



PENTECOST SUNDAY



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B, 19 MAY 2024



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.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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For the formation of religious and seminarians



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

We pray for children everywhere celebrating the sacrament of confirmation this year, that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit they will grow strong in faith, generous in love and resolute in hope.

We pray for a world-wide awakening to the wonder of creation, that all of humankind will delight in and cherish the gift God has entrusted to our care.

We pray for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



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

Chris Cuttle, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jane Nash, Val Perkins, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun: Delegate Morning Tea
Mon: Mary Mother of the Church
Tue: St's Christopher & Magallanes
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Rita of Cascia

Thu:
Fri: Mary, Help of Christians

Trinity Sunday

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint Gregory VII, Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
Saint Bede
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Edwina Considine (Anna's niece)
Nola Sanajko

May Anniversaries

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



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



"Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen."

Blessed Mother Teresa, pray for us.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



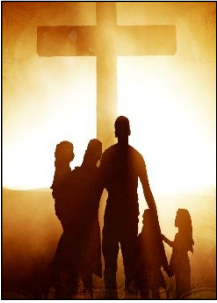
I cannot feel sufficiently grateful to our good God. (15.5.1873)
God is merciful because He knows how weary we are. (21.5.1877)
Try at least to excuse what you cannot understand. (21.5.1877)

Pray to be ever ready for God's will even when it takes you by surprise. (25.5.1880)

Birth of Maggie MacKillop, 25.5.1843.



PENTECOST SUNDAY - Pentecost, the beginning and birthday of the Church, is an annual feast that closes out the Easter season 50 days after the resurrection is celebrated. The word Pentecost has its root in the Greek word that means five. (One can see where the word pentagon comes from.) The Christian celebration has its origins in the Acts of the Apostles, in Acts 2:1-12, where the early disciples experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus. Acts also states, "While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now'" (Acts 1:4-5).



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Walking with Christ

For our own parish, that we will be a welcoming community and that our 'little faith' will grow stronger as we walk with Christ.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the baptised and spirited people of God, that the vitality of their faith will attract many into the family of Jesus' disciples.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for our parish and faith community, that the many gifts with which its members are blessed will be welcomed and used to make it one body, one spirit, in Christ.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, the Holy Spirit has kindled the fire of love in our hearts. In the warmth and power of that love, let us pray for the human family with all its joys and hopes and griefs and anxieties.

READER: For Pope Francis and for all Christians that they may be a sign of hope in our broken world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the blessing of peace on our fractured and violent world, that children in every place of bloodshed, anger and injustice can play safely again. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Australian church, that under the patronage of Mary, Help of Christians, it will respond with enterprise to the challenge of contemporary unbelief and disregard. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the doctors, nurses and carers who minister to those approaching the end of their lives, that Palliative Care Week (19-25 May) will help make their work of compassion better understood and appreciated. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised up to be with the Risen Lord. 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, your Spirit anoints us with wisdom and love. Impel us by these gifts to renew the face of the earth. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

Welcome to Fr Xavier who joins Fr Mark for a time to assist with our Parish Churches.

In various churches across the Archdiocese, new faces grace the sanctuary bringing with them diverse accents and challenging names. This reflects a changing landscape within our local Church, reminiscent of past experiences when parishioners navigated the heavy Irish accents of the priests who founded many of our churches. Today, the presence of priests and deacons from diverse backgrounds across Australia and the Western world underscores the vibrant nature of the Universal Church. In our Eastern and Western Deaneries, a significant majority of clergy come from overseas, highlighting the missionary spirit of our faith. These appointments stem from Archbishop Christopher's responses to requests from overseas bishops or Religious Superiors, emphasising a thoughtful and intentional engagement process. We extend a warm welcome and provide support to help them navigate their new surroundings. From mentorship programs to cultural acclimatisation, we strive to ease their transition into our local Church family. As we encounter these wonderful priests, let us remember the journey they've undertaken to serve us. Despite facing linguistic and cultural differences, they bring valuable ministry to our communities. Let's extend them the same kindness and patience we would offer to Jesus himself, embracing this opportunity for mutual growth and enrichment in our local Church's mission of encounter and discipleship. **A huge welcome to Fr Xavier.**



L-R: Fr Xavier Francis & Fr Rofin Raphael from the Institute Voluntas Dei (India) to the Archdiocese with Fr Richard Thompson VG

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Dear God, the earth longs for rain, eagerly awaiting your touch to rejuvenate the land and its inhabitants – from the flowing rivers and serene lakes and dams to the flourishing crops, pastures and vibrant gardens. Grant us plentiful rain, we implore, and guide us to become more conscientious stewards of the abundant blessings you bestow upon us, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name.
God of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

2. Come To The Water *Frank Andersen*

**Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.**

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

DID YOU KNOW?
The Catholic Church consists of more than just the Roman Catholic Church. There are over 20 Eastern Rites that are in full communion with Rome and although they go by different names, they are every bit as much a part of the Catholic Church.

There are 18 million members of the eastern churches which include the Armenian, Coptic, Melkite, Syriac and a number of Greek Catholic Churches.

3. One Bread One Body *John Michael Talbot*

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man, No more **R**

2. Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord, Of all. **R**

4. City Of God *Dan Schutte*

1. Awake from your slumber, Arise from your sleep.
A new day is dawning, For all those who weep. The
people in darkness ,Have seen a great light, The lord of
our longing, Has conquered the night **R**

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God, May our tears
Be turned into dancing, For the Lord Our light and our
love, Has turned the night into day**

2. We are sons of the morning, We are children of day.
The one who has loved us, Has brightened our way.
The lord of all kindness, Has called us to be
A light for his people, To set their hearts free. **R**



Josephite Companions (Associates)

Join us for a friendly and welcoming Prayer and Fellowship Day in the warmth and comfort of **St Joseph's School Centre Delegate**. An opportunity to connect with our community, share prayers and enjoy a delicious morning tea & lunch.

**Date: Monday 27 May 2024 commencing 10am
All are very welcome to attend**

Further info from Lorraine Cottrell (6458 8455)
or Ros Hood (6458 7260).

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

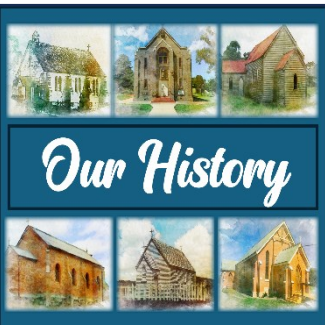
PARISH STREET STALL Friday 7 June 2024

Your ideas and your items would be much appreciated for this important parish fundraiser.
More details to follow in later bulletin.



My next door neighbours have split up and the husband has left! I was speaking to his wife Ruth over the garden fence. I said. "why did you split with your husband?" She said.. "could you live with someone who drinks, swears, gambles and just lays around all day?" I said.. "No!" She said.. "nor could he!"

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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First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
or (R.) Alleluia.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

or Ad libitum for Year B

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the
outset.

I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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