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



Pope's Intention: The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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 local community and especially those in India and other countries affected by COVID 19.

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 our deceased loved ones; may their sharing in the Eucharist during their lives be for them a pledge of eternal life.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Moira Tindale, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy.

Remembering their faith and love:

Daryl White, Sr Bede Hintz rsj (Delegate 1969-1975), Shirley Baker, Joyce Richardson, Anne Maslin, Tori Finnane (nee O'Hare),

Anniversaries:

Betty Lomas, Jessie Bedingfield, May Platts, Norma Toms, Eric Cuthel Gwen Haebich, Peter Kimber, May Platts *"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

11th Sunday Year B

Mon: Tue: Wed: Children's Mass 9.30 am Bombala Padre Pio's Canonisation, 2002 Thu: Sister Teresa to Delegate Fri:

Sat:

Sun: Mass 8am Delegate Mass 10am Bombala

A **thought** TO START YOUR WEEK Thought for the week: It would be nice if the poor were to get half of the money that is spent on studying them.

(Bill Vaughan)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Delegate Vigil 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 Love, generosity, forgiveness.....marriage

When Pope Francis speaks of the beauty of marriage, he does not focus on it as an institution with its distinctive rules and practices

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all who no longer take part in Sunday Mass, that they will rediscover the power of the Eucharist to nourish the hungers of their heart.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for children in bonded labour around the world, that advocates of reform will succeed in freeing them from their servitude.

Our new school prayer: PRAYER FOR ST JOSEPH St Joseph, Watch over our school and care For us as you cared for Jesus; Teach us to grow in strength, Wisdom and love; Help us to face challenges With courage just as you did; Blessed St Joseph guide us in the Path of life with grace and mercy; St Joseph, pray for us AMEN

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)

Prayer of the Faithful: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Leader: We come to the Lord with confidence for all our needs in the Church and in the world.

That the Church may become the harvest planned by God for the salvation of the world.

We pray to the Lord:

That leaders of nations and governments may use their resources to secure peace and dignity for all people. We pray to the Lord:

That countries unable to control the Covid virus may receive the help that they urgently need. We pray to the Lord:

For those in pain of body or anguish of mind, for the sick and the dying and for those who mourn, for medical staff and pastoral workers and for all who care for the suffering. We pray to the Lord:

For families and young people in our community: may the seeds of faith continue to grow amongst us so that from small deeds of love God's Kingdom may grow. We pray to the Lord:

For our deceased loved ones and for all the faithfully departed: may they have the joy of the Resurrection and the fullness of life. We pray to the Lord:

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

Leader: God of love, hear our prayer and bless our desire to see your Kingdom come in peace and justice for all. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

The collection from the Good Shepherd Seminary Appeal totalled \$340.50 The total from the Caritas Project Compassion Appeal was \$1,193.70.

These are very generous amounts from a small Parish in a country area, where the last 12 months has not been easy for all.

WINTER

May the God of Winter be with you, walking with you as warmth and light through the iced-over parts of your life. May you see these icy times as God's invitation to "walk on water". In the dark and cold winter moments of your journey, may your trust in the hidden growth of winter be for you a source of inner strength. May the blessing of Winter Hope be with you. (Maxine Shonk, OP)

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.

Dear God:

We give thanks for places of simplicity and peace. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of nature's truth and freedom, of joy, inspiration and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging. Let us search for these places in the world, in ourselves and in others. Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them.

May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life and may our souls be shaped and nourished by nature's eternal wisdom. Amen. (Michael Leunig)

SISTER BEDE (Frances Teresa) HINZT, rsj

Passed away recently in Sydney at the age of 90 years. Sr Bede taught at St Joseph's Delegate from 1969-1975. Sr Bede was very active during her time in Delegate with the P & F. Assn for the school, gave great support for children's Saturday morning tennis at the convent courts and was a driving force for the Delegate and Border District School Sports. It was during her time here that the convent moved from the brick building below the church into what was the presbytery, adjacent to the church. It was a fitting tribute on behalf of St Joseph's Convent School Delegate that Leanne Clear and Greg Crotty, two of her students, were able to attend her funeral Mass in Sydney last week.

City of God Dan Schutte

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 all people, to set their hearts free.

SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday, Matthew Wilson from St Vincent de Paul joined the classes to hold a session with the primary and senior classes. The senior class learned about homelessness and the primary class about social justice. (More in next week's newsletter)

Reconciliation

Reconciliation preparation will commence next term with a parent/child session scheduled for Wednesday, 21st July. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Wed. 25th August – times TBA.

This term in Year ¾ History we have been learning about the First Fleet. We have been very interested in discovering how the convicts travelled to Australia and what they did when they arrived. As part of our learning we have been researching interesting facts. E.g.

"It took the First Fleet ships almost a year just to get to Australia:"

"The ships stopped in Rio de Janeiro because they needed to restock on food and supplies. The ships also had to be cleaned from ticks and fleas by burning."

THANK YOU

Nola White has sent the parish an email to thank us for the beautiful floral arrangement (she included a photo also) and sends her love and prayers to us all in thanks for our prayers for Nola and her family following Daryl's recent death.



MARY MACKILLOP

It never gives me pleasure to cross or disappoint anyone. 25.7.1899 Remember, there is, even on this earth, a day of bright reward for all your prayers and faithful perseverance. 5.6.1874 God knows how weak we are, and though we may be sorry, God is not surprised at our falls. 21.5.1877

Let us humbly wait and pray. 16.1.1875



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,

- from the highest branch I will take a shoot
- and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
- I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
- It will sprout branches and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,

- every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
- And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one
- who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
- who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
- I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High.

to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

- 2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
- 3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.