



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN First Sunday of Advent Year A 27 November 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 Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

We pray for those injured, homeless and without any shelter as a result of the earthquake in Indonesia.

We pray for our Parish children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today.

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 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



Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION TODAY

**Finnian
Grace
Harry
Jayde
Mia
Molly**

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:
Tue:
Wed: Feast of Saint Andrew
No Mass this Wednesday
Thu:
Fri:
Sat: Mass Delegate 4.30pm
Mass Bombala 6pm
Sun:

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Helen Neven, Helen Nelligan, John Walker, Sandra Bray (Pambula) Yvonne Murphy

November Anniversaries

Rita Black, Terry Peisley Bert Rayner, Charlie Reed Geoff Stewart, Sheila Tiernan Christine Walker



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

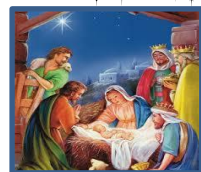


“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.”

St Teresa of Calcutta



Christmas Cards



On sale at side porch Bombala Price on packets



Be without fear, do your work humbly in sweet charity and for God alone. 19.11.1873

God is merciful and knows we are weak. 21.5.1877

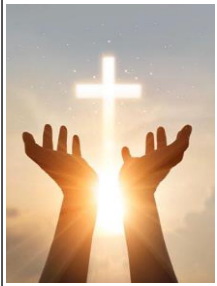
Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive ‘crosses’ and know that we also give them. 14.4.1882

Be obedient in heart and deed. 23.3.1878

CANDLE LITURGY



CELEBRANT: In commemoration of the coming of Christ into the world, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language – *the coming of Christ* – because it speaks to a deep truth *Christ is coming*. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation. **(First candle is lit)**
ALL: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD *Conflicting thoughts on peace*

Peace doesn't come easily – it has to be sought and worked at.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the human family, that divine wisdom will bring home to everyone their true fellowship in Christ.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for climate justice, that the wealthy nations of the world will take responsibility for aiding the peoples most at risk from the effects of climate change.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT: The Holy Spirit helps us to pray to our loving God who will listen to these prayers we now make.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: For the gift of wisdom, that we will always seek the Spirit's help as we face the challenges of life. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For courage to live in our faith and to proclaim the Gospel with all our hearts. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the gift of knowledge so as to be able to share our Faith with others. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For reverence for all that God has created, especially towards ourselves and others. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For understanding that we will always trust God's plans for our lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the gift of right judgement, that at all times in life we will seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit through prayer. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For wonder and awe at who God wants to be for us and for all in our world, that we will honour God by striving to be the best we can as his children. We pray to the Lord **(R)**

CELEBRANT: God our Father, you sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles at Pentecost. May the work of the Spirit begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Pope: Peace between Russia and Ukraine is possible, don't forget the poor



Pope Francis reiterated on Friday the Vatican was ready to do anything possible to mediate and put an end to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the pontiff said in an interview with Italian daily La Stampa.

Asked whether he believed reconciliation between Moscow and Kyiv was possible, the pontiff called on everyone not to give up. "We must all be pacifists, wanting peace, not just a truce that maybe only serves to rearm, but a true peace, which is the fruit of dialogue. Peace is not achieved with weapons, because they don't defeat hatred and the thirst for domination, which will re-emerge, perhaps in other ways."

Addressing the "scandal" of hunger

Asked about his favourite Piedmontese dish, Pope Francis also highlighted the urgent need to address the "scandal" of hunger, affecting millions of people and children across the world: "This – he said - must be a priority for everyone: for those lucky enough to have food in their daily lives must not waste it by teaching it to children as well; and the international community that is called to work to truly eliminate hunger which is a disgrace as well as a crime".

Source: Vatican News

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1. Glory And Praise To Our God

Dan Schutte

**Refrain: Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways**

1. We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings. **R**

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save. **R**

2. A New Heart for a New World

Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien

**Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call, United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.**

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**

2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**

3. Hosea

Gregory Norbett

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call. **R**

**Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming
home to me and living deeply our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know. **R**

4. How Shall I Call You

Robin Mann

1. How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
poet of sunset and painter of sky,
Father almighty, who's running to find us,
giving his Son who must suffer and die.

**Refrain: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.**

2. How shall I call you? Lover of children,
shepherd and teacher and brother and friend,
healer of blind man and healer of leper;
you are beginning and middle and end.



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

CLAIM THE DATES: DECEMBER 2022

End of Year Presentation & Awards

Monday 12th at 12.30pm at High School Hall

Graduation Mass: Tuesday 13th at 6pm

End of Year School Mass: Wednesday 14th at 9.30am

**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.**



REMEMBRANCE BOOKS

These books are on the Altar at both Bombala
and Delegate Churches for you to
record your loved one's names.

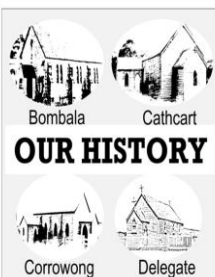
International Day of People with Disability

3 December 2022

**Celebrate diversity
and inclusion**

#IDPwD
#lookbeyond

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.



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First Sunday of Advent, Year A

27 November 2022

First Reading Is 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it;
and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from
Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house
of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must
wake up now: our salvation is even nearer
than it was when we were converted. The
night is almost over, it will be daylight soon
– let us give up all the things we prefer
to do under the cover of the dark; let us
arm ourselves and appear in the light.
Let us live decently as people do in the
daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity
or licentiousness, and no wrangling or
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in
Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of
Man comes. For in those days before the
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking
wives, taking husbands, right up to the day
Noah went into the ark, and they suspected
nothing till the Flood came and swept all
away. It will be like this when the Son of
Man comes. Then of two men in the fields
one is taken, one left; of two women at the
millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know
the day when your master is coming.
You may be quite sure of this that if the
householder had known at what time of
the night the burglar would come, he would
have stayed awake and would not have
allowed anyone to break through the wall
of his house. Therefore, you too must stand
ready because the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll
of the Prophet Isaiah in his local
synagogue. The poetic image of
swords being hammered into
ploughshares reverberated into his
renouncing violence against the
Roman occupying army in his own
time. When will this picture come
true for all human beings for all
time?

Only God knows! We don’t know
any more than we know when a
burglar might target our home. But
our ignorance of God’s timetable is
no excuse for being fatalistic and
sleepy. We have our own span of
life providing the timetable for our
own contribution to the hammering
of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John
Paul II, have taken up this theme
for our times, teaching more
restrictive criteria for using armed
force, even dropping the term ‘just
war’ to very small print in the
Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to
pray to be awake to our
opportunities to shape society in
the light of the vision of Isaiah and
the practice of Jesus the Prince of
Peace.

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