



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

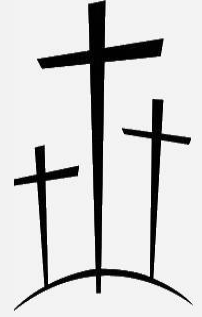
Schools 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886, Delegate 1921

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



5th Sunday of Lent Year B
20th 21st 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 thank God for our recent rain but we pray for it to continue please.

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, especially 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), Val Reid, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare), June Beileiter (anniv. 20/3), Joan Ryan (anniv. 20/3), Edna Cottrell (anniv. 22/3), Don Tindale (anniv. 27/3), Sam Monk (anniv. 29/3)

"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

"The beauty of silence is it allows the Spirit to move within us and for us to contemplate the divine."

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

5th Sunday of Lent Time Year B

Mon: Lenten Discussion 10 am

Tue:

Wed: Mass 9.30 am Bombala
Reconciliation 7.00 pm

Thur: Sister Teresa to Delegate
Lenten Discussions Delegate

Fri:

Sat: 6 pm Liturgy of the Word & HC Delegate

Sun: 9 am Liturgy of the Word & HC Bombala

Both above Liturgies will be celebration of Palm Sunday

NOTICE

CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER THURS.25TH MARCH AT 10AM

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

True Leadership

Church leaders need courage and faith to build creative ways of reaching those on the margins.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for artists of every kind, that their creative gifts will help us imagine the new world God is bringing to birth.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for all in aged care. May the recommendations of the royal commission ensure they are cared for with dignity and compassion.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

Caritas K's: Kilometres for Compassion

...Fundraising Target: \$250-00

Caritas Ks provides an opportunity for the St. Joseph's school community to reflect on the things we can so easily take for granted in a country such as Australia and make a difference to the lives of many people in need around the world.

When: Wednesday, 31st March

Where: Bombala River Track (Gunnago Park end)

Who: School K – 6, the School Community (parents, grandparents, carers, friends and Parishioners.)

Time: 11 am

Attire: Walking gear.

Please click the link below to donate and sponsor our walkers, or friends can join in and sponsor themselves.

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/t/stjosephsprimaryschoolbombala>

We encourage any of the parishioners who go for river walks to join us for this worthy cause.

MERICI MATHS

Miller, Mia & Scarlett travelled with Mrs. Power to participate in a Maths tournament with over 100 other girls. Apart from fun maths games, they also had the opportunity to fly drones and learn new mathematical skills. At the end of the day, the girls competed in a maths relay where they had to use all of the maths skills learned throughout the day.

EASTER MASS TIMES:

Reconciliation Wednesday, 24th March, at 7 pm,
St. Mary's Church, Bombala

HOLY THURSDAY (1st April) 6 pm Bombala
Good Friday (2nd April) 10.30 am DELEGATE
3.00 PM BOMBALA
Holy Saturday (3rd April) 5.00 pm DELEGATE
6.30 PM BOMBALA

Prayer of the Faithful

5th Sunday of Lent B

Celebrant: With trust in God's mercy we pray for our needs and the needs of the world.

That all Church leaders may hear the voice of Christ and through the love and care of Jesus bring unity and healing of divisions amongst believers.

We pray to the Lord:

That we may be courageous in facing the challenges of life believing in faith that our daily doings lead to new life.

We pray to the Lord:

Merciful God, be with those who suffer from war, fear and famine in the troubled parts of our world.

We pray to the Lord:

Healing God, many people are sick, lonely and suffering: be with them in their need and guide us to help them whenever we can.

We pray to the Lord:

In this Lenten time make us mindful of those who are deprived of the necessities of life and help us to be generous in sharing with them from our resources.

We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed: may their spirits be transformed in the image of the risen Lord:

We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady's intercession for our personal concerns:

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

Celebrant: Loving God, hear our petitions and gladden our hearts through the power of Jesus' death and resurrection.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name. **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.

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.

Lose yourself in me

Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself,
Lose yourself in me and you will find new life,
Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself,
And you will live, yes you will live in my love.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground,
It still remains but a grain of wheat.
But if it falls and dies, then it bears much fruit,
So it is with those who lose themselves in Me

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)

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.

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)

MARY MACKILLOP:

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

How truly wonderful are God's ways and how little we understand them. 6.6.1874

Do be faithful in little things. 30.6.1873

St. Joseph's humility was of the silent kind – we must be like him in this. 1893





Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

21 March 2021

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

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