



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

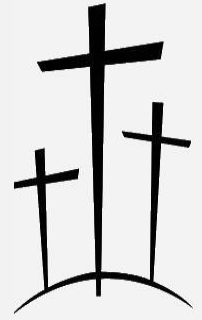
Schools 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886, Delegate 1921

Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 132 years
Monaro & South Coast Parishes transferred to Goulburn Diocese 1917

First priestly vocation - Fr Ernest Baragry ordained as Missionary of the Sacred Heart 1941

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



Baptism of The Lord Year B 9th 10th January 2021

Prayer Intentions 'YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH'

Pope's Intention: Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

We thank you for the rain we have received and pray for continued followup rain.

We pray for those travelling on our roads over the January holiday time; may their journeys be safe and uneventful.

We pray for those who have lost their lives in road accidents recently, locally or in other parts of the State, particularly the two little boys in Wellington.

We pray for those who are sick in our local community. May they be comforted by God's healing graces.

For our deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed; may our prayers accompany them to the place that Jesus has prepared for them.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers: Jen Farrell, Sue Robinson, John Vincent, Terry Perkins, Daryl White, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy.

Remembering their faith and love:

Toby Mustard, Merv Platts, Eileen Walder, Nell Akmens, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare), Ida Feld, Natalie Ingram, Gwen Kimber, Ellen Atkins, Sr Bridie O'Connell, rsj, (anniv) Kitty Peisley (anniv 6/1), Gary Thompson (anniv 9/1), Ralph Sims (anniv 10/1), Madge Crotty (anniv 10/1), Jono Kidman (anniv. 6/1)

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

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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

(and every day)

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle.

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



PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN EACH WEEK FOR MASS/LITURGY TIMES

Baptism of The Lord Year B

Mon: Mass 9.30 am Bombala

Tue: Mass 9.30 am Bombala

Wed: Mass 9.30 am Bombala
Mass 11.00am Delegate

Thu: Mass 9.30 am Bombala

Fri: Mass 9.30 am Bombala

Sat:

Sun: Mass 8 am DELEGATE
Mass 10 am BOMBALA



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



The Baptism of the Lord, Year B

10 January 2021

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul
delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people with
peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:7-11

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was immersed in the Waters of the River Jordan as though he were a repentant sinner. Why? Jesus wanted to be identified with the mass of sinful humanity. During this great act of solidarity, Jesus clearly had a mystical experience as He emerged from the waters: the Heavens opening, the Spirit descending *like* a dove, and hearing a *bat qol*, a whisper echoing Heaven.

Each of us has been incorporated into Our Lord's Baptism. At whatever age we received Baptism, the Heavens were opened and Divine love and power streamed from Heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit, Divine Lover of humanity, hovered gently. Deep down, at the intimate wellspring of life, the Divine Voice was heard: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might wake up each morning with that Divine Voice ringing in our ears, and then re-echoing it in our lives.

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“The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus”

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 to be the “Year of St. Joseph”

In an apostolic letter, *Patris Corde* (With a father’s heart), Pope Francis said Christians could discover in St. Joseph, who often went unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble”.

“St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” He said.

“A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.”

The letter explains that while little is written about St. Joseph by the evangelists, much could be deduced. “The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus” Pope Francis said. The letter lays out the many qualities of St. Joseph’s fatherhood – “a father in the shadows”; “a working father”; “a creatively courageous father”; “an accepting father”; “an obedient father”; “a tender loving father”; and “a beloved father.”

“In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a ‘sign’ pointing to a greater fatherhood,” Pope Francis said. “In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who “makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Mt.5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son.

Pope Francis said the aim of his letter was to “increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal”.

(to be continued next week) From The Catholic Leader

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all whose mission is to make Christ known – parents, teachers, catechists, preachers and missionaries – that they will faithfully radiate the light of Christ.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for the members of the Eastern churches, that their celebration of Christ-among-us will be a festival of light and joy.

“Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation”: Pope Francis

Prayer of the Faithful Baptism of the Lord.

Leader: As the beloved sons and daughters of God, in faith we make our petitions for our needs and the needs of the world.

That all Christians help to continue the mission of Jesus who came that all people may have the fullness of life: We pray to the Lord:

We give thanks for missionaries who teach the message of salvation in far-away places.

We pray to the Lord:

For all who serve in positions of authority and for all who assist those in need:

We pray to the Lord:

For children who have been baptised into our Christian community in recent times and for their families.

We pray to the Lord:

For all in special need: for the sick and suffering, for the housebound and the lonely and for those grieving the loss of loved ones through the Covid pandemic: bring them healing and comfort:

We pray to the Lord:

For our own deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed: may God bless them with all the spiritual blessings of heaven. We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady’s intercession for all our needs:

We pray: **Hail Mary...**

Leader: Gracious God, hear our prayers and send your Spirit to us, that like Jesus, we may be instruments of your goodness and truth.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

The world is our family

Pope Francis speaks of fraternity in a variety of contexts. For him it is much richer in meaning than friendly relationships.

“We do not have to talk very much in order to pray well.

We know that God is there...

Let us open our hearts to him.

Let us rejoice in his presence.

This is the best Prayer.”

...St. John Vianney

Come To The Water Frank Anderson

*Come to the water. You who are thirsty.
Though you have nothing, I bid you come.
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer.
Come, listen, live.*

Why spend your money on what cannot fill the emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to My word and you will enjoy: goodness and peace in your heart.

Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways and thoughts beyond you. Call me your father and know I am near. I will be Father to you.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father, help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life and assist them to prepare for it.

For your greater glory, and the service of your people, call many to be Priests and Religious. Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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STAMPS: Please keep your used stamps for the Josephite Peruvian Missions. With many receiving Christmas cards, we ask that you put your stamps in a small paper or plastic bag and leave them in the Church porch or give them directly to Sister Teresa.

Let There Be peace on Earth Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, we are family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let it begin with me.

Father John Vallayil

The Vincents received an email on 24/12 from Father John in India and it is quoted below.

Christmas during the pandemic can never be the same. We are in that predicament. It is about a year since the whole world is in the grip of this Covid-19 and now about a new and more dangerous variant of the same. Many lost their lives during this period. Life has changed totally and nothing is the same as before. There is a sense of fear, uncertainty and panic in the air. Yet Christmas is back as usual with its message of peace, hope and joy, calling us to reflect once again on the meaningfulness of life in spite of the pains and frustrations of our daily today existence. We are called to trust in God who still loves humanity with all its vulnerability. God has assumed the human nature in all its frailties and brokenness. He never leaves us alone but He accompanies us in our journey ever instilling hope. God came and dwelt among us without distancing himself and wearing a mask. We shall experience this love during this Christmas season. I wish you a merry Christmas and safe and peaceful new year. You are in my prayers. Please keep us in your prayers. After Christmas, 15 of our Deacons will be ordained Priests. Keep them also in your prayers. Please convey my greetings to all our families in Bombala and Delegate. Assuring you of my prayers....

Father John



MARY MACKILLOP:

We must look before us, do what we do well and refuse to undertake too much. 15.8.1900

In unity under God lies our strength. 10.8.1874

Let your motto be: God alone, God alone for all of us. 1873