



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN First Sunday of Advent, Year A, 30 November 2025



PARISH VISION STATEMENT 2004



“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

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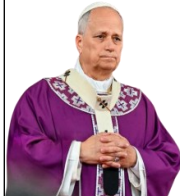
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide



Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

We pray for world leaders, that the growing number of intense weather events afflicting many nations such as the Philippines and Afghanistan will be a wake-up call for global climate action.

We pray for all who care for others with habitual acts of kindness, that their neighbourly love will be a blessing for themselves as well as for those they serve.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.



We pray for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

Christine Cowell, Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty, John Liston, Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin, John Elliott, Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley, Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, Sr Margaret Maloney, Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON
TUE
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saint Francis Xavier
THU
FRI
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Vigil Mass Bombala 5pm
Saint Nicholas

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Delegate 4.30pm
Bombala 6.30pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

November Anniversaries

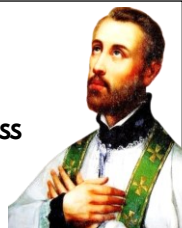
Rita Black
Jenny Moser-McCarron
Terry Peisley
Bert Rayner
Charlie Reed
Geoff Stewart
Margaret Sutor
Sheila Tiernan
John Vincent
Christine Walker



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



“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



A journey with
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

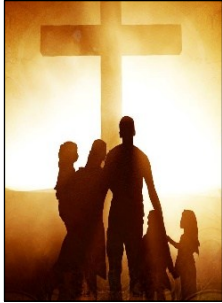
CELEBRANT: The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. *(First candle is lit)*

ALL: Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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.



Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the world's spiritual, political, cultural and financial leaders, that they will use all the power at their disposal for the good of humankind and the health of the planet.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all whose spirit of hope is strong, that the light of life they shed will dispel the darkness of fear and anxiety.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus and Paul urge us to be ready for God's call whenever it may come. As we watch and wait, let us pray in hope for the coming of God's Day.

READER: For the young Australian Catholics gathered in Melbourne for their Youth Festival, that the three days they spend together will fire their hearts with the spirit of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the world-wide church, that prophetic leaders will arise to read the signs of the times and call believers to act with zeal for the Gospel. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For people living with disability. May this week's United Nations observance draw attention to their gifts and help provide for their needs. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For emergency service personnel as the summer season commences. May they succeed in their task of keeping the community safe. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. 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...**

CELEBRANT/LEADER: God of all times and seasons, our lives are ever in your hands. Deliver us from fear and guide us to walk daily in your light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

THE COMPUTER

As we all know, sometimes computers can be a real pain. Yesterday, I had an issue and called over Jake, the 12-year-old down the street whose bedroom looks like NASA's backup command centre. Jake tapped a couple of keys and fixed it in seconds. As he was heading out the door, I asked, "So, what was wrong?" He said, "It was an ID ten T error." Not wanting to sound clueless, I asked "An ID ten T error? What's that? Just in case it happens again." Jake smirked, "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error?" "No," I said. "Write it down," he told me.

So, I did: **ID10T**

I used to like Jake... Now I'm going to let the tyres down on his bike. 🚗 🚲

LOOKING BACK 55 YEARS AGO

55TH ANNIVERSARY OF

THE FIRST PAPAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

The morning of 2 December 1970 saw yellow and white banners, streamers and crowds lining Mount Street as the motorcade arrived at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel. It was the first Papal visit to Australia, marking 55 years this December, and Pope Paul VI arrived in his red Ferraiolo as part of an Asia Pacific pilgrimage. His Australian schedule included Masses at St Mary's Cathedral and Randwick Racecourse, a Civic Welcome at Sydney Town Hall, an Ecumenical Service and visits to Admiralty House and the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital. Preparations at the Chapel involved security, traffic control, decorations, sound equipment and photographers capturing the Chapel and Mary MacKillop's grave. The Pope was greeted by Mother Adrian Ryan and Mother Leone Ryan before entering the Chapel to the novices' choir singing Palestrina's Tu Es Pretus. Major Superiors and senior Sisters filled the pews, with a row of wheelchairs placed up front so elderly Sisters could see the Pope and receive rosaries. Pope Paul VI spent time with Sr Bernadine who had just turned 100 and spoke on the value of Catholic education, emphasising freedom, charity and a culture illuminated by faith. He prayed briefly in the Chapel, then visited and blessed Mary MacKillop's grave. Mother Adrian received a statue of Our Lady, and the Pope was gifted a handmade Rochet in a timber case carved with a boomerang. During his Sydney visit he also met First Nations delegates and acknowledged the importance of human rights and respect for Indigenous culture. *(Source Josephite News)*



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1. 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. **R**

**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. **R**

2. Glory And Praise To Our God *Dan Schutte*

**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

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

November 25, 2025



**Message from Our Lady
Queen Of Peace
of Medjugorje**

“Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to follow me. Pray for those who do not pray and do not want peace and joy, which only the Most High can give. May your souls be united in the joy of expectancy and your heart will be filled with peace. You will be convinced, little children, that all will be good and that God will bless all; because the good that you give will return to you, and joy will enfold your heart because you are with God and in God. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (With Ecclesiastical approval)

3 December 2025
**International Day of
People with Disability**

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

We aspire for our church to be a lasting beacon of faith and community, enduring for generations to come, reaching even our grandchildren's grandchildren.



12 December: SCC Street Stall
13 December: Ecumenical Christmas Carols
St Philip's Anglican Church Delegate 11am
18 December: Last Day of the 2025 School Year

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**We, the Parish of Bombala-Delegate,
acknowledge with deep respect that we stand upon
the traditional lands of
the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.
We recognise the enduring legacy of their culture,
which continues to enrich
the life and spirit of Australia.**

What is liturgical year A?



In Year A, the Church focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. During the Easter season, the Gospel of John is used across all three liturgical years. The first reading, usually taken from the Old Testament, is chosen to echo key themes found in the day's Gospel.

The second reading is generally taken from the epistles, letters written to the early Christian communities.

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



The inaugural Catholics to settle in the region arrived in 1826 as designated servants, primarily convicts. The community's foundation expanded with the influx of Scottish, Irish and subsequently German immigrants starting in 1833. Father Patrick Newman assumed the role of the first resident priest in 1864, succeeding a period during which priests were dispatched from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were erected to serve the growing Catholic population, including St Mary's Bombala in 1867 & 1942, St Joseph's Delegate 1877 & 1915, St John's Cathcart in 1878 and St Peter's Corrowong in 1894. Educational institutions also emerged with privately Catholic schools opening between 1866 and 1886, followed by the establishment of Catholic schools in Bombala in 1886 and Delegate in 1921. In 1888, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (North Sydney) co-founded by St Mary MacKillop, arrived, embarking on a continuous ministry that spanned 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes transitioned from the Sydney Archdiocese to the Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and later to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. The first local priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragy, ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. The Parish of Delegate operated independently from 1955 to 1973. Significant events marked parish history in 2008, including the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following extensive repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate commemorated its Centenary in 2015.



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First Sunday of Advent, Year A

30 November 2025

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 Greg Sunter

The first Sunday of Advent sees the
commencement of the new liturgical year.
This new liturgical cycle is referred to as
Year A and features the gospel of
Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of
Mark and Year C, that we have just
completed, features the gospel of Luke.)
Advent comes from the Latin word
Adventus which literally means ‘coming’;
it is also reflected in the Greek word
Parousia, which is used to describe the
second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a
time of preparation and anticipation of the
coming of Christ into the world that is
celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas.
The gospel passage chosen for today’s
reading richly expresses that anticipation
and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we
begin our year-long exploration of the
gospel of Matthew by taking a reading
from chapter 24. However, the need for
readiness and alertness that Jesus
speaks about in relation to the coming of
the Kingdom is equally suitable for a
modern audience when preparing to
celebrate once again the coming of Jesus
into the world. Jesus is the best
expression of the Kingdom that we have
yet experienced and so rather than seeing
the choice of this passage as a confusion,
we should recognise the alignment that
exists between the anticipation of the
Kingdom and the anticipation of the
Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the
Nativity and Easter – are each preceded
by a period of preparation: Advent and
Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is
on the mental and spiritual preparation to
fully enter into one of the great mysteries
of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God
become human; God present in the world
in a physical way. Advent is a time to
remember the many and varied ways that
God continues to be present in the world.

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