



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## Parish Bulletin Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A 19 March 2023



### 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**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS



#### POPES INTENTION MARCH For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**We pray** for Pope Francis as he completes 10 years in office, that he will be sustained in body, mind and spirit for his prophetic ministry.

**We pray** for our parish community in this 2023 Lenten Season.

**We pray** for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.



**We pray** for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Val Perkins, Samantha Deans, John Caldwell, Merylyn Knight, Tom Kennedy, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham



**The Solemnity of St Joseph is usually celebrated on March 19, but has been transferred to March 20 this year as the liturgy of the Lenten Sundays take precedence.**



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sun:** Delegate Morning Tea after Mass  
St Joseph's School Centre

**Mon:** Feast of St Joseph

**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30am

**Thu:** Lenten Program  
Delegate 1.30pm

**Sat:** Annunciation of the Lord  
LW&HC Delegate 6pm

**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Wilf Giles, Tony Brady,  
Kevin Crotty, Kathy Filtness

#### March Anniversaries

Lorna Callaway, Patricia Casey  
Una Collins, John Coman  
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell  
Murray Garnock, Terrence Ingram  
John Jones, Ruth McKay  
Anne Moreing, Neville Murphy  
Chris Philbrick, George Reed  
Enid Stewart, Thelma Stewart  
Andre Teschke, Rita Thornton  
Myra Walker



*"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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



*"If someone had told me I would be Pope one day, I would have studied harder."  
Pope John Paul I*



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

**Envelopes are now available at both Bombala & Delegate churches.**

Quotes and Thoughts  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE CROSS  
**MACKILLOP**



Let us be entirely God's. (19.3.1874)  
Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things. (10.3.1874)  
He is a just and merciful God; you may be sure that the trial is sent in love. (6.8.1895)  
God's love for us is best shown in times of aridity. (25.3.1870)  
In St Joseph's care I leave you. (25.3.1873)



## THE MONTH OF MARCH - DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

St Joseph was an ordinary manual labourer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man-an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

*Schools & convents in Adaminaby, Bombala, Delegate & Nimmitabel, the church & presbytery at Delegate and the church at Berridale, were all dedicated to St Joseph.*



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### Leaning into love

Love and its twin sister's tenderness and kindness require a good deal of hard work, training and discipline.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who are confused, deceived and misled by social media, that they will find their way to the unending wisdom of Christ.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who have been uprooted from their homeland by war, disaster or famine, that they will find long-term safety and shelter.



### Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** As Lent draws us more deeply into the mystery of Christ with us, let our hearts embrace the needs of the Church and the world in our prayers.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they show the way of a Church that is a welcoming community, teaching us how to forgive and how to be forgiven. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Church, may we all take Lent seriously as our God-given opportunity to renew our commitment to living the Christ life. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We continue to pray for Project Compassion this Lenten season. May the efforts and sacrifices people make strengthen their awareness so that they can better respond to the needs of the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

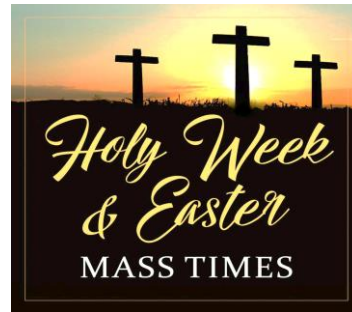
For the sick of our parish and for all who care for them. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Lead them all into the fullness of your life. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community. May the Spirit empower the people, sharing their gifts and talents for the good of the parish and the wider community. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those devastated by family tragedies. Bring them consolation and comfort. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Merciful Father, we come to you with repentant hearts. Hear the prayers we have brought to you today. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



**The following times have been set for services over the Holy Week & Easter. Unfortunately, we only have one supply priest to assist Fr Mark.**



#### **Palm Sunday: 2 April**

**Delegate:** Vigil LW&HC Sat 6pm  
**Bombala:** Vigil Mass Sat 6pm  
2nd Rite of Reconciliation after Mass  
**Jindabyne:** Vigil Mass Sat 6pm  
**Cooma:** Mass Sunday 10am



#### **Holy Thursday: 6 April**

**Bombala:** Mass 6pm  
**Cooma:** Mass 6pm



#### **Good Friday: 7 April**

*Stations of the Cross*  
**Bombala:** 9.30am (Leader)  
**Cooma:** 10am  
**Jindabyne:** 10am (Leader)  
**Delegate:** 12 noon (Leader)  
**Cooma:** 3pm Passion  
**Jindabyne:** 3pm Passion



#### **Holy Saturday Easter 8 April**

**Delegate:** LW&HC 6pm  
**Cooma:** Mass 6pm  
**Jindabyne:** Mass 6pm

#### **Easter Sunday 9 April**

**Adaminaby:** Mass 8am  
**Nimmitabel:** Mass 8am  
**Cooma:** Mass 10am  
**Bombala:** Mass 10am



**We want this Church to be here for our kids and grandkids and their kids thereafter.**



**1. The Lord's My Shepherd** *Various*

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

**2. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go** *Br Michael Herry*

**Refrain: Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You are our bread, broken and shared, Lord, to  
whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.**

1. Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.  
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R**

2. O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,  
our pledge of eternal life. **R**

**3. Open My Eyes, Lord** *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see Your face  
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see

2. Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear Your voice  
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear

3. Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like You  
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love

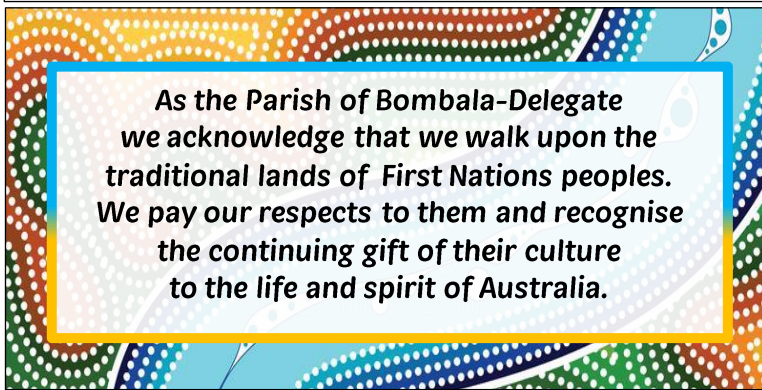
4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, oh, love  
I live within you, Rest now in me

**4. Amazing Grace**

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come  
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far  
And Grace will lead us home



**As the Parish of Bombala-Delegate  
we acknowledge that we walk upon the  
traditional lands of First Nations peoples.  
We pay our respects to them and recognise  
the continuing gift of their culture  
to the life and spirit of Australia.**



**Why, Why, Why?** *(Forwarded from Sr Timothy)*

*Do we press harder on a remote control when  
we know the batteries are getting weak?  
If people evolved from apes, why are there still  
apes?*

*Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use,  
the bubbles are always white?*

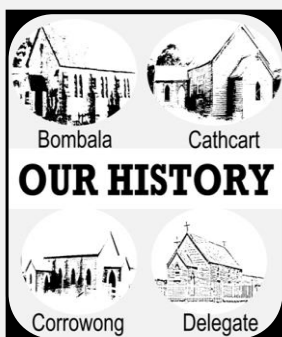
*How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?*

*Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one  
billion stars in the universe, you believe them but, if they  
tell you there is wet paint, you have to touch it to check?*

**Looking Back 70 Years - March 1953  
Around the Parish**

**Our Lady Goes Visiting:** Our Blessed Mother, under her new title of "Our Lady of Fatima" has received a great welcome in our parish. The suggestion that we join the Rosary Crusade by bringing Mary's statue into the homes and honouring it there with the rosary caught on at once. In Bombala Mrs M Williams and family were first in with the offer of a statue for the purpose. At Nimmitabel the call was answered by a rush of men to the sacristy door, Mr Leo Clear leading the first bunch by a short head. Delegate was the same, many offers but the first came for the Cotterill brothers on behalf of their parents and their own families. The Children of Mary will bring the statue to each house. A little altar with flowers and candles will be prepared in a room where for three days neighbours may pay a visit and say the Rosary. Each night the family gathers and with friends say the Rosary before the statue. At the end of the three days the girls will call to carry it to the next home on the list.

**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 Saint 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 1955-1973. 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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**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year: Alternate Readings, Year A**

**19 March 2023**

## First Reading 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
My cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel Jn 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the disease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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