



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 11 MAY 2025



### PARISH VISION STATEMENT 2004



"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.

## POPE LEO XIV 14



### GOD BLESS POPE LEO XIV

"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV. The Conclave has elected Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome. The new pope was announced to the waiting crowds by Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti.

"I announce to you a great joy: **WE HAVE A POPE** - The Most Eminent and Most Reverend Lord Robert Francis Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Prevost who has taken the name **Leo XIV.**"

Pope Francis had created him Cardinal and assigned him the Diaconate of Saint Monica and he officially took possession of it on January 28, 2024.  
**Please keep Pope Leo in your prayers.**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS



**We pray** for all those in our community who are unwell. May they find strength, comfort, and healing, and may they recognise

the loving presence of Christ beside them in their time of need.

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



### PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Saints Nereus & Achilleus  
**TUE** Our Lady of Fatima



**WED** Mass Delegate MPS 10.30am  
School Mass  
Bombala 12.30pm

Saint Matthias  
**SAT** Mass Delegate 3.30pm  
Mass Bombala 5pm



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Pope Francis

#### May Anniversaries

Sr Dominica Bampton  
Kay Bedingfield, Kitch Cottrell  
Ena Crawford, Ted Crawford  
Mae Elliott, Harold Farrell  
Sr Bede Hintz, Winnie Ingram  
Betty Lomas, Sr Irene McCormack  
Peter Perkins, Kathleen Reed  
Mary Smith, Oscar Thompson  
Melrose Thornton, Daryl White



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

H A P P Y

*Mother's Day*

*Best wishes and lots of love to all the amazing mothers out there. We hope you all have a wonderful time with your family and loved ones!*



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



I hope that everything will turn out well for you and that you will in future, as in the past, do great things for God and God's poor ones.

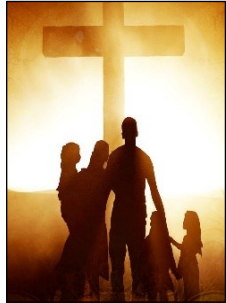
(To Father JR Kenny 15.5.1901)

*Mary MacKillop arrives in Rome, 1873*

*Mary MacKillop suffers a stroke, 1902*



The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. .. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?



## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

**Gratitude - Recognising God's blessings in the present moment.**

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched, but are felt in the heart."

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray in thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV, asking the Holy Spirit to guide him with wisdom, compassion and courage as he leads the Church.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for the poor, for migrants and refugees, for all without power or voice, that their claims for justice, dignity and peace will be heard and fulfilled.



## Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus offers himself to us as our trustworthy shepherd, keeping us safe and guiding us to eternal life. With confidence in his word, let us pray for all in need.

**READER: For** our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, that the Lord may bless him with wisdom, courage and a shepherd's heart as he begins his ministry as successor to Saint Peter. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the Church throughout the world, that under the guidance of Pope Leo XIV, we may grow in unity, truth and love, proclaiming the Gospel with renewed zeal. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** mothers, grandmothers, and all who have been as mothers for us, that they will be honoured on this Mother's Day for the life-giving love they have bestowed on us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the Australian community, that we put political differences aside and work together to address the great challenges of global warming, international upheaval, generational inequality, and finding common purpose. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all who are considering their vocation in life, that they will find inspiration in the holiness and missionary spirit of St Therese of Lisieux whose centenary of canonisation occurs this week (17 May). 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:** Holy God and Father of Jesus, you never cease to invite us into the love you share with your Son and Holy Spirit. Dispel our fear and set us free to follow Jesus, your Son, our risen Lord for ever and ever. **AMEN**



# Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who assisted with moving furniture and lending a hand at St Joseph's School Centre, Delegate. After 48 years, the building is now beautifully refreshed with new floor coverings. Your support and teamwork have made a wonderful difference, thank you!

## Mass & LW&HC Temporary Change of Times

Date	Bombala	Delegate
18 May	Mass Sat 5pm	Mass Sat 3.30pm
25 May	LW&HC Sun 9am	LW&HC Sat 5pm

**Fr Kose will be away week 19th May - 23rd May  
for Clergy Assembly at Galong.**



Invitation to all from the  
Anglican Parish of Southern Monaro

## FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**Bombala Golf Club**

**Thursday 21 May 2025 6pm**

Please RSVP by 19 May to  
Judy Holdsworth 0428 827 810

**Guest speakers: Bishop Mark & Monica**

**Bring a friend or two !**



## 1. Like A Shepherd *Bob Dufford*

**Refrain:** *Like a shepherd he feeds his flock,  
And gathers the lambs in his arms.  
Holding them carefully close to his heart,  
Leading them home.*

1: Say to the cities of Judah prepare the way of the Lord  
Go to the mountain top lift your voice  
Jerusalem here is your God. **R**

2. I myself will shepherd them  
For others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
And pasture them giving them rest. **R**

## 2. The Lord Is My Shepherd *Brian Boniwell*

1. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me. **R**

### Refrain

*I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in  
his love.*

*The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

2. And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me. **R**

## LOOKING BACK 128 YEARS AGO CATHOLIC PRESS – HERE AND THERE - BOMBALA 10 April 1897

After a hurried farewell to Buckley's Crossing, Adaminaby, and Moonbar, the traveller takes the coach for Bombala. The coach driver entertains his guest by singing now and then a stave of the latest popular songs. He is determined to show us that distance from Sydney does not prevent even a driver from acquiring a knowledge of the fine arts. An occasional apostrophe to the horses always made without losing time or a note in the score. At last Nimmitybelle, a town called belle because of its beauty, and Nimmity for some other reason. Here there is a pretty Catholic church, and a fine, intelligent Catholic population. But a few minutes' stay does not allow us to see more than a fringe of the scenery, and we are again on the road, and prancing along to the time and tune of 'St. Patrick's Day in the Morning'. There was but one stoppage for mails, and onward we sped through a fertile green country, through creeks and gullies, over hills and dales, until we could see the ghostly gum trees on either side of the road. At last, when the shades of evening had already fallen the increased velocity of the coach told us that we had reached Bombala and had accomplished fifty-four miles. Bombala is a neat, quiet town, hemmed in on all sides by hills. Its School of Arts is one of the finest in any country town of the colony. Its hotels are large and well kept. The Catholic Church and Presbytery stand some distance from the town, and are very good buildings, so too are the convent and schools of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The children here are thoroughly taught and trained and resemble their cousins of Cooma.

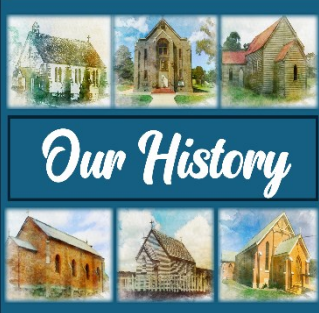


### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We,  
the Parish of Bombala-Delegate,  
acknowledge with deep respect that we  
stand upon the traditional lands of the  
Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.

We recognise the enduring legacy of  
their culture, which continues to enrich  
the life and spirit of Australia.

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



The inaugural Catholics to settle in the region arrived in 1826 as designated servants, primarily convicts. The community's foundation expanded with the influx of Scottish, Irish and subsequently German immigrants starting in 1833. Father Patrick Newman assumed the role of the first resident priest in 1864, succeeding a period during which priests were dispatched from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were erected to serve the growing Catholic population, including St Mary's Bombala in 1867 & 1942, St Joseph's Delegate 1877 & 1915, St John's Cathcart in 1878 and St Peter's Corrowong in 1894. Educational institutions also emerged with privately Catholic schools opening between 1866 and 1886, followed by the establishment of Catholic schools in Bombala in 1886 and Delegate in 1921. In 1888, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (North Sydney) co-founded by St Mary MacKillop, arrived, embarking on a continuous ministry that spanned 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes transitioned from the Sydney Archdiocese to the Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and later to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. The first local priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry, ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. The Parish of Delegate operated independently from 1955 to 1973. Significant events marked parish history in 2008, including the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following extensive repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate commemorated its Centenary in 2015.



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**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**11 May 2025**

## First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends  
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3**

**(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**  
**or**

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;**

**I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

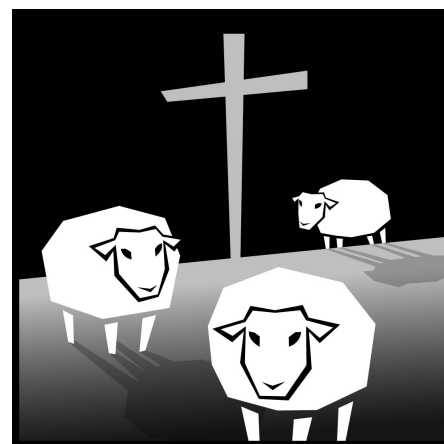
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 10:27-30

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is  
greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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