



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

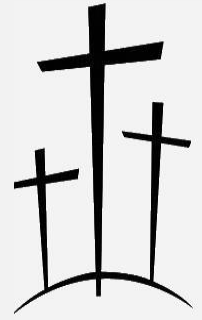
Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 132 years

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 Easter Year B
10th 11th April 2021
Prayer Intentions
'YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH'
With a carer's heart

Pope's Intention:

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

We pray for further rain to assist farmers in preparing for winter feed.

We pray for the children on school holidays and all those travelling on our roads during these holiday times.

We pray for all who are emotionally, physically and spiritually traumatized by pain and for those who are ill, especially Daryl White.

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, John Vincent, Heather Whitby, Sr. Elly Fogerty, rsj, Jen Farrell, Sue Robinson, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy.

Remembering their faith and love: Fr Phil Crotty SJ, Bruce Crannis from Temora, Anne Maslin, Mark Gaunson, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare),

Anniversaries:

Neil Ingram, Leila De Costa, Jill Knight, Joanne Joseph, Kate Vincent, Bob Cahill, Kerry Letts, Ellen Atkins.

"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

Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God.

(1 Peter 4:10)

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 Easter Time Year B

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: NO MASS BOMBALA

Mass, 10.30 am Delegate MPS

Thur: Sister Teresa to Delegate

Fri:

Sat: 6 pm DELEGATE Liturgy of the Word & HC

Sun: 9 am BOMBALA Liturgy of the Word & HC

ANZAC WEEKEND.

Sat: Mass 6 pm Delegate

Sun: Mass 9 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 was 19 March.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Praying for love and justice.

Easter is the ideal time to pray for fundamental rights. While Good Friday was given over to expediency and death, the last word belongs to Easter Sunday, when love, justice and reconciliation triumphed.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for young people setting out in life, that they will discover the power of Jesus and dare to testify to his name.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for communities overwhelmed by floods while still recovering from bushfire devastation, that they will receive the immediate and on-going assistance they need.

PLENARY COUNCIL Archbishops discuss Council journey with global audience.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was speaking about the experience of the Plenary Council, the highest form of gathering for a local Church, and one of the leading examples of “synodality” in global Catholicism.

Synodality, a concept which Pope Francis wants to see implemented from the parish upwards, brings people, priests and bishops together to make decisions about the future of the Church. “I think we are learning that the whole process is very slow and very messy. Autocracy was always quicker and cleaner,” Archbishop Coleridge told a recent webinar organized by The Tablet.

“But if you are serious, and we are, about listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, who is the only one who does know where we are going, then it is slow and it is messy trying to hear the voice of the spirit in the vast cacophony or polyphony of the Church.”

He went on: It’s the only way into the future that’s worth having or a future that God might have in mind for us.”

He was joined in the discussion by Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, the president of the Plenary Council. The council has included a listening and discernment process where the contributions of more than 220,000 people had contributed to a working document. This in turn will help produce an agenda for the two assemblies, the first taking place in October, and the second in July 2022. (*Cath News*)

Prayer of the Faithful 2nd Sunday of Easter B

Leader: ‘Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have come to believe’ In faith we bring our needs before our God.

For all Church people: may we recognise the risen Jesus in the broken bread of the Eucharist.

We pray to the Lord:

For those who do not believe: that like Thomas their doubt will turn to faith. We pray to the Lord:

For justice throughout the world especially for the persecuted people in Myanmar: may the risen Lord guide all people away from violence and towards peace in areas of fear and injustice.

We pray to the Lord:

For the elderly, the sick and those who are chronically ill: may they experience the healing presence of Jesus and the intercession of our prayers.

We pray to the Lord:

For all believers and people of good will: may Christ pour out his Spirit upon them that they may continue the mission of bringing hope, meaning and love to all in our society.

We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones, Bruce Crannis, Fr Phil Crotty SJ and all the faithful departed: may they know the joy of the Resurrection rejoicing in God’s presence forever.

We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady’s intercession for all our needs:

We pray: **Hail Mary..**

Leader: Loving God, may we, like Thomas recognise Jesus in our midst and come to the fullness of joy in your presence. We make this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayer for healing the broken

Lord,

Today, I ask for your blessing on those who are living in desperate times with little hope for the future.

Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries.
Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them

help us to heal those broken in body and spirit,
and to turn their sorrow into joy and hope.

We ask you this
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

(St. Columbans Missions Society)

Morning Has Broken Eleanor Farjeon
Morning has broken like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning.
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Salesian Missions Australia

The Salesian group has launched an appeal for East Timor. Dili's population of more than 220,000 is in lockdown to tackle the nation's rising COVID transmission. Helping victims in the aftermath of the floods presents new challenges. Catholic organisations in Australia are raising funds for flood victims in East Timor and Indonesia after Tropical Cyclone Seroma hit the countries on Sunday, killing more than 100 and leaving thousands homeless. The impending risk of disease, drowning, health support, water and food security are of the utmost concern. (Cath News)

ST. JOSEPH's school news:

Heartiest congratulations to the school community, whose target for the river walk last Wednesday morning was only \$250-00 but they managed to have a total of just over \$1,150-00. Again in a small town, that is amazing.
Term 2 will commence for students on Tuesday, 20th April and we hope staff and students are having a safe and enjoyable holiday time.

A QUOTE

Benefit of having schools attached to parishes is important and I would suggest critical. And the parishes embracing the schools as well (is important) because that's the future of our Church.

How Shall I Call You Robin Mann

How shall I call you? Maker of heaven, poet of sunset and painter of sky; Father almighty who's running to find us, giving his Son who must suffer and die.

Glory to the father, the Son and the Spirit, let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

How shall I call you? Lover of children, shepherd and teacher and brother and friend; healer of blind man and healer of leper; you are beginning and middle and end.

SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, you are that just man,
that wise and loyal servant,
whom God called to lead the holy family.
With a husband's love you cherished Mary,
and with fatherly care you loved and
educated Jesus.
May we also experience your loving and
watchful care in our lives.
AMEN

In *The song of the Bird* Anthony de Mello describes a lovely image that Indian mystics use to describe the intimacy between God and creation.

**“God is the Dancer,
God's creation is the Dance.
The Dance
Is different from the Dancer...
And yet it has no existence
Apart from the Dancer....
The moment the Dancer stops,
The Dance ceases to exist.”**

This is another way of saying what Paul says of God in a reading;
“In him, we live and move and exist.”
If the Creator and I are so close, why am I not more aware of the Creator's presence?



MARY MACKILLOP:

Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things. 10.3.1874

No words can describe the restfulness of the place. 1902

There is an echo in the harmonies of nature which penetrate the soul. (Julian Tenison Woods, 1879)

Let us be joyful and thank God. 19.3.1874



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

11 April 2021

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

or

(R.) Alleluia.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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