



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 8 DECEMBER 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, God's word today revives our desire for a new world of peace and mercy. With Advent hope let us pray for all peoples to see the salvation of God.

READER: For all communities of Christian believers. May they abound in love, wisdom and goodness as they look with longing for the Day of Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who live in daily fear of domestic violence. May social media use its influence positively to promote respectful relationships. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community. May Monday's solemn festival of Mary's Immaculate Conception deepen our faith in God's saving grace for us all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For humanitarian agencies providing food and shelter to displaced persons around the world. May they create havens of safety in which children can play and learn. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children, teachers and families in this final term of the school year, that all will grow in wisdom and the love of learning. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary**...

LEADER: God of all goodness, you sustain us on our pilgrim way towards the Day of Christ. Send us out as apostles of hope into our fractured world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope



We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

We pray for all who live in the land of Jesus' birth, that the brutal bloodshed there will cease and the long path to peace begin.

We pray for the church in France and Europe. May the reopening of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris be a joyful celebration of faith, beauty and shared humanity.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Joanne Jamieson, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Heather Whitby, John Elliott, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON** Immaculate Conception
- TUE** Our Lady of Loreto
- WED** Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Damasus
- THU** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- FRI** St Joseph's School Street Stall & Drawing of Wood Raffle
Saint Lucy
- SAT** Ecumenical Christmas Carols St Andrews Community Church Delegate
Saint John of the Cross
- SUN** Mass Delegate 8am
Morning Tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

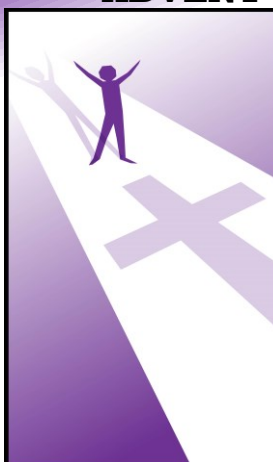
Gloria Robinson

December Anniversaries

- Carol Badewitz, Vincent Crotty
- Del Duffell, Tori Finnane
- Emily Giblett, Kitty Guthrie
- Nola Hehir, Jareth Hillyer
- Brian Murphy, Toby Mustard
- Brian Nash, Kevin O'Mara
- Dot Ogilvy, Helen Parkes
- Mort Smith, Jimmy Thompson
- Jim Twigg

**"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."**

ADVENT WEEK 2 - THE 2ND CANDLE IS PURPLE AND REPRESENTS PEACE



CELEBRANT: As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *(2nd candle is lit)*

All: God of peace, as we light the second Advent candle of peace, may your peace fill our hearts and our world. Help us to be peacemakers in our relationships and communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Happy indeed is the love of God and the true religious peace I hope will be yours. (7.12.1899)

READINGS

FIRST READING: PROPHET BARUCH

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: 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: PHILIPPIANS

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: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF LUKE:

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.

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1. Strong and Constant *Frank Anderson*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!
2. Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. The Fullness of God *Fr Frank Andersen*

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give.
May your hidden self grow strong and may you live,
Strong in faith and built on love, until you know –
How high and long, how wide and deep, the fullness of God
2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart
What hope his call now holds for you,
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,
the fullness of God.

MONARO MISSION – CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL 24 DECEMBER 2024

DELEGATE 4.30PM, BERRIDALE 5PM, COOMA 6PM
BOMBALA 6.30PM, NIMMITABEL 8PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER 2024

ADAMINABY 8AM, THREDBO CHAPEL 8AM
COOMA 10AM, JINDABYNE 10AM

5TH SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2024

NIMMITABEL VIGIL 5PM, BERRIDALE 10AM, COOMA 10AM

NEW YEARS DAY 1 JANUARY 2025

BOMBALA 9.30AM, BERRIDALE 10AM, COOMA 10AM



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The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary. John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony. The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.