



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

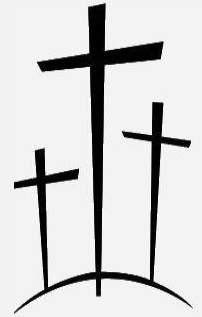
Schools 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886, Delegate 1921

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



4th Sunday of Lent Year B
13th 14th 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 Daryl White, or are in pain.

This week, let us pray for the courage to pay attention to the needs of others.

That those who have died may enjoy God's loving presence for ever.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers: Daryl White, Gloria Robinson, Mark Gaunson, John Vincent, Heather Whitby, 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, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare),

Anniversaries: Sheila White 27/2, Ruth McKay 12/3, Marion Lister 11/3, Neville Murphy 16/3, John Jones (Flatout) 20/3, June Beileiter 20/3, Joan Ryan 20/3, Edna Cottrell 22/3.

"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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion....to hold opinions without interference...."

Edmund Campion of Susan Ryan

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

4th Sunday of Lent Time Year B

Mon: Lenten Discussion 10 am

Tue:

Wed: Mass 9.30 am Bombala

Thur: Sister Teresa to Delegate
Lenten Discussions Delegate

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: Mass 8 am **DELEGATE**
Mass 10 am **BOMBALA**

Pope Francis, to mark the 150th 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.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

The importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
For Pope Francis the sacrament of Reconciliation has a central place in Catholic life. He refers to it frequently as one of the pillars in our following Jesus.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all who are involved in the administration of justice, that they will exercise their authority with integrity and wisdom.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for those most vulnerable to the coronavirus. May the distribution of vaccines protect them from infection and help keep them well.

Pope Francis on 'Praying With Scripture'

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!
Today I would like to focus on the prayer we can do beginning with a Bible passage. The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart. The Word of God goes to the heart. The Catechism affirms that: "prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture" – the Bible should not be read like a novel, it must be accompanied by prayer – "so that a dialogue takes place between God and man" (no. 2653). This is where prayer leads you, because it is a dialogue with God. That Bible verse was written for me too, centuries and centuries ago, to bring me a word of God. It was written for every one of us. This experience happens to all believers: a passage from the Scripture, heard many times already, unexpectedly speaks to me one day, and enlightens a situation that I am living. But it is necessary that I, that day, be present for that appointment with that Word. That I may be there, listening to the Word. Every day God passes and sows a seed in the soil of our lives. We do not know whether today he will find dry ground, brambles, or good soil that will make that seed grow (cf. Mk 4:3-9). That they become for us the living Word of God depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures. God passes, continually, and through the Scripture. And here I return to what I said last week, to what Saint Augustine said: "I am afraid of God when he passes". Why is he afraid? That he will not listen to him. That I will not realize that he is the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful 4th Sunday of Lent B

Leader: Trusting in the Lord of mercy and love, we petition our God for our needs and the needs of the World.

For the Church, that it may be renewed and strengthened by the prayer and sacrifices of its members during this Lent. We pray to the Lord:

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of all people. We pray to the Lord:

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among all peoples. 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:

Lord of creation, you take care of the earth and water it. Let the rains fall abundantly for all farmers. We pray to the Lord:

May our deceased loved ones 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 we hold in our hearts: We pray, **Hail Mary....**

Leader: Gracious God, continue to pour new life into us and help us to live by the truth of the Gospel.

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.*

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!

WHERE DO I PRAY?

You can pray anywhere. God is everywhere. He is ready to listen and work in your heart, life and spirit in any place. He is not limited by space. Some people pray in their office at work and arrive early to do so, while other people stop at an appropriate place and pray in their cars, for others it is the beach. Some people go to their local church and pray there. There is no one correct place. If you are to develop a personal relationship with God, it is important to have a place, which in a sense is your personal meeting place. Another very important reason for praying in the same place as often as possible is because when I am there I quickly move mentally to a place of connection with God. This has happened from being in this place many times before. It is what you might call the habit of place.
(Bruce Downes Ministry)

ST. JOSEPH's school news

The Parish Community at Wednesday's mass were delighted to welcome our new Kinders attending the School Mass for the first time and participating in the Opening Processions and the Offertory Procession. Also last Saturday we (Bombala) received a little PR in the Canberra Times with a photograph taken at St. Christopher's Cathedral of our two school leaders, Miller Stewart and Connor Reed speaking with Archbishop Prowse and the CEO Director, Ross Fox. A very special photo for these two young people.

Eagles Wings Frank Andersen

I have carried you on eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years.

My heart is full of peace; you have been within my life,
Your guiding hand has always covered me,
I am full of confidence in you. **Chorus**

My soul is like a child, cradled safe within your arms,
You have carried me across my years,
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. **Chorus**

A good friend is like a
FOUR LEAF



CLOVER

hard to find and
LUCKY
to have

**Happy
St
Patrick's
Day**

March 17th

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:

I would rather be judged for any other sin than for charitableness. 3.5.1874

Trust in God. 3.5.1874

The cross appears lighter when carried with Jesus. 3.5.1874

God will draw good out of evil. 3.5.1874



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

14 March 2021

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced,
if ever I forget you!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us
his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have
eternal life.**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal
life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not
be lost

but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be
saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,

because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does
is done in God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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