



FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Parish Bulletin: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 8th August 2021



"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



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

Popes Intention

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

We pray for the young children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time later in August.

We pray for all in our community who are ill or infirm and those in our Aged Care residences.

We pray for an end to the pandemic which is affecting all of Australia and all those in the poorer countries of the world.

We pray for those who have died recently; may they experience peace and reconciliation in God's presence.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm. Items may come in by phone, note or email.

Parish Calendar

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: Feast St Clare
No Mass Bombala
Catholic Ladies Meeting 10am
Mass 10.30am Delegate

Thu: Sister Teresa to Delegate

Fri:

Sat: Feast St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Sun: Mass 8am Delegate
Mass 10am Bombala



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Helen Daish, Lou Joseph, Myrtle Boate, Warren Haley, Sr Peter Chanel rsj, Daryl White, Sr Bede Hintz rsj, Sr Sylvia Markulin rsj, Shirley Baker.

Anniversaries:

Nick Spoljaric, Kay Cuthel, Martin Page, Laura Elton, Natalie Ingram, Sr Bridget O'Halloran.

**"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."**

THOUGHT
FOR
THE
WEEK

**God give me the strength to look up and not down,
to look forward and not back,
to look out and not in,
and to lend a hand.
.....Edward Everett Hale**



Mary MacKillop

*If we forget, God does not. 4.11.1884
God's work does not depend on any of us. 28.11.1898
Do not, to please others, go beyond your strength,
and attempt more than you are able for. 22.02.1899
There where you are you will find God. 1871*



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 the Church*

The question facing the Catholic Church is not whether it should reform, but how.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for a global change of heart, that the human family be united in gratitude for all the gifts of God.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, that today's day of observance will make them proud in culture and strong in spirit.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be celebrated on Wednesday, 25th August. Times TBA.

On Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at the 9.30am Mass. The children also had a "Mufti" day (no uniform) and gave a donation towards a Kindy class in a disadvantaged area of Fiji.

DELEGATE MASS/LITURGY SATURDAYS



Delegate Vigil Mass & Liturgy, Saturday gatherings will be at 5pm until the end of August

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: Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross

Leader: Trusting in God's providence we bring before the Lord our desire to live out the Gospel message which has been given to us today.

That the Church, inspired by the lives of the saints will be open to the Spirit in times of change and uncertainty: **We pray to the Lord:**

That leaders of nations and governments may provide generous service to their people especially the poor and needy. **We pray to the Lord:**

That those who are suffering and overburdened by the Covid spread may find hope and healing in people who reach out to them in friendship and generosity: **We pray to the Lord:**

For those who have lost their source of income: on this Feast Day we ask St Mary of the Cross as a woman of faith to walk with them to keep alive the flame of hope in those who have lost loved ones and comfort those whose lives have been changed through the Covid pandemic. **We pray to the Lord:**

For people in all walks of life who are inspired by the life of Mary MacKillop: may they share in her courage, see with her vision and love with her heart. **We pray to the Lord:**

For those who have died especially Warren Haley, Lou Joseph and Helen Daish: may they rest in peace. **We pray to the Lord:**

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

Leader: Loving God, you have shown us in St Mary a woman of faith, living by the power of the Cross. Teach us by her example to live the Gospel in changing times and to respect and defend the dignity of all in our land. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



MEETING REMINDER

The Catholic Ladies will meet this Wednesday at 10am in the Bombala Presbytery meeting room.



A young police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station.

"Serge, I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman has just shot her husband in the toe for, wait for this..., stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Crikey, have you arrested her constable?" asks the sergeant.

"Good Lord no, not yet" replied the young constable, "the floor's still wet."

SCC WOOD RAFFLE

One truck load of seasoned wood; \$5 per ticket and all funds raised go towards the construction of new safe storage for the kids' sports equipment. Winner drawn Friday 27th August, 2021 and kindly sponsored by Forestry Corporation. Anna Vincent will have tickets for sale.

Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running wave be yours.
Deep peace of the flowing air be yours.
Deep peace of the quiet earth be yours.
Deep peace of the shining stars be yours.
The deep, deep peace of the Son of Peace be yours.
(From a Celtic Benediction.)

Looking Back - SMH 10 August 1909

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH - DEATH OF THE FOUNDER

Mother Mary of the Cross, founder and first superior of the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, died on Sunday morning at St Joseph's Convent, Mount Street, North Sydney, after eight years of illness. She was born on January 15, 1842, in Melbourne. Her father, the late Mr Alexander MacKillop, was a member of a well-known Highland family, who came to Australia in the early days, and first settled in Sydney.

In Penola, South Australia, Mother Mary met the late Father Julian E Tennison Woods, a "bush missionary." To the young girl, as she was then, he often spoke of the necessity for a school in his district, and finally, in 1866, in a stable at Penola, she and other companions opened one. This was the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. In 1867 the novitiate was established in Adelaide, and in August of that year Mother Mary made her religious profession. The institute, though begun under lowly conditions and with no resources behind it, spread rapidly. Five years later there were 120 members. In 1869 a foundation was projected in QLD, and the sisters begged their fares from one colony to the next, the branch being established in the face of many trials and privations. In 1873 Mother Mary went to Rome to submit the rule of her institute to the propaganda, and there she received the Papal blessing, the approbation of the Pope (Pius IX) being given to the rule the following year. As it was not accepted by the Bishops of Bathurst and Queensland, the sisters of Bathurst who accepted the constitutions returned to Adelaide, the remainder forming a separate community under the guidance of Bishop Quinn. In 1879 the sisters opened a House of Providence in Cumberland Street, Sydney, and schools were quickly established in many of the country towns. A novitiate was established at Cumberland Street. Later on it was transferred to North Sydney, where it is now the mother house of the congregation, a decree of the sacred congregation of propaganda having in 1888 authorised the institute to be erected into a congregation, having the mother house in Sydney. In this convent, which is one of the finest in Australia, Mother Mary resided for many years.

While on a visit to New Zealand in 1902 Mother Mary was stricken with her severe illness. She improved sufficiently to enable her return to Sydney. During the long and painful years that concluded her life she never ceased to evince the liveliest interest in the welfare of her congregation. She has recorded of her work that she regularly visited every convent of her order, with the exception of a few of the later established, and personally knew every sister. Of her brothers and sisters, two survive her, Father Donald MacKillop SJ and Miss Annie MacKillop. Her mother was lost in the wreck of the steamer Ly-ee-moon near Eden in 1886.

The solemn office of requiem mass will be celebrated at half-past 10 o'clock to-day at Ridge Street. Cardinal Moran will preside.

WOMEN WILL IN TIME 'COME TO DO MUCH'

(Kate Keefe in Watac Magazine)

'Women in time to come will do much', said Mary Ward back in the seventeenth century, and we are still striving to put those words into action; but we can't do everything on our own, and we can't do it with our hands tied behind our backs, with others pretending we aren't there.

Some of the bitterness evinced over the marches to demand safe streets for women arose because it is not only women who should be calling for this. Just as childcare is not a 'women's issue' but a 'parents' issue, safe streets are something from which we would all benefit. The distinction here should not be between men and women, but between acceptable behavior and unacceptable behavior. When men object to other men's behavior, we might make some progress. It would be something new and difficult for them, since so much of young men's identity seems to be almost tribal (football, groups in pubs, games, etc) and based on keeping someone else out of the group (nerds, different races, but above all women). With equal numbers of sons and daughters, I would like both groups to be fairly treated. We don't want to demonise men; we don't want to victimise women. We work best when we work together.

Mary Ward founded one of the first groups of active religious women in the Church, the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known throughout the world as Loreto Sisters.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT & SCHOOL DELEGATE



A centenary celebration to commemorate the arrival of the Sisters of St Joseph and opening of the school in Delegate in 1921 will be held on **Sunday 17th October 2021**.
(subject to any COVID-19 restrictions)

Proposed agenda at this stage

10:00am Prayers at Delegate Cemetery
10:30am Centenary Mass at St Joseph's Church
12:00 noon Light Luncheon at St Joseph's School Centre

Copies of photos etc. for our history display and any help or assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin people

The first Catholics arrived in the area from 1826 as assigned servants (convicts). Scottish, Irish, and later German immigrants built up the presence from 1833. Father Patrick Newman was the first resident priest in 1864. Prior to this, priests travelled from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were built in Bombala 1867 & 1942 (St Mary's), Delegate 1877 & 1915 (St Joseph's), Cathcart 1878 (St John's) and Corrowong 1894 (St Peter's). Schools opened in 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886 and Delegate 1921. In 1888 the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have provided continuous ministry for 133 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes were transferred from the Sydney Archdiocese to Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. Our first priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry who was ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. Delegate was a Parish in its own right from 1954-1972. 2008 saw the welcoming of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate celebrated its Centenary in 2015.





Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin

8 August 2021

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
- So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
- On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:12-17

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Many women were there by the cross,
watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and
looked after him.**
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life.

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,

nor about your body and what you are to wear.

Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or

gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that

not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field

which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,

will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice,

and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.



Reflection by Nick Brodie

God's saving justice

The Gospel reading for today is, at first glance, an odd choice to pair with the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop faced more than a few financial challenges, after all, especially in her youth. The burden of supporting her poor family fell to Mary in her teenage years, and surely no one held it against her for worrying about money, food, or clothing.

But the pairing of saint and gospel makes sense in the context of Mary's vocation. Rather than worrying about herself, she cared for others. In this, Mary MacKillop lived the gospel very effectively. First caring for her immediate family, then for wider relations, soon enough Mary was focused on meeting the many needs of the communities in which she and her fellow Sisters of St Joseph lived. Through aid, education, and example Mary offered her contemporaries and us an example of faith through works.

From quietly and unobtrusively teaching in a stable in 1866, to founding a religious order that spread throughout and beyond a continent, Mary's spiritual journey was truly focused on "God's saving justice". Tending to Australia's Aboriginal peoples, prisoners facing execution, children requiring education, the homeless, the orphaned, the sick, indeed anybody she saw in need, Mary shows us how God seeks to answer the day's troubles: through us.

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