



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C - 5 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 YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 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 that we will show love and care through our acceptance of the regulations placed upon us by authorities during this time of uncertainty.

We pray for our parliamentarians that they will make decisions on the respect for life.

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.

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

Mon: St Nicholas

Tue: Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm

Wed: Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 9.30am Bombala

Community Christmas Carols 6pm
St Mary's Church Grounds

Thu:

Fri: Our Lady of Loreto

Sat: LWHC Delegate 6pm

Sun: LWHC Bombala 9am
Delegate Carols 2pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Clark Peadon (Doug & Marie's son),
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

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**"Apart from the cross,
there is no other ladder by
which we may get to Heaven."**
...St Rose of Lima



ADVENT (quiet reflection) Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete. We will share in the Spirit; we will find consolation in love. Practice a ministry of humility and compassion for God is at work in you, empowering you. We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will live lives worthy of the Gospel. We will go forth in hope and in peace.



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



*Let us love and praise God in all. 9.7.1873
I want, first of all, to find you in peace and unity. 26.4.1873
Happy indeed is the love of God and the true religious peace
I hope will be yours. 7.12.1899
God is all goodness and love. 2.1.1880*

CANDLE LITURGY



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: Last Sunday we lit the first candle – the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, between families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities. (Two candles are lit)

ALL: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

CHURCH CLEANING – BOMBALA



The Church cleaning for Christmas will take place tomorrow, Monday, 6th December at 10am. We hope all can help out please.

Delegate Ecumenical Christmas Carols

With Reverend John Kuruvilla & Canberra Carolers
St Andrew's Community Church - Sunday 12 December
at 2pm and afterwards at Delegate Country Club

Everyone is invited



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

The music of hope

Hope is not wishful thinking:
It is a commitment to work to
make things better.



Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all who are afflicted with fear and anxiety, that they be led by the Spirit into the freedom of the children of God.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for the people of Cyprus and Greece, that Pope Francis' visit this week will encourage them to work for social and spiritual renewal.

Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant: John the Baptist calls on us to prepare a way for the Lord and in that spirit we now pray.

Reader:

For the Church and its leaders, that they may be guided always by the spirit of Jesus' ministry.

We pray to the Lord

For all who are called to public service; that they may serve with integrity, justice and honesty.

We pray to the Lord

For peace in the world: that all engaged in negotiations of peace in areas of conflict may be empowered by the Spirit of God's peace.

We pray to the Lord

For our parish community: may the Lord bring us a new awareness of the person he wants each of us to be; may he help us grow in goodness.

We pray to the Lord

For those in special need, for the sick and suffering, for those whose lives are filled with struggle and tears, especially those living through the aftermath of recent floods. May the Lord come with hope into their sorrows.

We pray to the Lord

For our deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed: Lord bring them safely to your heavenly kingdom.

We pray to the Lord

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs:

We pray, Hail Mary.....

Celebrant: Loving God, make us faithful witnesses of your good news for all the earth. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. **AMEN**



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



The St Vincent de Paul Society is running their annual Christmas Appeal
Collection Boxes are at the front of the Church for your donations towards the Christmas hampers.



A Loving Grandma's Christmas Strategy

One Christmas, a mother decided she was no longer going to remind her kids to send thank you notes. Consequently, the kids' grandmother never received any thanks for the Christmas cheques she sent to the kids. The very next Christmas, all the kids stopped by in person to thank their grandmother for their cheques.

When asked by a friend what caused this change in behavior, the grandmother replied,
"Simple. This year I didn't sign the cheques."

LET
Heaven
&
Nature
SING

Community
Christmas
Carols

Wednesday Evening, 8 December at 6pm
St Mary's Parish Lawns Bombala
BYO picnic, chairs or rug
Glowsticks & flameless candles will be
available for sale
Please observe social distancing

LOOKING BACK 80 YEARS AGO
Catholic Press Thursday 6 November 1941
BOMBALA'S NEW CHURCH
Foundation Stone Ceremony

The foundation stone of a new brick church - the new St Mary's, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, to take the place of the present very old and inadequate structure at Bombala, will be solemnly blessed and laid on the afternoon of Sunday, 16th November 1941. The ceremony will be performed by Most Rev Terence McGuire, DD, Bishop of Goulburn. The present church has served the Catholic community of Bombala for over 75 years and for years past has been wholly inadequate to accommodate over half or the present congregation. The new Shrine of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament will have a nave 66 feet long by 28 feet wide with sanctuary 16 feet deep the whole length of the building. It will have seating, accommodation for about 300 persons, in addition to a choir gallery.

Its approximate cost, completely furnished, will be £6,500 (*approx. \$540,000 in 2021*), and to lighten this very heavy burden on the parish the priest in charge, Rev Father DJ Griffin, is making an urgent appeal to present and former parishioners, Holy Name men all over Australia, and others, for donations. A special train will leave Cooma at 7.50am on 16th inst., calling at Nimmitabel at 9am and arriving at Bombala in time for Mass at 10.30am.



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.**



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome the coming of Christmas with a great community event, **Community Christmas Carols**. This is a lovely Christmas tradition and we are looking forward to sharing this with you.

End of Year Student Awards & Assembly:

Tuesday, 14th December, St Mary's Church, Bombala

Kinder to Year 2: 11am-12 noon

Year 3-6: 2pm-3pm

Note: Carols by Candlelight and all end of year events, require guests to check in using the QR code and also attendees over 16 years must be vaccinated in line with NSW's Covid protocols.

Delegate Painting: James has commenced the painting of the interior of St Joseph's School Centre, which was last painted back in 1978. The colours will be similar to the church interior and will look bright, fresh & clean and in time for those using the centre over the Christmas season.



When angels spin your life around,
turn you upside down, wrestle you to the ground,
toss you high into the clouds,
Heaven only knows where you'll land!

PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC:

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray each day for those suffering illness as a result of Corona Virus and to ask God to end this terrible COVID-19 Pandemic.

Loving God, we ask your continuing protection for all now that our nations has begun opening up. We especially pray for the most vulnerable, the aged, those with underlying health issues and those who cannot have the vaccine. Keep us all responsible and safe.

We also pray for the front-line medical personnel as they care for those with the virus.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

CHRISTMAS CARDS: On sale in the side porch at Bombala.

STAMPS: Please save your stamps from Christmas cards to assist the Peruvian Josephite Missions.



A THOUGHT

We want this Church to be here for our kids
and grandkids and their kids thereafter!



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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

5 December 2021

First Reading Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare our hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.

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