



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

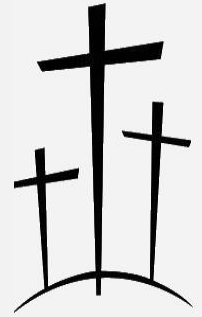
Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 133 years

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 Easter Year B

1st & 2nd May, 2021

Prayer Intentions

'YEAR OF ST JOSEPH'

With a carer's heart

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope's Intention:

The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

We continue to pray for the staff and students of our Parish School of St Joseph.

Please dear Lord send us continued rain to assist the farmers in their care of our land.

We pray for the sick and suffering in our community.

We pray that the issues related to the proposed closure of our Medical Centre may be resolved for the medical care of all in our towns and wider district.

We pray for those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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:

Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Anne Maslin, Mark Gaunson, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare), Bob Walder, John Pereira.

Anniversaries:

Kerry Letts, Ellen Atkins, Joan Joshua, Sr Dominica Bampton, rsj, Don Knight, Sr Mary Agnes (Carmelite), Brian Cootes.

"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**

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: School Mass 9.30am
Bombala

Thu: Sister Teresa to Delegate

Fri:

Sat: Delegate 6pm - Liturgy of the
Word and Holy Communion

Sun: Bombala 9am - Liturgy of the
Word and Holy Communion



"It takes a while for us to understand, then to believe,
that the resurrected Lord lives in us and we in Him."
(Sr Margaret Mary Flynn)

Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11th May

Bombala-Delegate Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse.

The cost is \$70 including two workbooks.

Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues 27th at <https://bit.ly/TMCinonight>

Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/>

Enquiries steph.ransom@cg.org.au



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 Feast of St Joseph the Worker

Pope Francis has dedicated this year to St Joseph. He did so after he saw how much pressure coronavirus put on many families through anxiety, unemployment and fractured relationships. He emphasises St Joseph's role as father of his family.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all envoys of peace and agents of reconciliation, that they will defuse conflict and make the world safe for the whole of humanity.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for all who have been killed in hostilities now forgotten or denied, especially indigenous peoples. May they and their descendants be given the recognition that justice demands.



Last Sunday we once again commemorated ANZAC Day. In the tributes to all those men and women caught up in conflicts of the present and past, there was an understanding that love underpinned the emotion of the day. There was the love of family, the love of comrades, and the love of country (in the best sense). In some services, tributes were also paid to the first responders from the police and emergency services who in the past year have had to deal with natural disasters of fire and flood, as well as the pandemic. For many of the volunteers who helped during these crises, it's been the love of their community that found them helping time and time again.

ANZAC Day is perhaps at its most meaningful when it asks us what we are willing to do for love – what hardships might we face, what barriers might we reach out across, what friendships might we seek to make, what people might we seek to welcome?

In the wake of ANZAC Day, this coming Sunday's Gospel is particularly apt. As Fr Brendan Byrne SJ says in his homily notes, 'What Jesus is essentially trying to communicate to the disciples . . . is a sense of his own experience of being loved by the Father. He loves them as he has been loved by the Father in order to pass on to them the "joy" that he experiences in that divine love. This week then, let us resolve to live in God's love.'

Australian Catholics

Prayer of the Faithful: 5th Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Conscious of our union with Jesus the Vine, we bring our needs to God with confidence.

For Pope Francis and all Church leaders: that they may respond with creativity to the challenges that face the world today. We pray to the Lord:

For leaders of nations and governments: that they may work to bring dignity and hope to the poor, the sick, the homeless and the unemployed. We pray to the Lord:

For people and places overcome by the Covid pandemic: guide their governments, health professionals and care providers to respond with urgency and compassion to the needs of the sick. We pray to the Lord:

In gratitude for all the selfless people who work in the midst of contagion: give them the emotional and physical energy they need as they keep responding to so many in desperate need. We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for all who have lost their lives in tragedy: may God give them new life in Jesus. We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs:
We pray: Hail Mary....

Celebrant: God of love, bless us and grant that we may be eager to do your will in all things and bear fruit that will last.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

Our Principal, Mrs Susan Tighe, was very thankful for the support given to the Anzac Day march...it was such a special community event.

Many of the students are participating in Junior and Senior Miniball with the students from Bombala Primary.

All classes are having 'SPACE' as their theme this term and a link up with International Space Station is planned in June. Planning is also in place for a whole school excursion late in May to the Deep Space Tracking Centre near Canberra.

Looking Back 100 Years - Delegate Argus 21/07/1921

The social held in the Corrowong Hall on Friday night last in aid of St Joseph's Convent Delegate was a great success. The attendance totalled about 60 couples from all parts of the district. Considering the exceptionally rough weather the attendance was large indeed. The hall was nicely decorated with greenery and the floor was in good order. Dancing commenced at about 8pm and continued until midnight when light refreshments, provided by ladies of the Corrowong district, were handed around. Dancing was then resumed and continued until well into the morning when refreshments were again served. Mr JC Crawford was MC and was ably assisted by Messrs. J Walsh, W Hayden, J Eppelstun, E Clear, J Mead & F Stokes. Mrs D McDonald kindly lent her piano. Mr A Cairns was doorkeeper and had a rough job owing to the strong wind. The handsome sum of almost £18 (\$1,476 in 2021) was handed to the Sisters of St Joseph Convent.

MICAH'S THEME Anne Kelly IBVM

**Hear then what Yahweh asks of you.
To live justly, To love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.**

I have come that you may have life,
And have it to the full.

Ask and you shall receive,
Knock and it shall be yours.

Father, your Kingdom come,
May your will be done.

Take up your cross and follow me,
You shall share my life.

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.
This love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God.

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

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

CITY OF GOD Dan Schuttle

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

I am the Vine, you are the Branches.

Today's readings remind us that when,
like St Paul, 'we believe in the name of Jesus Christ',
we accept the intimate relationship
to which God invites us.



Fr Paddy answers the phone, "Is that Fr Paddy Flanagan?" the caller asks, "It is" responded Fr Paddy. "Are you in charge of St Augustine's Parish Fr Paddy?, "I am" responded Fr Paddy. "Do you have a parishioner by the name of Mr Patrick O'Reilly Fr Paddy?", "We do" responded Fr Paddy. "This is the Taxation Office Fr Paddy, did Mr O'Reilly donate the sum of two thousand pounds to St Augustine's Parish?", "He will" responded Fr Paddy.



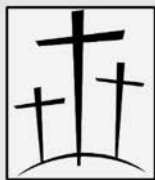
A QUOTE

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 is the future of our Church.



MARY MACKILLOP

*Let not weakness make you discouraged. 4.7.1876
We must take things quietly and just do what our good God enables us, and no more. 1875
Lean more on God and less on ourselves.
God's ways and ours are so very different. 15.11.1878*



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

2 May 2021

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
- he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should
bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer - 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' - becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vigneron desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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