



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 2 June 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

POPES INTENTION JUNE

For migrants fleeing their homes



We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

We pray for Christian communities subject to hostility and discrimination, that they will draw unending strength from the bread of life and the cup of Christ's saving blood.

We pray for the human family, that this week's World Environment Day (5 June) will call them to enter a new covenant of care for the whole of creation.

We pray for Christian communities deprived of the eucharist for lack of an ordained minister, that church reform will respond to their hunger for the bread of life.



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

Mon: St Charles Lwanga & companions
Tue:

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Boniface

Thu: Saint Norbert
Saint Marcellin Champagnat

Fri: Parish Street Stall
Sacred Heart of Jesus



Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Edwina Considine (Anna's niece)

June Anniversaries

Sr Mary Agnes
Shirley Baker
Jessie Bedingfield
Eric Cuthel
Wilga Ingram
Moira Tindale
Norma Toms
Gordon Walker
Madge Walker



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



PARISH STREET STALL This Friday 7 June 2024

We need your creative ideas, generous donations and help in staffing the stall to ensure the success of this important parish fundraiser. Every contribution makes a difference! Please see or phone Ros Hood for further information - 6458 7260



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Charity of heart thinks no ill of anyone, is ever on the alert to prevent unkind thoughts, loves to make others happy, and will not be stayed from uttering a kind word, or performing a kind act.

(In Meditation on Charity June 1870)

Mary's audience with Pope Pius IX, 1873.

Let us ever hope that you look for strength from God who alone can give it. (2.6.1867)



June - The Month of the Sacred Heart - The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart. It is a month dedicated, therefore, to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God's eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each person. Pope Francis has said that it is easier for us to believe in our own love for God than it is for us to believe in God's love for us; in this month, the Church invites us to contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and let ourselves be convinced of God's passionate love for us.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Jesus into our lives

We need to invite Jesus into our lives. He needs to be let in as our Lord and Saviour. This is when true life happens and He lives with us.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the Indigenous peoples of Australia that this week's observance of Mabo Day (3 June) will honour their spiritual and cultural ties with the land, its waters and its creatures.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all members of parish St Vincent de Paul groups, that Friday's feast of the Sacred Heart (7 June) will help provide them with the goods they need to serve the poor.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, we have become a covenant people in the saving blood of Christ. In communion with him, let us pray for all to enjoy the blessings of God's reign among us.

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 whole church, that the baptised faithful will realise their glory as a chosen people, a royal priesthood and a holy nation, called to proclaim God's mighty works. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For people in every place where blood is being shed out of anger, hate, revenge or the lust for power, that their hopes for peace and freedom will never be extinguished. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For parents, that they may be blessed with the knowledge, wisdom and skills they need to guide their children in the safe use of social media. 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**

Saint Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage Eden - Saturday, 3 August 2024

St Peter's Pambula Parish invites all to join Archbishop Christopher Prowse and fellow pilgrims on a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday, 3 August, in honour of Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The pilgrimage commemorates Saint Mary's visits to Eden in 1899 and 1901 and acknowledges her significant role in establishing Catholic education in the archdiocese. There will be a number of Pambula Parish members available who are truly knowledgeable on the history of Saint Mary, her mother Flora, and their strong connection with Eden.

PROGRAM:

11:00am (optional): Pilgrim's Walk refreshments at the Church

12:00 noon: Concelebrated Mass

1:00pm: Lunch provided by Pambula Parish, fellowship, and a tour of memorabilia in **The Mary MacKillop Hall**

For further details: Contact Bernadette Wood at 0429 774 119 or woodb4922@gmail.com.



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.



I tell you solemnly,
I shall not drink
any more wine
until the day I drink
the new wine in the
kingdom of God.

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1. Christ Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. **R**

**Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**

3. Our Supper Invitation Fr Kevin Bates

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

4. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

2. I am the Bread of Life Suzanne Toolan rsm

1. I am the Bread of Life
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him. **R**

**Refrain: And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever. **R**

4. Here I Am Lord John Michael Talbot

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You
calling in the night, I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

Pope Francis clears the way to recognise the first millennial saint, but who is Carlo Acutis?



A London-born teenager known as "God's influencer" could become the first millennial saint after two miracles were attributed to him.

Pope Francis has recognised Carlo Acutis, who died of leukaemia in 2006, aged 15, and has cleared the way for him to become a saint. Last week, Pope Francis issued a decree following a meeting with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. Born in London, Carlo grew up in Milan, Italy, and has been informally dubbed "God's influencer" because he created a website to document and spread word of the Catholic faith. The tech-savvy teenager also looked after his parish website. He died on October 12, 2006, shortly after being diagnosed with leukaemia. His final wish was said to be buried in Assisi, the birthplace of Saint Francis of Assisi. Carlo's body was moved to Assisi cemetery one year after his death and is on display there. People can visit his tomb to pay tribute and there is also an online live stream of his body.

Vatican News

Josephite Companions (Associates)



Last Monday saw the Josephite Companions gather in fellowship and prayer at St Joseph's School Centre in Delegate. After a few years of recess, it was truly heartwarming to come together again, united in the Josephite spirituality under the theme "The Constant Presence of God."

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful morning tea and luncheon, adding to the joy of the day. Sr Teresa, informed of the day's success, was thrilled to hear that the group had reformed and had such a meaningful gathering. In light of this positive reconnection, the group has decided to meet regularly and will announce future dates through the parish bulletin.



At a city wedding reception someone yelled..."Would all the married people please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." In an instant, the bartender was nearly overwhelmed by the crowd.

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



Our History



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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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

2 June 2024

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal

redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord;*

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

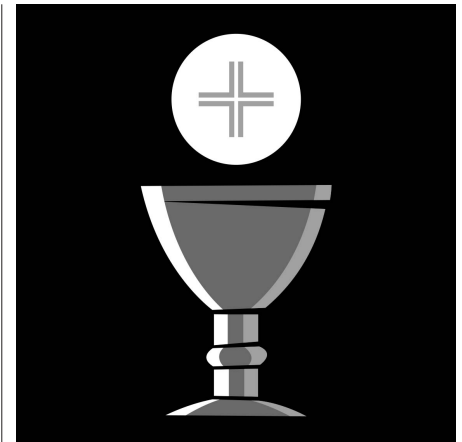
Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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