.
May the sick be comforted by our prayers:
 Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Carol Ogilvy-Garnock, Michael Platts, Libby McGruer (Lomas), Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker, 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

Parish Reconciliation:
 Now Monday 20th December 7.00pm Bombala

Mon: Reconciliation 7pm

Wed: Mass 9.30am Bombala

Fri: Christmas Eve
 Vigil Mass Delegate 5pm
 Vigil Mass Bombala 6.30pm

Sat: Christmas Day

Sun: LWHC Delegate 9am
 LWHC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Mitchell Power, Clark Peardon, John Kelland, Sally Reed, John Scott, David Cottrell, Mark Bruce, Ann-Maree Stokes, Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Des Twigg.

ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Badewitz, Nola Hehir, Helen Parkes, Vin Crotty, Del Duffell, Jim Twigg, Kitty Guthrie, Mort Smith, Toby Mustard, Tori Finnane (O'Hare), Dot Ogilvy, Brian Murphy, Jareth Hillyer.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Jesus, be a guiding star before me.
 Be a soothing wake behind me.
 Be a rolling path below me.
 Be a flaming hope within me.
 Be all those things – now and forever.*
 (Anonymous)



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY
5pm Delegate	9am Cooma
6.30pm Bombala	10am Merimbula
9pm Nimmitabel	



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

God has done wonders for us through our holy patron. 3.3.1903
Humility and truth will keep my love children out of danger. 20.8.1884
May God bless and keep you all. 9.8.1894
Take care of yourself and don't work beyond your strength. 17.3.1901



Meet Him with Joy

Advent is a time for reflecting on how we want to be found when Christ returns as King and judge. (Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP)



CANDLE LITURGY



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CELEBRANT: We have lit three candles – for hope, for peace and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle – the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

Four Candles are lit.

ALL: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with our imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you. That we may walk in the light of Christ. **AMEN.**



**AFTER MANY MONTHS,
WE WELCOME SINGING BACK
AS PART OF OUR MASS**

ADVENT (quiet reflection)

Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge
That God is always coming into the world.

We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger,
But in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.
May the blessings of Christmas make you a blessing to others;
May the peace of the season pervade all that you do.
We will welcome the challenge of discipleship.
We will offer ourselves as God's ministers.
We will go forth in hope, peace, joy and love.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD *Humanity the heart of Christmas.*

The journeys of the Holy Family at the centre of the Christmas story fit well with the theme of two UN observances that occur in late December.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for young people setting out on their working life, that they will find satisfying employment that makes the world a better place.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for all sectors of Australian society, that they heed the Baptist's call for an ethic of sharing, honesty and justice.

Prayer of the Faithful

CELEBRANT: As we gather to hear God's word and to celebrate the coming of Christ in Communion and at Christmas, we bring before the Lord our needs and the needs of the whole world.

For Pope Francis and all Church leaders; that they may have discerning hearts to reveal God's love to the world.

We pray to the Lord.

For all responsible for enacting laws: that they always seek justice for all people.

We pray to the Lord.

For this Parish community of faith: that we may be attentive to God's word in the Advent readings and respond by active preparation for Christ's coming.

We pray to the Lord.

For all in need: for the sick and the dying, and for all who are waiting for the birth of a child.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died, especially Mitchell Power: may they enjoy God's presence forever.

We pray to the Lord.

May the birth of Jesus bring peace and joy to all people.

We pray to the Lord.

May those who are lonely this Christmas find a place of welcome and happiness.

We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs; We pray,
Hail Mary.....

CELEBRANT: Loving God, lift up our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Messiah and grant what we need through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills." The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."



1. Come Lord Jesus Rev. Carey Landry

1. Come Lord Jesus (3)
Come and be born in our hearts
2. Come O Prince of peace (3) Come and be born in our hearts
3. Our hearts are open (3) Come and be born in our hearts
4. Come Emmanuel (3) Come and be born in our hearts

3. Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen

Gentle women, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;
You were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
And for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women,
Blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

2. Here I Am Lord Dan Shuttle

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 who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*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?

4. O Come, All Ye Faithful

1: 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, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2: Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

3: Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Santa, I know this is an extremely busy time of the year and that you will be receiving so many letters from children all over the world, however, I thought it would be timely for me to request a few things from you too...

- The first thing on my list is a great school full of happy, enthusiastic students who work hard and care for each other. While you are at it, throw in a group of fabulous school leaders and prefects, and a couple of handfuls of enthusiastic SRC and Mini-Vinnie representatives.
- The next thing on my list is a team full of excellent teachers. I want the really good ones who work hard, go the extra mile and always put the children first. They must be innovative, flexible and enthusiastic. They must use quality educational programmes which allow for all children to experience success and which lead them on to the next level in their learning.
- I also need fabulous support staff who are happy and caring and great at their work.

Santa, on my list I would also like to have

- A supportive and friendly community who know that we value our Catholic traditions and heritage. I would really like a school where our Catholic faith guides us in all our actions. If it is not too much trouble, a school that follows the teachings of Jesus in all aspects of their lives.
- I would like our school to be part of a parish who cares for us and to have not one but two priests who celebrate mass with us, chat with us and help us out.

Santa, I know I'm probably really pushing my luck- but I would also like

- A school committee filled with dedicated parents who help us out. Speaking of that I could really use mums and dads who work with us to help their children grow and develop into the best people they can be.

Well Santa, this is a very long list and I've just read back through it and you know what? Don't worry about giving me any of this because I already have it all. Thank you everyone for your work this year - Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to many blessings in 2022.

Susan Tighe (Principal)



ANNIVERSARY LIST: From the commencement of 2022, we are hoping to do an anniversary list for each month. A new list is in both porches at Bombala and on the Mary MacKillop Altar at Delegate. Could you please add any deceased family or friends and the month of their death to this list to enable us to compile the monthly list for inclusion in the bulletin. If you know that your family or friends are already on the current list, which has been published over the last few years, then don't worry about adding them to the list, as they will be included. **Thank you.**



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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

19 December 2021

First Reading **Mi 5:1-4**

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them
till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall
be saved.**

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. (R.)

Second Reading **Heb 10:5-10**

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of
the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want
what the Law lays down as the things to be
offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations,
the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin,
and you took no pleasure in them; and then
he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey
your will. He is abolishing the first sort to
replace it with the second. And this will was
for us to be made holy by the offering of his
body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **Lk 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.***

Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 1:39-45**

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from
the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of Judah.
She went into Zechariah's house and
greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth
heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in
her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the
Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said,
'Of all women you are the most blessed,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why
should I be honoured with a visit from the
mother of my Lord? For the moment your
greeting reached my ears, the child in my
womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who
believed that the promise made her by the
Lord would be fulfilled.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This little gospel story tells us that 'the
baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped' and
not merely leaped, but leaped 'for joy'.
Is this just poetic hyperbole?

We know that beautiful music can have
a wonderful effect on life in the womb.
Good vibrations. Here, the presence of
Jesus, being carried by Mary in her
pregnancy, had a wonderful effect on
the life carried by Elizabeth. Very good
vibrations.

From the moment of the conception of
Jesus, good vibrations reverberated out
to all human beings. The good news is
that you and I and every human life ever
conceived is visited by Our Risen Lord
Jesus Christ, and we receive that visit
as Original Blessing.

There is a further and consoling truth.
Every mother or father who has lost a
baby too early needs to know that the
same extraordinary sense of Our Lord's
presence was felt by your baby. That
Divine Presence conferred a powerful
Original Blessing on that little life within
the womb, and that same Presence
accompanied your baby into the
everlasting embrace of Divine Love in
Heaven.

We could pause a moment to pray using
the very words of Elizabeth, reciting:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee.

*Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.*

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us
sinners

now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

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