



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B, 3 DECEMBER 2023



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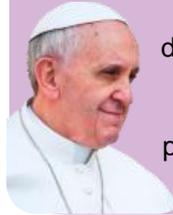
"Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve."

**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 thank you Lord for the life-giving rain you have bestowed upon us in response to our heartfelt prayers.



We pray for those who are sick in our family and community, may they find solace and strength in the belief that they are not alone in their suffering. May they feel the comforting presence of Christ's love and compassion during these challenging times.

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

- Mon: Saint John Damascene
- Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Nicholas
- Thu: Saint Ambrose
- Fri: Immaculate Conception
- Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
- Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Delegate 5.00pm (note change)
Bombala 7.00pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Joyce Cotterill, Jenny Moser

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.



"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



Quotes and Thoughts

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: God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us to walk with one another with compassion and kindness, during the weeks of Advent. May our love for one another bring hope to those who despair. We pray this through your Son, Jesus. 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.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who practise the works of mercy without fanfare, that their humble service may advance the reign of God in our world.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for today's young adults, that they are not daunted by the complex challenges facing their generation but will support each other with Advent hope.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus wants us to be ever alert for his advent among us. In peace and thankfulness, let us pray for God's blessing on the whole of creation.

READER: For Pope Francis, that his call for a church of the poor, with the poor and for the poor will be heard and heeded by the whole people of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the church around the world. May Christian communities everywhere welcome this new year of grace with joy and thanksgiving. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For persons living with a disability. May this week's United Nations observance (3 December) mark world-wide progress in the recognition of both their needs and their gifts. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For fire-fighters and emergency service personnel as summer approaches. May they stay safe themselves as they labour to protect the community from dangerous events. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who have experienced loss, disappointment or difficulties in the course of this year. May the season of Advent promise them healing and hope. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For young people completing their secondary schooling or tertiary degrees this year. May they be blessed with the opportunity to choose a rewarding path in life. 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May God welcome them into the eternal 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: God, faithful Father and Redeemer, you never cease to bless us with grace and mercy. Bring us to the fullness of life in Christ, your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 105 YEARS AGO

September 1918

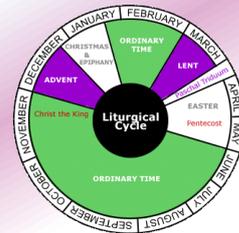
NEW CONVENT AND SCHOOL AT BOMBALA

The Rev. Father John A Roche, of Bombala, who last year completed and renovated the old historic church of Nimmitabel at a cost of £869, is still very active in the cause of religion in his extensive parish. At Bombala a new convent and school is in the course of erection, costing over £2000. The foundation-stone of a new school will be blessed by his Lordship Dr Gallagher (Bishop of Goulburn) on Sunday, October 27. A few Sundays ago Father Roche established the Catholic Federation at Nimmitabel, over 100 members joining the first day, and it is expected to have in a short time at least 300 members on the roll. On Sunday last Father Roche established a branch of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society at Delegate, 51 new members joining, and a number of honorary members.

The new Church liturgical year has begun.

As with the secular change to a calendar year many of us make resolutions to be 'better'. We want to put the mistakes of the past year behind us and to look forward to the new year with hope.

Advent itself is a time of waiting – 'a way of life in which we wait on God's Word, a space for reflection in the business of our daily lives'. Advent gives way to Christmas. That is a time to look forward to and to celebrate, as people look forward to a Grand Final with a packed stadium. The first Christmas was a quiet occasion in which the celebrating took place deep within human hearts. It had the intensity of joy that comes with the birth of a newborn and eagerly awaited baby at the end of a hard pregnancy. That joy spread and changed the world. Our compassion and small gestures of support might help to do the same in our troubled world this year. *(Extract in part from Parish Life - Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ)*



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.

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

2. Come To The Water *Frank Andersen*

Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come! And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **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**

R: 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. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

Refrain: Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves, I shall not fear, the dark of night, Nor the arrow that flies by day

1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul. **R**



Message from Our Lady, Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

NOVEMBER 2023

"Dear children!

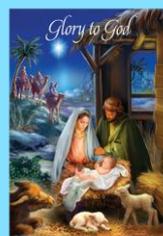
May this time be interwoven with prayer for peace and good deeds, so that the joy of the expectation of the King of Peace may be felt in your hearts, families and in the world which does not have hope.

Thank you for having responded to my call."



Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "Jesus is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "Jesus is watching you." In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesus is watching me?" The parrot replied, "Yes."

Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Clarence." The burglar said, "That's a silly name for a parrot. What fool named you Clarence?" The parrot answered, "The same fool that named the rottweiler Jesus."



Bombala

Christmas Cards

Packets of 8 cards for \$4

Upcoming Events



**St Joseph's School Bombala
Christmas Carols**

**Inspection of newly renovated
classrooms followed by Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday 6 December 2023 5.30pm**

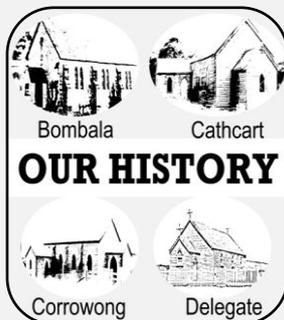


**Year 6 Graduation & End of Year Mass
St Mary's Church Bombala
Wednesday 13 December 2023 9.30am**



**Delegate Ecumenical Christmas Carols
St Joseph's Church/School Centre
Saturday 16 December 2023 2pm**

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.



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First Sunday of Advent, Year B

3 December 2023

First Reading **Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8**

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your
ways
and harden our hearts against fearing
you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens
open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains
would melt.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy
clothing.

We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the
wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our
sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

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 **1 Cor 1:3-9**

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through Jesus
Christ. I thank him that you have been
enriched in so many ways, especially
in your teachers and preachers; the
witness to Christ has indeed been
strong among you so that you will not
be without any of the gifts of the Spirit
while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus
Christ to be revealed; and he will keep
you steady and without blame until
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and
God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation **Ps 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mk 13:33-37**

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your
guard, stay awake, because you never
know when the time will come. It is like
a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in
charge, each with his own task; and he
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.
So stay awake, because you do not
know when the master of the house is
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he
must not find you asleep. And what I say
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus
cautions his disciples to be constantly
vigilant and to be alert to the return of
the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin
the season of Advent. Advent has
traditionally been observed as a time of
preparation and waiting. It culminates in
the Christmas season and so the waiting
and preparation is related to the
celebration of the coming of Christ into
the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this
Advent is also a call to stay awake and
stay alert in faith. One of the great
challenges to faith today is the
complacency that has taken hold of
many in our society. When life is
comfortable, the perceived need for faith
appears to diminish. Many young people
in our society cannot see the value of
religious belief or religious practice. In a
world of instant communication and
instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and
slow work of faith can seem too much
effort for some people. The gospel call to
stay awake in preparation for the coming
of the Lord is a call to continue the work
of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Over the last three weeks, the gospel
passages from Matthew 25 were
reminders about continuing to prepare
for the coming of the Kingdom. This
week, with the beginning of Advent, it is
the gospel of Mark that also reminds us
that we cannot take the Kingdom for
granted and must remain vigilant in
working to realise the Kingdom. This
vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing
our own faith life as well as making a
difference in the lives of those around us
and the needy in society. Rather than
'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to
be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to
pay closer attention to faith and perhaps
this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

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