



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Parish Bulletin: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 15th 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.

We pray for vocations to the Priesthood here in Australia and especially in our own Archdiocese.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Moirra Tindale, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham, Edna Reed, Ann Stokes.



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Parish Calendar

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: School Mass 9.30am
Bombala

Thu: Sister Teresa to Delegate

Fri:

Sat: Delegate 5pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Sun Bombala 9am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Sr Marie Jeanne Graham rsj,
Pam Clear, 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:

Sr Kathleen Price rsj, Peter Martin,
Lou Black, Jack Stewart, Mary Monk, Nick Spoljaric, Kay Cuthel,
Martin Page, Laura Elton, Natalie Ingram.

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

THOUGHT
FOR THE
WEEK

*I sought my God, My God I could not see.
I sought my soul, My soul eluded me.
I sought my brother, And I found all three.
(Celtic verse)*

ST MARY
OF THE
CROSS
MACKILLOP



Let none be afraid. 10.3.1874

Let us show love in our acts.

*We must hold ourselves in readiness for God's will whichever way things go. 21.11.1899
How good God is to me and how much reason I have to be grateful. 22.02.1899*



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 Golden Years

Age may bring losses in physical attributes but it can bring gains in our ability to be with and really listen to others.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the Church in Australia, that it be renewed with Mary MacKillop's bold faith, missionary spirit and passion for the poor.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for all engaged in the education of children, the welfare of women or the care of the poor, that Mary MacKillop will inspire their devoted service.

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.

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)



The minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about telling little fibs. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on telling fibs."

Prayer of the Faithful: Solemnity of the Assumption

Leader: Celebrating Mary's Assumption today we are reminded that God's plan for us is to participate in eternal life with God and we pray for our needs and the needs of the world.

That the Church, inspired by the faith of Mary, may like her bring Christ into the world.

We pray to the Lord:

Mary's Magnificat is a message of hope that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. May the needs of the poor be a priority for leaders of nations and governments today.

We pray to the Lord:

For all who are going through struggles and dark times in this continuing pandemic: may God who carried Mary through life's crosses be the hope of all who are suffering.

We pray to the Lord:

For all those who are sick especially the sick members of our parish community: may they know the comfort of our prayer through Mary's intercession.

We pray to the Lord:

That all Christians may acknowledge and honour Mary's place in God's plan for our salvation.

We pray to the Lord:

For those who have died especially Sr Marie Jeanne Graham of Goulburn and Pam Clear: may they know the comfort of our prayer through Mary's intercession.

We pray to the Lord:

Together we honour Mary as we pray:

We pray: Hail Mary...

Leader: With Mary, we proclaim the greatness of the Lord, the holiness of the Lord's name and the power of the Lord in our midst. Glory be.....

Amen.



CATHOLIC LADIES STREET STALL

Friday, 27th August 2021
Please keep some time available to help on the stall and think about items you may be able to provide 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.)



**LET'S KEEP
EACH OTHER SAFE**

If you are coughing or have flu-like
 symptoms, please stay at home.

LOOKING BACK

**Catholic Press, Thursday 26 June 1924
 Mr Archibald Cairns Corrowidgen**

Widespread regret was felt in the districts of Corrowong and Delegate on the 11th June when the death of Mr Archibald Cairns became known. He had been ailing for the past three years, and on Monday morning the Last Sacraments of the Church were administered by Rev Father John A Roche, Bombala. The late Mr Archibald Cairns was born in Dunedin (NZ) 52 years ago. When very young he came across to Melbourne, and later, 27 years ago, he settled down at Corrowong. In the year 1900 he married Sarah Stokes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Stokes, and soon after the marriage he became a convert to the Catholic Church. For the past 11 years he had been postmaster at Corrowidgen, and for 15 years was secretary to St Peter's Catholic Church, Corrowong. Mr Cairns was also a member of the Hibernian Australian Catholic Benefit Society, and from the day of his conversion up till the hour of his death he was an exemplary, practical Catholic. The body was taken to St Joseph's Church, Delegate, where, in the presence of a large congregation, Father Roche recited the Rosary. In the afternoon the funeral, nearly a mile long, one of the longest ever seen at Delegate, left the church for the Delegate Cemetery, members of all denominations from all parts of the district joining in their last tribute of respect to the departed. Father Roche officiated at the graveside. The late Mr Cairns leaves a sorrowing wife, two sons, Frank and Eddie, and an only daughter, Kathleen, to mourn their sad loss. R.I.P.



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

Last Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of St Mary MacKillop commencing with a whole school mass celebrated by Father Mick and then an afternoon of activities. One activity was icing and decorating cupcakes for the residents and staff of Currawarna. They were very appreciative and impressed with the kids' decorating skills. Congratulations to Beau who won the lolly jar guessing competition with the guess of 301, the closest to the 329 answer.

Thank you to our wonderful school community for your gold coin donations on the day. We raised \$165.50 for the 'Mary MacKillop Today' charity which will help young children in Fiji to receive a kindergarten education.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Wednesday, 25th August at 5.40 pm at St Mary's Church. If families participating could please bring a plate to share afterwards.

(Mrs Alice Shannon, Religious Education Co-ordinator)

More news:

Years 3-6 students, since the beginning of the term, have been learning about effective public speaking, writing speeches and delivering speeches. All students presented their speeches to their class and decided if they would like to present theirs to the whole school audience. 75% of these students decided to continue on to this level. Last week, the whole school audience provided feedback for the speakers to improve their speeches or to highlight effective skills. The audience learned about what makes a good speech through this process also. The stand was excellent. Two students from each year level were chosen to compete at the Southern Region competition which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday in Week 6.

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.



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First Reading Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)
2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly
handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations
will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for
me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for
those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their
thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his
servant, mindful of his mercy
- according to the promise he made to our
ancestors -
of his mercy to Abraham and to his
descendants for ever.'
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three
months and then went back home.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

It is our faith that our Lord nourishes Mary with His Resurrection life, meaning that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with His Divine glory.

She grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect. This is what we mean by 'The Assumption'.

This has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the church. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because in the first half of the 20th century tens of millions were killed in wars, death camps and in the Russian and China Communist dictatorships.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may share in the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

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