



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 27 APRIL 2025**



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"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."

St Mary's Bombala  
St Joseph's Delegate  
St Peter's Corrowong

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### POPES INTENTION APRIL

#### For the use of the new technologies



Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**We pray** for all who long for a better world, that the life and work of Pope Francis will keep inspiring them to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

**We pray** for who have yet to vote in the federal election, that they will cast their ballot conscientiously for a just society and the good of all.

**We pray** for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.



**We pray** for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

Roma Brownlie, Jenny & Ron Chaplin, Peter & Joyce Reed, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Noah Ingram, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, John Elliott, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



## PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Saint Peter Chanel  
**TUE** Saint Catherine of Siena  
**WED** **Mass Bombala TBC**  
Saint Pius  
**THU** Saint Joseph the Worker  
**FRI** Saint Athanasius  
**SAT** **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**  
**Mass Bombala 5pm**  
Saints Philip & James



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Pope Francis

Larry Bedingfield, Betty Twigg

### April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill

Maria Callaway, Arthur Collins

Keith Cottrell, Myreen Eppelstun

Neil Ingram, Joanne Joseph

Jill Knight, Fletcher Lee

Kerry Letts, Barry Reed

Edna Reed, Wallace Roberts

Ilma Stewart, Raymond Thornton

Kate Vincent



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



**"We will never be disillusioned or lose  
our way if we are guided by God."**



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**

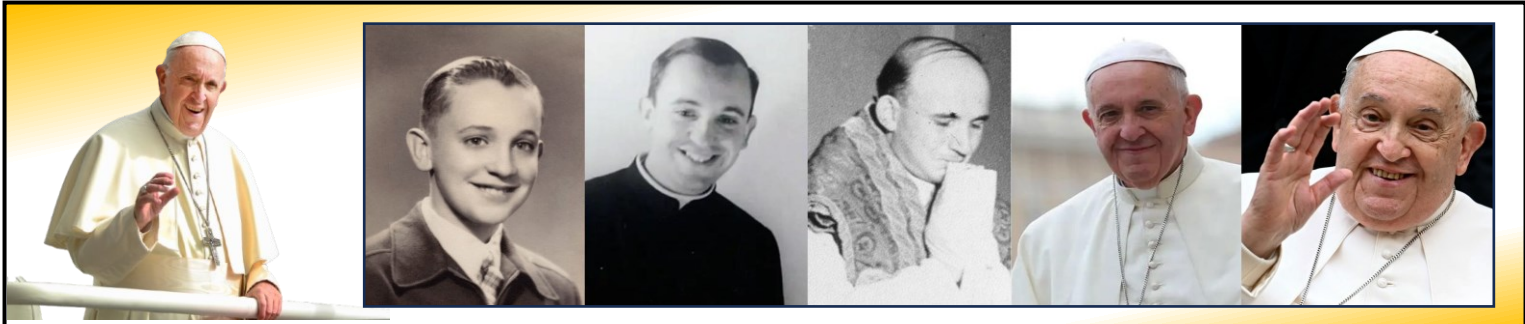


Hoping that you will be happy and full of courage (27.4.1875)

No duty is too little to be done well. (26.4.1873)

Entreat God to make us all that we should be (1873)

*Birth of Donald MacKillop, Mary's brother 27.4.1853.*



## IN PRAISE OF POPE FRANCIS - Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

Pope Francis died aged 88 in Rome on 21 April 2025. At these times we remember how much our friends have meant to us and all the ways in which we shall miss them. That is so with Pope Francis. In a world that sees refugees and immigrants as a threat, disregards the victims of war, trashes the environment, rewards self-interest and cheapens religious faith, he has wept with those mistreated, pleaded their cause and preached a Gospel of joy. He has faced all the things that make for gloom, done what he could to change them, and remained full of hope. For that we shall miss and grieve him. I was first struck by how ordinary Pope Francis is. From the beginning he was one of us. He went down the street to the barber, rushed off to Lampedusa to grieve with refugees after drowning, left the popemobile to console a grieving woman, spoke off the cuff at press conferences, and on Holy Thursday washed the feet of a young Muslim woman with tats. His language was earthy too, describing the Church as a field hospital, and telling priests that they were shepherds who should smell like sheep. He also bought into the huge issues that face the world and Catholic Church. He wrote letters to the world about responding to climate change, pressed to end wars and to welcome refugees. Within the Catholic Church he asked us to go out to people at the edge of the Church and society. His Synods involved reflection and conversation at all levels, going up from local congregations, through dioceses and so to Rome to shape reflection at the universal level, and then back to the grass roots. Above all, he has been a brother to all he met, sharing their way of life, their enthusiasm and their frailties. Pope Francis often puzzled people by taking seriously the living faith of the Church while taking liberty with traditions. He showed little respect for advice to do things as they had been done from time immemorial. He was not bothered with being misinterpreted or having to correct himself. Some people found this refreshing. Those who longed for a Church in which nothing changed did not approve of it. At the heart of Pope Francis' actions lay his personal faith. It was perhaps best articulated in the motto he chose as Pope: *miserando et eligendo*. The quotation speaks of a God who has mercy on us as sinners and chooses us as friends in his service. Familiarity can make these words sound every day. When they shape a person's life, however, they can be freeing and life changing. They certainly lay at the heart of Pope Francis' faith and way of living. They made him bold: he made no claim to virtue and reputation that needed to be defended. Neither did he see his election as Pope to be a burden that he needed to live up to, nor was he anxious that his program should survive beyond him. He was a sinner gifted and called by God. He was free to acknowledge his mistakes without fuss and did not fear failure. The future lay in God's hands. He could also mix with simple people and disreputable people without fear of stain and find delight and compassion in the encounter. Jorge Bergoglio saw himself as an unprofitable and joyful servant. And for that we may one day welcome him as a saint. But we shall remember him as our brother.



**Requiescat in pace Papa Franciscus**

*Jesuit priest, Fr Andrew Hamilton has had a whole range of experiences over time. However, writing, poetry and time with nature keep him grounded.*

**1. Sing A New Song** *Dan Schutte*  
**Refrain: Sing A New Song Unto The Lord;**  
**Let Your Song Be Sung From Mountains High.**  
**Sing A New Song Unto The Lord, Singing Alleluia.**

1. Yahweh's People Dance For Joy. O Come Before  
 The Lord, And Play For Him On Glad Tambourines,  
 And Let Your Trumpet Sound. **R**

2. Rise, O Children, From Your Sleep; Your Saviour  
 Now Has Come. He Has Turned Your Sorrow To Joy  
 And Filled Your Soul With Song. **R**

**3. We Remember** *Marty Haugen*  
**We remember how you loved us to your death,**  
**and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;**  
**and we believe that we will see you when you come**  
**in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we**  
**believe.**

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to  
 touch you and be healed.

Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and  
 wine to share a meal.

Sign of grace and mercy, the presence

**2. Peace Is Flowing Like a River** *Carey Landry*

1. Peace is flowing like a river,  
**Flowing out through you and me; Flowing out into**  
**the desert, Setting all the captives free.**

2. Joy is flowing like a river,

3. Faith is flowing like a river,

**4. Let There Be Peace on Earth** *Sy Miller & Jill Jackson*

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let There Be Peace on Earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father, Brothers all are we

Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live,

Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth,

And let it begin with me.



### A Prayer for Father Mark's Journey



Loving God, We thank You for the gift of Father Mark and his faithful service to our Parishes. As he sets out on his holidays and sabbatical, we ask You to watch over him. Grant him rest, renewal and joy in all that he experiences. Keep him safe in travel and in health, and may his time away be filled with peace and Your presence. We look forward to welcoming him back with open hearts in July, refreshed and renewed.

**Amen**

### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### The warmth of charity

Our charitable responses to the injustices around us should come from a place of love and care.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who dwell on earth, our common home, that everyone heed Pope Francis' call in his letter *Laudato si'* to love nature like St Francis of Assisi and do everything in their power to care for creation.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who lead daily lives of care and compassion, that their faithful love will be a haven of easter grace changing the world for good.



### Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, the risen Lord met his fear-filled disciples with a greeting of peace and sent them on a mission of mercy. As we mourn the death of Pope Francis and give thanks for his mission of mercy, let us pray for the human family in all its need around the world.

**READER: For** Pope Francis, that he will be shepherded by Christ his risen Lord through the shadows of death to the light of eternal glory. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all humanity, that people everywhere will be drawn together in the solidarity proclaimed by Pope Francis in his universal letter "On Fraternity and Social Friendship". We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the church, that all the baptised will relish the joy of the Gospel and answer Pope Francis' call to be a missionary people announcing good news to all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** parents, teachers and school students, that the second term of the school year will be a shared experience of discovery and development. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** God of boundless mercy, you never cease to call us to new and more abundant life. Free us from fear and bless us with peace. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. **AMEN**



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**Second Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**27 April 2025**

## First Reading Acts 5:12-16

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.**  
or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
- O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. (R.)

## Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said,

'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me;**

**happy those who have not seen me, but  
still believe!**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'  
After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen  
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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