



# 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



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B**  
**6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Prayer Intentions**  
**'YEAR OF ST JOSEPH'**  
**With a carer's heart**

**Pope's Intention:**

**Sacrament of reconciliation**

**Let us pray** that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**We pray** for continued rain to fill up the dams and help the crops grow.

**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 or are in pain

**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:**

Bishop Bede Heather (Parramatta Diocese), James Gorringer, Jennifer Bruce (Cotton), Val Reid, Keith Moreing, Brendan Ventry, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare),

**Anniversaries:** Sheila White 27/2, Ruth McKay 12/3, Marion Lister 11/3, Neville Murphy 16/3

**"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.*

## 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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Time Year B**

**Mon:** Lenten Discussion 10am

**Tue:**

**Wed:** School Mass 9.30am  
Bombala  
Mass 11am Delegate MPS

**Thur:** Sister Teresa to Delegate  
Lenten Discussion Delegate  
**Fri:**

**Sat: Delegate** 6pm Liturgy of the Word & HC

**Sun: Bombala** 9am Liturgy of the Word & HC

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*We need to learn how to make mistakes and not be constrained by a desire for perfection.*

*Pope Francis, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, has dedicated most of this year to St Joseph, whose feast day is 19 March.*

### **LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS**

If you have not paid for your Lenten 'COMFORT' book, please give your \$5-00 to Jan Farrell or the Vincents.

### **Weekly Prayer Intention**

We pray for the surviving Christian communities of the Middle East, that their steadfast faith will inspire the world-wide church to take up the cross of Christ.

### **Daily Prayer Intention**

We pray for the cyclone-damaged vocational schools of the Solomon Islands, that our support for Project Compassion will help them recover and rebuild.

Pope Francis – Message for Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters
2. Hope as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.
3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

### **Prayer of the Faithful 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent B**

Celebrant: We approach our God with confidence praying for our needs and the needs of the world.

That our church may always be a house of prayer, joy and unity: We pray to the Lord:

That the leaders of nations and governments may attend first to the needs of the poor: We pray to the Lord:

That during this Lent we may grow in appreciation of our bodies as the Temples of the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord:

That the healing spirit of Jesus may touch the lives of those who are sick or suffering from chronic illness: We pray to the Lord:

That those who are grieving the loss of loved ones may experience God's presence with them and God's gift of peace. We pray to the Lord:

That those who have died may enjoy God's loving presence for ever: We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady's intercession for all who need our prayers and for ourselves:

We pray; **Hail Mary....**

Celebrant: Loving God, guide us in the way of truth and goodness and lead us to the kingdom of un-failing light.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH:**

(Special prayers are offered to St Joseph each Wednesday, especially during this month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
In you Mary placed her trust;  
With you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too  
Show yourself as a father  
And guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
And defend us from every evil.  
**AMEN.**

**Ashes (Psalm 25)** David Haas

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do. We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew. If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true. An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts. The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt. Give our stumblings direction, give our visions wider view. An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain. Though Summer has turned to Autumn and sunshine turned to rain. The rain we'll use for growing and create the world anew. From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

**A Trusting Psalm** Kevin Bates

***Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you***

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,  
His love can never be measured.  
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
So let us place our trust in Him.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.  
His love can never grow weary.  
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
If we can place our trust in him.

**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.

**Hosea** Weston Priory

Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, though straight and tall;  
So must we to others call.

***Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.***

The wilderness will lead you to your heart

Where I will speak.

Integrity and justice

With tenderness you shall know.

**A New Heart for a New World** Watts/O'Brien 1985

***Create a new heart, holy Lord,  
Beckon our lives through your word  
Open our eyes to your call  
United as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts  
Heal us of pride and of hurt  
May we go forth in your name  
We pray our hearts change***

The heart of the Cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth.

Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.  
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems.

**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)



**MARY MACKILLOP:**

*God loves us all. 2.09.1875*

*God is all powerful and can do all things. 16.1.1875*

*Of ourselves we can never be sure that all that looks good is really so. 16.1.1875*

*Good is good and merciful. 22.3.1870*



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Third Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**7 March 2021**

## **First Reading Ex 20:1-17 (or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)**

*The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting 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  
all of them just. (R.)

4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25**

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## **Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16**

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!***

***God loved the world so much, he gave us  
his only Son,***

***that all who believe in him might have  
eternal life.***

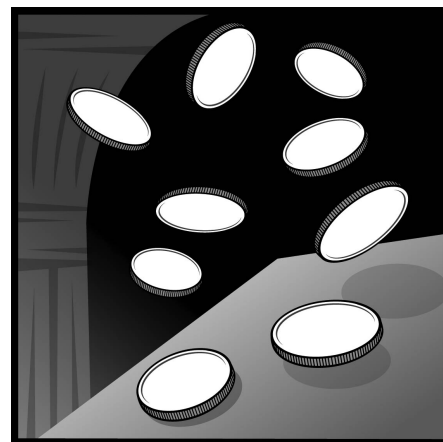
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!***

## **Gospel Jn 2:13-25**

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



## **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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