



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

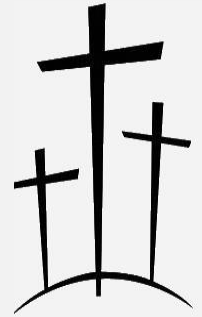
Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 132 years

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



2nd Sunday of Lent Year B
27th 28th February 2021

Prayer Intentions

'YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH' With a
Father's Heart

Pope's Intention:

Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

We pray for continued rain to ease our farming situation

God as we make decisions in our lives, we pray for your guidance and the strength to do your will.

We pray for those living with anxiety and the grief of family tragedy and for those in our community who are sick.

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: Mark Gaunson, John Vincent, Heather Whitby, Daryl White, Sr Elly Fogerty, rsj, Lorna Trevanion, Jen Farrell, Sue Robinson, Terry Perkins, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy.

Remembering their faith and love:

James Gorringer of Currawarna, Jennifer Bruce (Cotton), Val Reid, Keith Moreing, Brendan Ventry, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare), Sheila White (anniv. 27/2)
"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

*'Sharing our mistakes with humility and openness
Brings as much growth to our relationships as sharing
Our successes and joys.'*

Andrea Grant

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

2nd Sunday of Lent Time Year B

Mon: Lenten Discussion 10 am

Tue:

Wed: Mass 9.30 am Bombala

Thur: Sister Teresa to Delegate

Fri:

Sat: Delegate Vigil Mass 6 pm

Sun: Bombala Mass 8 am
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NOTICE

World Day of Prayer Friday 5th
March 2pm at Currawarna.
Everyone welcome

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

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

The discussion group is being held in the Bombala Parish Meeting Room at 10 am each Monday.

All are most welcome to attend. ‘COMFORT’ books are available at \$5-00 each and please leave your money with Jan Farrell or the Vincent’s.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for church communities around the world, that this Lent will be a season of repentance, renewal and grace.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for authorities determining the voice and distribution of coronavirus vaccines, that their decisions will be guided by a strong ethic of social justice.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

It is joy and fun that connects us to God

Prayer for the pandemic

Lord, Jesus brought healing during his ministry on earth. Now we need his healing more than ever. We need not only the healing from physical illness brought on by the Coronavirus, but healing for human hearts.

Inspire us to serve the poor and abandoned. **Amen**
(St Columbans Mission Society)

PRAYER FOR CRITICAL COURAGE:

I ask the Spirit of Courage to give me the gift of courage, especially when I begin to lose heart in the face of huge lifestyle changes, loss of certainty and critical health care.

(Fr. Michael Hansen, SJ.)

PROJECT COMPASSION

BE MORE

Your generous support of Project Compassion provides a brighter future for some of the world’s most vulnerable communities. Together, we can **BE MORE!**

Collection boxes are on the seats or in the porches, as are envelopes if you prefer them for each week.

Prayer of the Faithful 2nd Sunday of Lent

Leader: We offer our prayer out of our heartfelt trust in Jesus, God’s beloved Son.

That Church leaders and members may listen to Jesus as we strive to build his kingdom on earth:

We pray to the Lord:

That nations and governments may strive for an end to violence and war:

We pray to the Lord:

That through the generosity of people everywhere, the work of Project Compassion may help to end poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of the poor and needy:

We pray to the Lord:

That all who have been impacted by tragedy, or are experiencing sickness and pain may find relief and comfort through the prayer and care of others:

We pray to the Lord:

On Tabor, the face of Jesus changed in prayer. Through our prayers and sacrifices may our lives be changed to more perfectly image Christ.

We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for James Gorringer of Currawarna and Jennifer Bruce (Cotton) of Delegate: may they rest in God’s loving embrace.

We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady’s intercession for our special concerns:

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

Leader: Gracious and loving God, we implore you to hear the prayers we offer in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL NEWS:

On Wednesday, Mrs Tighe and Mrs Shannon, together with school leaders, Connor and Miller attended the celebration of 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Mass was held at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Manuka to celebrate the opening of the first Catholic School in Parramatta in 1821. To quote Mrs Tighe “we are blessed to belong to such a great learning community”.

Last Friday, 19th Feb., 7 children from the school represented the school at the Southern region Swimming Carnival in Narooma. Congratulations to our small but mighty swimming team for their competitive efforts.

The school term 1/2021 ends on Thursday, 1st April and Term 2 resumes on Tuesday, 20th April.

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*My Sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord:
I know them, and they follow me.*

(John 10:27)

Be Not Afraid Dufford

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

LENT

The season of Lent that comes around every year is about love. Love can be seen by what is prioritized and then practically done for someone else. God loves us so much that he wants us to know Him and experience Him – not just in the eternal life to come, but here and now. Lent is about personally knowing God's love, now. Lent is about knowing that God the Father spared nothing so that we would have a personal relationship with Him. He gave His Son.

Lent is the time we can come to God and ask to encounter Him afresh or for the very first time. Lent can and will change us again and again if we strive after encountering God and letting Him into our life. It is a serious time that leads to peace, strength, and knowledge of God for anyone who would look to God.

At the end of Lent, some people will make great changes to their lives because they will have experienced Jesus. We can so easily forget God's love. We try to lead people to know the love of God, and Lent is a unique time to discover this.
(Bruce Downes Ministry)

Prayer of Trust (Bro. Michael Herry)

You know the way for me, you know the time
Into your hands I trustingly place mine.
Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love,
You know the way, your way is love.

Repeat 4 times

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Wollongong Bishop Brian Mascord said his diocese was very excited to be entrusted with producing Mass for people who are homebound, without internet, or in person, aged care facilities and hospitals, as well as those flicking through the channels on a Sunday morning.

"In parishes across the country, people are trying their best to make the celebration of the Mass something that is beautiful, prayerful and a source of strength," Bishop Mascord said. "Those principles, which sound simple and yet are profound, will be the motivation for our team's production, which will seek to deliver an experience that comforts, inspires and uplifts people."

Mass will be broadcast on free-to-air television, providing spiritual nourishment for people who are not able to attend Mass in person.

(CATH NEWS)

FOR SALE

The Parish has a spare Organ in the Garage. Should anyone have an interest in this, please contact Carol, Rob or John from the Finance Committee. It was in good order but may be a little dusty at present.

We also have one Church pew for sale should anyone have a use for it. Please contact one of the above persons.

STAMPS: Please keep your used stamps for the Josephite Peruvian Missions. 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.



MARY MACKILLOP:

If the interior be poor and empty of self-seeking and self-will then the exterior matters not much. 14.12.1890

With humility, charity and truth on our part, all will in the end be well. 15.11.1883

Help one another, bear with one another as God bears with each of us. 7.12.1899

God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right. 30.10.1874



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

28 February 2021

First Reading Gn 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

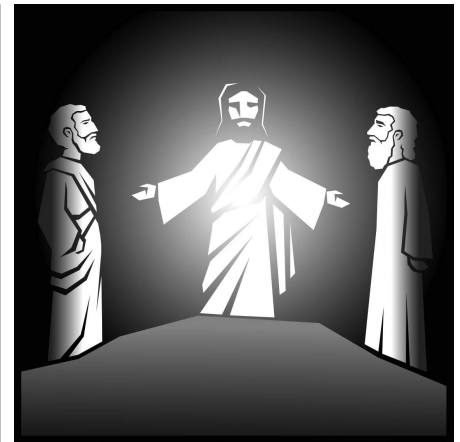
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Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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