

The Ascension of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN The Ascension of the Lord, Year A, 21 May 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**

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



PRAYER INTENTIONS



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For church movements and groups
We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

We pray for all who are dying and for their loved ones and carers, that National Palliative Care Week (21 – 27 May) will highlight the medical and pastoral care they can receive.

We pray for the people of Australia, that Sorry Day (26 May) and the start of Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) will draw the nation together in a spirit of healing and hope.

We pray for the parents of children with special needs, that they will be blessed with all the love, wisdom and practical assistance they need.



We pray that the Risen Christ may heal the sick and comfort all who are afflicted in any way, particularly in our own families and parish:

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him.”

Saint Augustine



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint Rita of Cascia

Wed: Our Lady, Help of Christians
Mass Bombala 9.30am



Thu: Saints Gregory VII, Bede & Mary Magdalene

Fri: Saint Philip Neri

Sat: Saint Augustine of Canterbury
LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

May Anniversaries

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



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

Quotes and Thoughts

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



God understands us better than we understand ourselves or each other. (21.5.1877)

Bear in mind that you have only to answer for your own faults. (21.5.1874)

Try at least to excuse what you cannot understand. (21.5.1877)

God is merciful because He knows how weary we are. (21.5.1877)

Birth of Maggie MacKillop, 25.5.1843.



MAY – MONTH OF MARY

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianise the secular feasts which were to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order - by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome.

Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the Month of Mary devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured, and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts".

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Growing better societies

When disaster threatens, societies face a choice – withdraw into themselves or embrace humanitarianism.



Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for parents, catechists and teachers, that the Advocate, God's Spirit of truth, will guide their work of forming children's faith.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who struggle to make ends meet in this land of plenty, that the whole country will welcome measures to reduce inequality and create opportunity.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, as Jesus returned in glory to God's right hand, he commissioned his disciples to proclaim the good news to all. In that spirit let us pray for the needs of the world.

READER: For Pope Francis and the bishops of our Church that we entrust their leadership to the inspiration of the Spirit that Jesus promised would remind us of all that he said. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our Catholic community in Australia, that this week's feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, will deepen everyone's trust in God's powerful love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community, moved by the Spirit, may we continue to grow in faith as we seek to follow Jesus more closely. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries we recall. May God reward their faith and lead them to the fullness of eternal life. 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: Father of Jesus and God of glory, your Son promised to be with us to the end of time. May we live by his truth and rejoice in his love. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. **AMEN**

Looking Back 100 Years - 17 May 1923 Delegate Wedding Thornton - Jones

A quiet wedding was celebrated in St Joseph's Catholic Church, Delegate, on Thursday morning last, the contracting parties being Eugene Melrose Thornton (Nimmitabel) and Catherine Jean Jones (Delegate). The Rev. Father Cannon performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father. Miss Rita Jones (sister of the bride) was bridesmaid, and Mr J Buckley, Junior was best man. Mr Duncan Campbell presided at the organ. After the ceremony, cake and wine were partaken of at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev. Father Cannon proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, and the bridegroom responded. The toast of the bride's parents was proposed by brother-in-law Mr Geoff Stewart and responded to by the bride's father. After the ceremony, the newly married couple left by car to catch the train at Bombala on their honeymoon.

(5th Station of the Cross Delegate donated in 1942 by EM & Mrs Thornton & Family (Ray, John & Rita) in Memory of Morgan & Lucy Thornton)

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



Athletics Carnival

A wonderful day was had by all on Friday 5th May for the competing of the Djamalang Athletics Carnival. It was so great to see so many parents, carers, grandparents, friends, students and staff, supporting and encouraging both schools for what was a wonderful sunny day of competition. The date has not yet been set for the next level of competition, however it will either be at the end of this term or early next term.

*Save
the Date*

**Debutante Ball
Saturday 9 September 2023**

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.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. 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**

**R: 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're sons of the morning, we are daughters of day
The one who has loved us has brightened our way. **R**

2. Come To The Water *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*
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**

3. Eucharist Song *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

This is My Body, take now and share!
Deep in the memory of My own prayer.
This is My Blood, come drink and live!
In all completeness this power I give.

You are My People, My chosen friends,
Come share the Spirit My Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,
My peaceful presence, gift of My heart!

4. How Shall I Call You *Robin Mann*

1. How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
poet of sunset and painter of sky,
Father almighty, who's running to find us,
giving his Son who must suffer and die. **R**

**Refrain: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.**

2. How shall I call you? Lover of children,
shepherd and teacher and brother and friend,
healer of blind man and healer of leper;
you are beginning and middle and end. **R**

Three Parishes Together - Mass/LWHC Schedule - From May 2023 Updated

SUNDAY	BERRIDALE	BOMBALA	COOMA	DELEGATE	JINDABYNE	NIMMITABEL	NUMERALLA
1	LWHC Sun 10am	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	
2	Vigil Mass Sat 3.30pm	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	LWHC Sun 5pm
3	LWHC Sun 10am	Mass Sun 10am	Mass Sun 10am	Mass Sun 8am	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	
4	Vigil Mass Sat 3.30pm	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 5pm
5	LWHC Sun 10am	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	



Maybe this little man will be pope one day ❤️

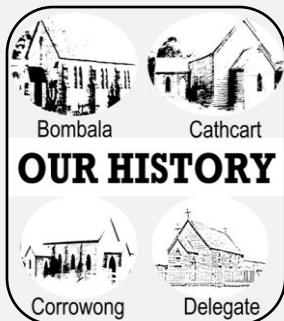


**Message from Our Lady,
Queen of Peace of Medjugorje**

“DEAR CHILDREN! I AM CALLING ALL OF YOU TO BE CARRIERS OF THE PEACE AND JOY OF THE RISEN JESUS FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE FAR FROM PRAYER; THAT THE LOVE OF JESUS, THROUGH YOUR LIVES, MAY TRANSFORM THEM TO A NEW LIFE OF CONVERSION AND HOLINESS . THANK YOU FOR HAVING RESPONDED TO MY CALL.”

APRIL 2023

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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First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
or**

(R.) Alleluia.

- All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
- God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

- God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

**I am with you always, until the end
of the world.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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