



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 21 APRIL 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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION APRIL For the role of women



Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

We pray for all who live with a disability, that their hope of leading lives of personal fulfilment and community service will be realised with the support of the whole community.

We pray for all who are prayerfully discerning a call to ministry, that they will be well guided by wise mentors and God's Spirit of counsel.

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

Mon:

Tue: Saints George & Adelbert

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Thu: ANZAC DAY



Fri: Saint Mark

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Sr Colleen O'Sullivan rsj
(Sr Colleen visited when Sr Teresa was here)
Barry Reed

April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill
Maria Callaway, Arthur Collins
Keith Cottrell,
Myreen Eppelstun,
Neil Ingram, Joanne Joseph
Jill Knight, Fletcher Lee
Kerry Letts, Edna Reed
Wallace Roberts, Ilma Stewart
Raymond Thornton, Kate Vincent



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



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

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A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



God loves generosity in us. (14.4.1882)

It is not those who can pay us well that we should first seek, but rather the poor and neglected where we can find the means of supporting them. (25.5.1875)

The work of God goes on, and for this we have much to thank Him. (24.4.1876)

Be determined with God's help to always be sincere. (17.12.1872)

Mary MacKillop leaves Rome, 1874.

25 APRIL – REMEMBERING OUR DIGGERS

Have you heard the term 'Digger' used when referring to veterans? Do you know where the term comes from? The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) was raised in Egypt in November 1914, months before its famous beach landing on Gallipoli. Later in the war, soldiers who served in the Anzac Corps on Gallipoli – the first ANZACs – proudly wore a brass badge 'A' on their uniforms. Australian and New Zealand soldiers quickly became known as 'diggers' on Gallipoli because so much of their time was spent digging trenches.

LEST WE FORGET

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

The music of hope

Hope is not wishful thinking:
It is a commitment to work to make things better.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for those at the forefront of the artificial intelligence revolution, that they will ensure its potential is used for human flourishing, not its exploitation.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the world-wide community of faith, that by lives of love Christians everywhere will bear joyful witness to Christ's victory over sin and death.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, our Good Shepherd Jesus has laid open the way to a life of grace and glory. Following his example, let us embrace the world with love as we pray.

READER: For the people of Australia and New Zealand, that this week's Anzac Day services will draw everyone together in remembrance, reconciliation and hope. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Sisters of Saint Joseph, that their tireless works and noble endeavours continue to illuminate paths of inspiration for us all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those lives lost in the Bondi Junction tragedy. May they find eternal rest in your loving embrace and may their memories be a source of comfort and inspiration to those who mourn them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who call in faith on the name of Jesus, that they will truly become one body, one spirit, in Christ. 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 and Father of Jesus, your Son laid down his life out of love for you and for us. Set us free to put our lives at the service of all. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

Sisters of Saint Joseph – Jubilarians

The Mary MacKillop Chapel at Mount Street, North Sydney, overflowed with joy and reverence on Thursday 18 April 2024, as it welcomed many to the Eucharistic Celebration of the Tanzanite, Tourmaline and Platinum Jubilarians of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. These devoted sisters, inspired by the noble legacy of their co-founder, Saint Mary MacKillop, have wholeheartedly dedicated their lives to God's service as Josephite Sisters. Among the esteemed platinum jubilarians honoured were Sr Teresa Keane and Sr Philomena O'Halloran both beacons of inspiration and dedication to our parish, Sr Teresa having been Pastoral Associate from 2011-2021 and Sr Philomena the last Josephite principal at St Joseph's School from 1987-1993. With grace and warmth, Sr Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader, extended a heartfelt welcome to all in attendance, directing special attention to the esteemed Jubilarian Sisters present. She paid homage to those sisters unable to join today and honoured the memory of those sisters who have peacefully journeyed to eternal rest. Leading the eucharistic celebration with solemnity and reverence was Bishop Terry Brady. Both Carol Garnock and Greg Crotty were honoured to attend as guests of Sr Teresa.



L-R: Sr Teresa, Carol Garnock, Sr Helen, Greg Crotty & Sr Philomena. More pictures in following bulletins.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

BOMBALA

6.00am Dawn Service at Cenotaph
10.45am Commemoration Service
March - Assemble at Club Bombala

DELEGATE

6am Dawn Service at Cenotaph
10.45am Commemoration Service
March from Cenotaph to Memorial Gates
Luncheon at Delegate Country Club

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. 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**

2. 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**

3. Amazing Grace

**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**

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

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

4. City Of God *Dan Schutte*

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**

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**



**Message from Our Lady
Queen of Peace
of Medjugorje**

March 25, 2024 - Monthly Message to Marija

"Dear children! In this time of grace, pray with me for the good to win in you and around you. In a special way, little children, pray united with Jesus on His Way of the Cross. Into your prayers put this humanity, which wanders without God and without His love. Be prayer, be light, and be witnesses to all those whom you meet, little children, so that the merciful God may have mercy toward you. Thank you for having responded to my call."



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.**



WIFE: Our new neighbours are so in love.
He cuddles her, buys her flowers and expensive
presents and does everything for her.
Why don't you do that?

HUSBAND: Because I don't know her that well yet.

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

21 April 2024

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

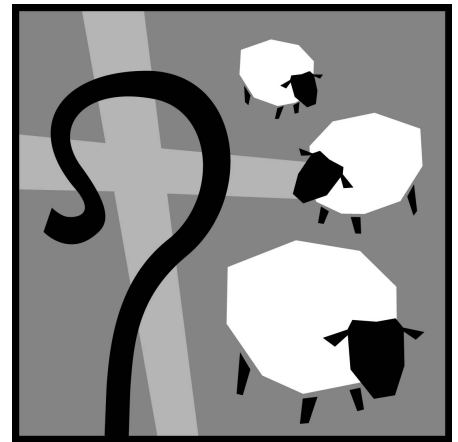
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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