



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 23 JANUARY 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 For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

We pray for PEACE in our World, especially in the Middle East and Russia/Ukraine.

We pray for all the people in Tonga who have been affected by the eruption of the undersea volcano, especially those who no longer have clean water supplies.

We pray for all in our community who are unwell, especially those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

We pray and pay our respects to the First Nations people and recognise the continuing gift of their cultures to the life and spirit of Australia.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Nola White, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Michael Platts, Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Feast St Francis de Sales

Tue: Conversion of St Paul

Wed: Australia Day
Mass 9.30am Bombala

Thu:

Fri: St Thomas Aquinas

Sat: Vigil Mass Delegate 6pm

Sun: Mass Bombala 8am
Mass Nimmitabel 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

John Levitsky, Adele Walker, Charlize (from Blue Mts) Babs Bakewell, Mitchell Power, Clark Peadon, David Cottrell.

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear, Tony Clear, Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch, Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman, Shirley Ladmore, Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley, Anthony Roberts, Ralph Sims, Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker, Marty Williams.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dying is not an end, but a beginning, not a failure, but a glorious success. All being well if we can tidy up the loose ends before we depart.Living Water Calendar, MSC



Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



Though many of us will be far apart, we can be united in spirit and pray for each other at the Crib and at the Altar. 7.12.1899

“Love one another, each one always, in good or bad, not minding how things seem” 25.9.1873



As God's ministers, we commend ourselves in everything: by great endurance, by afflictions, by hardships...by purity, by knowledge, by patience, by kindness...by sincere love. (11 Corinthians 6:4-6)



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Virtues to keep in a changing world

While the latest UN report on climate change illustrates the crisis that is occurring in the world today, there is still room for hope.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the church, that it be a community of faith in which the gifts of the Spirit are free to flourish.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for those who are using their gifts to engage in practical climate action, that their example will inspire man more to care for the earth, our common home.

PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC:

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray each day for those suffering illness as a result of Coronavirus 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



LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

If you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

Prayer of the Faithful

LEADER: God of peace and abundance, hear our prayers for ourselves, for the Church and for the whole world.

READER:

That the Church may be a witness to Christ, the Lamb of God, as the source of universal salvation.

We pray to the Lord.

For those living in places of danger and conflict, may they know the comfort and consolation of God's presence in their lives.

We pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Church, that it be a community of faith in which the gifts of the Spirit are free to flourish.

We pray to the Lord.

For the sick and the dying, for those who are housebound, those who are lonely and impacted by the Coronavirus.

We pray to the Lord.

For healthcare and frontline personnel and medical scientists: that they may be able to bring hope and healing to all who need protection and care, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died especially John Levitsky and Adele Walker, may they enjoy forever God's loving presence.

We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for our special needs.
We pray: Hail Mary....

LEADER: Loving God, receive our prayers and help us to live as your holy people We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN



Pope Francis

"God made up capable of dreaming, so that we could embrace the beauty of life. The works of mercy are the most beautiful works in life. They go right to the heart of our great dreams. If you are dreaming about real glory, not the glory of this passing world but the glory of God, this is the path to follow" (Homily, 22 Nov. 2020)

PAUSE FOR PEACE

Women are symbols of love.
Mothers embody love and compassion.
Sometimes I observe that if countries had more women leaders, we'd have a more peaceful world.
.....Dalai Lama



Coffee

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

1. One Bread, One Body

John Michael Talbot

One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the Earth

We are one body in this one Lord

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man, No more

2. Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord, Of all

2. Prayer of St Francis Various

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.



LOOKING BACK 137 YEARS AGO - February 1885 - Bombala and the Sisters of Charity

There is little evidence as to why four Sisters of Charity from St Vincent's Convent, Potts Point, arrived in Bombala on February 11, 1885, but we do know the how - they travelled by special horse coach from Bega. They would have sailed on a steamship from Sydney probably to the port of Tathra. It is likely that the Sisters would have stayed at the Nazaretto Convent at Bega (where Sisters of Charity arrived in January 1884) prior to travelling from Bega to Bombala by horse and coach. We do know that the Rectress of Bombala, Sr Mary Vincent Carroll, was the sibling of former parish priest, Fr JJ Carroll who served Bombala in the 1870s. Sr Mary Vincent had been the first Rectress at St Mary's Convent, Liverpool in 1878 and after Bombala, became Rectress at Nazaretto Convent, Bega after her niece, Sr M Aquin Bourke, left Bega in early 1888.

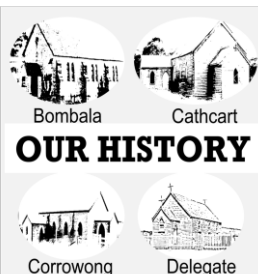
In 1884, together with a parish committee, Fr Fleming purchased a building for use as a school. It was situated on the corner of Mahratta and Stephen Streets, on the Sydney road coming into Bombala, opposite the Bombala River. The school building, formerly an old slab timber hotel, was on a corner with three frontages, had an extensive yard and an orchard on an acre of ground. Funds were raised locally so that renovations could be undertaken to convert it for school purposes.

The property was purchased for £500 from Mrs Mary Hughina Chopin, the widow of the late Dr Charles Chopin, a general medical practitioner of Bombala. Next to the former slab timber hotel was a brick residence, also purchased from Mrs Chopin, which the Sisters of Charity converted for use as All Saints' Convent. In a letter to the Archbishop dated 19 February 1885, Sr Mary Vincent Carroll, wrote that the Sisters "are well pleased with our new convent home and we have every reason to be happy here." Seventy children were enrolled on the first day of school, Monday, February 16, 1885, 61 of whom came from Bombala Public School. Two weeks later, eighty children had been enrolled. Sr Mary Vincent's niece, Sr Mary Michael Bourke, was one of the other Sisters. She had taken her final vows on January 8, 1885, about a month prior to arriving in Bombala. The names of the other two Sisters who were sent to Bombala are not recorded.

An advertisement in March, 1885 in the local press announced that a high school in connection with the convent school was planned to be opened in a few weeks. The school was planned for "young ladies" as boarders, with French, music and astronomy to be taught. By March 7, 1885, three boarders had commenced and the Sydney newspapers could report in June 1885 that the school had opened "about a month ago." The next press report described the first annual exhibition and distribution of prizes for All Saints High School, held on December 16, 1885, followed on December 18 by the primary school's annual exhibition and distribution of prizes. The Sisters also visited the sick in the local community. Fundraising for the convent and the school proceeded not only in Bombala but also in Nimmitabel, about 60 kms north of Bombala, as evidenced by "a Grand Bazaar in aid of All Saints Convent, Bombala" held in Silk's Royal Hotel, Nimmitabel on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 1886. In early 1887, a well-attended "plain and fancy dress ball" was held in Bombala in aid of the convent. By 1887, the community numbered five Sisters; however, school enrolments had decreased to seven boarders and thirteen day pupils. A newspaper report at the end of 1887 mentions "a few months ago three Sisters of St Joseph came to Bombala and took charge of the convent and school." By then there were more than 100 students.

From the Sisters of Charity Website <https://www.sistersofcharity.org.au/who-we-are/history/the-sisters-in-bombala-1885/>

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 Baragy 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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

23 January 2022

First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 (shorter form)

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would

you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax !! Holiness is not a matter of our *striving*, but of *accepting* that we are *accepted* by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

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