



BOMBALA - DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH

IN THE MONARO MISSION

Country of the Yuin and Ngarigo people

First Catholics arrived in the area from 1826 as assigned servants (convicts)

Scottish, Irish and later German immigrants built up the presence from 1833

First resident priest Fr Patrick Newman 1864

Churches built - Bombala 1867 & 1942, Delegate 1877 & 1915, Cathcart 1878, Corrowong 1894

Schools 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886, Delegate 1921

Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 130 years

Monaro & South Coast Parishes transferred to Goulburn Diocese 1917

First priestly vocation - Fr Ernest Baragry ordained as Missionary of the Sacred Heart 1941 (died 1997)

Delegate a Parish in its own right 1954-1972. Welcomed the World Youth Day Cross & Icon Feb 2008

St Mary's Church Bombala Consecrated 2008. St Joseph's Church Delegate Centenary 2015

Prayer Intentions
4th Sunday of Lent Year B
10th 11th March 2018

Pope's Intentions;

Formation in Spiritual Discernment –

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

We pray for the people of Somalia where Terrorist attacks in Mogadishu, on February 23 killed many civilians and injured others.

We pray for more than 100 girls unaccounted for following an attack on a school in Dapchi in the NE Nigerian state of Yobe by suspected members of Boko Haram.

We thank God for the recent rain and pray for continued falls please.

For those affected by the two recent Earthquakes in an isolated area of PNG.

For our deceased loved ones and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

For our sick parishioners and all who are in need of your compassion and care.

For those who are ill: Tom Nunan, Michelle Farran, Margo Birmingham, Braith Frisby, Edna Reed, Moira Tindale, Pat Papalia, Russel, Greg Tett, Veronica McDonald, Larry and Shirley Bedingfield, Steven Baseler, Tracey B, Brian Kelly (Maureen P's brother), Ken and Linda Atkins, Dorothy Tawney, Cheryl May, Paul Warren, Trish Guthrie.

Remembering their faith and love:

Ruth McKay (anniv 12/3), Neville Murphy (anniv 16/3), Charlie Miles, Gordon Platts, Audrey Armstrong, Anthony Roberts (Delegate), Sr. Bridie O'Connell, rsj, Phyllis Platts, Dick Kennedy, Carol De Jong, Meryl Lock, Jean Talbot, Don Tindale, Clare Birmingham.

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

Parish Team

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.

Items may come in by phone, note or email.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Pope Francis reminds us

"Following the star demands a decision to take up the journey, to not stand still, but set out."

Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish

"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

Mass Times

CHECK THE BULLETIN EACH WEEK FOR MASS/ LITURGY TIMES

4th Sunday in Lent Year B

Mon: Lenten Discussion groups

Tue: Rosary 11 am
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Wed: Mass 10.30 am Delegate
MPS

Thu: Sister Teresa to Delegate

Fri: Adoration 9.30-10.00

Sat:

Sun: Mass 8 am DELEGATE
Mass 10 am BOMBALA

For Our Monaro Mission

For Vocations: We pray that as a parish within the Monaro Mission we will support each other, our priests and sisters in becoming the Body of Christ for all in the area. We also pray for vocations to the religious life and the priesthood that the generations to come may also hear the Word of God as we have. Keep us working with other churches to share the Gospel. Amen

POPE FRANCIS

In an address to parishioners in Rome on Sunday, Pope Francis strongly reaffirmed the preciousness of God's gift of life. He particularly highlighted the value of the elderly as he called for all life to be valued and respected.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Northern Territory: Evangeline in the Northern Territory, featured in Project Compassion 2016. She was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin

Arts and quickly rose to the role of Senior Artsworkeer. Her career has flourished and she has become an inspirational youth leader. Her work at Djilpin Arts contributes to its success, whilst providing training and opportunities for other young people in the community. Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture, while making a living for herself and creating opportunities for her community.

This year, in 2018, Evangeline is busy guiding tourists, coordinating cultural activities and helping community members to practice and market their arts, such as weaving and jewellery-making. Elders are dying and she is keen to spearhead the preservation of culture and lore for future generations. "It's good for them to learn and to keep their culture strong", Evangeline says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians. The work of Evangeline and Djilpin Arts is creating opportunities for First Peoples to remain on country and keep their culture alive. This work is essential for a just future.

"Concerned Catholics of Canberra" – 22 March.

Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to the 3rd public forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn. Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and Healing Council, will provide an analysis of the Royal Commission's final report. Contact: Rod Page
concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com

**CLO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH
AT 10 AM**

The Pope's Lenten Sonata: Pause, See and Return. An invitation to spiritual renewal. At regular intervals Pope Francis provides prompts for reflection that can help us come more fully alive.

Prayer of the Faithful:

4th Sunday of Lent.

Leader: On our journey through Lent, we bring before the Lord our fears, our hopes, our concerns and our needs.

For all members of the Church: that we may renew our faith in God's activity in the world.

We pray to the Lord:

We pray for forgiveness for the sins committed by members of the Church in the sexual abuse of children.

We pray to the Lord:

That we might learn from our First Australian sisters and brothers to preserve and bring into the light what is good and true. By God's grace, may we recognise that we are all part of God's work of art.

We pray to the Lord:

Lord of creation, "you take care of the earth and water it,....you drench the ploughed ground with rain...." Psalm 65. May the rains fall abundantly for all farmers.

We pray to the Lord:

For all who are overwhelmed by grief, loneliness, despair or pain, for the sick and for those close to death: hear our prayers for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We pray to the Lord:

May the dead who have hoped in God's love find eternal life in Christ, who was lifted up for our salvation.

We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs:

We pray, **Hail Mary,**

Leader: Gracious God, continue to pour new life into us through the gifts of faith, hope and love so that united with Christ we may praise your goodness forever. Grant this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Intention

Whenever the cross seems to us a stumbling-block or folly, give us, Lord, eyes of faith to see your power and wisdom at work to raise us up.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for church personnel in poor and under-resourced dioceses. May they be blessed with a wealth of generous co-workers and volunteers.

HERE IS MY LIFE Joe Wise

Refrain

**Here is my life myself the bread that I bring.
Here is my soul, my wine the song that I sing.
Take it for gift and take it for granted
Sprung from the seeds that I've washed and I've
planted
So long ago and even 'til now and even 'til now.**

Bread from the fields, from my friends and bread
from the lean years,
Bread from my youth and my loves and bread from
the green years.

This much is ready now, this much is ready now,
this much is ready now
Bake it as you own.

Wine of my joys and my dreams and wine of my
good times,
Wine of my won't and my will, my did and my
should times.
This much is ready now, this much is ready now,
this much is ready now.
Pour it as your own.

DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

(Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn)

Psalm 41 is placed on our lips today:

Like a deer that yearns for running streams,
So my soul is yearning for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;
When can I enter and see the face of God?

We are living at a time of great wealth, perhaps
unprecedented in human history. We are bombarded
with advertising encouraging us to satisfy our
"wants". Artificial "needs" are manufactured
regularly.

Who today dares to speak of *desire*? The Psalmist
does. She places it on our lips – and in our hearts.

The gift of God's self

Lent is a reminder that Jesus is the dearest gift that
God can give us.

Strong and Constant Frank Andersen

I will be Yahweh who walks with you!
You will be always within My hand!
Take your heart and give it all to Me!

Strong and constant is My love
Strong and constant is My love!

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!

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER:

God of all peoples and nations,
You accompany us on our Lenten journey.
Through the life and mission of your Son,
You give us the gift of mercy.
May we learn to walk your way of justice
and compassion with all your people.
In a special way, may we keep in mind the
children,
Women and men around the world who are most
vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

In this Year of Youth, may we support young
people as they recognise that through their
efforts, their desire to change and their
generosity, they too are participating in the
building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our
lenten gifts to Project Compassion.
Through these actions, may our hearts
be open to receive your grace as we work
towards a just future for all your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
AMEN

PRAYER FOR RAIN

*Loving God, we know you care for all things. We ask your help during this dry time. Send the rain our land needs.
While we wait for that rain, help us to show your care and kindness to those farmers who are suffering the most
during this time. We thank you for the rain we have received. Amen*



MARY MACKILLOP:

Let us rejoice in the goodness of God who has made our world so full of beauty.

We are all waiting – some in one fashion, some in another.

Rev. Julian Tenison Woods 1881 & 1865

So great is the strength we possess in our unity. 1874