



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

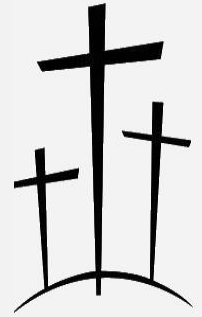
Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Mary MacKillop) arrived in 1888, continuous ministry for 133 years

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



Ascension of The Lord Year B 15th 16th May 2021

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

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.

We pray for the sick and those suffering in our community and especially in the poorer countries of our world.

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.

We pray for the people suffering in India and especially remember our dear Father John Vallyhil.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

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

Remembering their faith and love:

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

Anniversaries:

Don Knight, Sr Mary Agnes (Carmelite), Brian Cootes. Lesley Smith, Don Stewart, Peter Perkins, Errol Wilson, Win Ingram, Betty Lomas.

"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**

Ascension of the Lord Year B

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: School Mass 9.30 am
Bombala

Thu: Sister Teresa to Delegate
Fri:

Sat: Delegate 6 PM Liturgy of
the Word & HC

Sun: Bombala 9 AM Liturgy of
the Word & HC



**"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God
is the heart of a mother"**

St Therese of Lisieux

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Delegate Mass & Liturgy

**Saturday gatherings will be at 5 pm for the months of
June, July & August.**



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

Ageing gracefully

We need to understand grace as an event – something that describes the quality of our relationship with God.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the delegates to the Plenary Council, that they will be filled with the joy of the Gospel and the wisdom of the Spirit.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for nurses around the world, that International Nurses Day will reinforce community appreciation for their devoted service.

MOTHERS:

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never,
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavour.

There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a novel work was done
When God gave us a Mother.
...Author Unknown.

BISHOPS BACK VACCINES:

Australia's Bishops have encouraged Catholics to receive a COVID-19 vaccine saying that it is morally permissible to accept any of the available choices.

In a document published on 20 April, the Bishop's Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement acknowledged serious concerns among the faith community about 'ethically questionable production and research practices associated with vaccines. However, the Commission follows the guidance of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published last December in urging people to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for their own health and that of the wider community. (The Catholic Weekly 25 April, 2021)

Prayer of the Faithful: Ascension of the Lord

Celebrant: As disciples of Jesus we come to our God in prayer recalling our needs and those of God's people everywhere.

That all Christians may be confident in witnessing to the gospel, comforted by the presence of Jesus forever.
We pray to the Lord:

That world leaders may be given the spirit of wisdom and truth so that all people may enjoy good government and a just share of the earth's resources.

We pray to the Lord:

For the sick, the dying and all who suffer especially those suffering and dying from lack of resources in the poor countries of the world: may God's love reach them through the compassion of others.

We pray to the Lord:

In thanksgiving for the work of medical scientists in their mission to eliminate the Covid virus.

We pray to the Lord:

Joining all spirit filled Christians this week of Christian unity, we pray with Jesus, 'that they may be one'.

We pray to the Lord:

For our families: may they know your care and protection and be blessed in all their undertakings.

We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for Shirley Baker and Joyce Richardson: may they abide forever in God's love.

We pray to the Lord:

For Our Lady's intercession for our special concerns:
We pray: **Hail Mary...**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, ascended and glorified, unite Christians everywhere in the bond of your love.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name. **Amen**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

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 on 26th May to the Deep Space Tracking Centre near Canberra.

Bring Forth The Kingdom Marty Haugen

You are the salt for the earth, O people.
Salt for the Kingdom of God.
Share the flavour of life, O people.
Life in the Kingdom of God.

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace,
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God.*

You are the light on the hill, O people.
Light for the City of God.
Shine so holy and bright O people.
Shine for the Kingdom of God.

One Bread One Body 1978

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free
Woman or man, no more
2. Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown
Gathered to one, for all

Christ Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Holy God We Praise Thy Name Grosser Gott

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee:
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain.
Ever-lasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC:

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray each day for those suffering illness as a result of Corona Virus and to ask God to end this terrible Covid 19 Pandemic.

Lord, Jesus brought healing during his ministry on earth. Now we need his healing more than ever. We need not only the healing from physical illness brought on by the Coronavirus, but healing for human hearts.

Inspire us to serve the poor and abandoned. Amen
(St Columbans Mission Society)



A QUOTE

*Accept-the act
Whatever the present moment
contains, accept it as if you had
chosen it
Always work with it, not against it.*

Eckhart Tolle

MARY MACKILLOP



*Let us do the will of God, the beautiful, wise will of God. 5.3.1870
Never is God nearer to us than when danger threatens. 11.12.1880
Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully remembering whom you are trying to follow. 12.1.1909*



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

16 May 2021

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blast of trumpets for the Lord. or

(R.) Alleluia.

- All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
- God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
- God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength

of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

or Eph 4:1-7. 11-13

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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