



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Second Sunday of Easter, Year C 24 April 2022



"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." Parish Vision Statement, 2004



PRAYER INTENTIONS



Popes Intention

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries: may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

We pray for peace in our world, especially for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for all who suffer, for the lonely and the sick and all who care for them.

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends that they are in the place which Jesus prepared for them.

For the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

John Reardon (Alice's brother), Jack Ventry, Audrey Day, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

***We are Easter people
and Alleluia is our song.***

St Augustine

God Bless Fr Adrian



We thank you Fr Adrian for your ministry among us and for your many virtues shared with us.

We will miss you!

Our prayers are with you Fr Adrian in your new role in the Bega Parish.



Bombala

6.15am Dawn Service
at Cenotaph

Followed by Community Breakfast
at Club Bombala

11am Commemoration Service
Including March & Wreath Laying
ANZAC Day Sports Carnival
to follow

Delegate
6am Dawn Service
at Cenotaph

Followed by Gunfire Breakfast
at RSL Hall

11am Commemoration Service
March from Cenotaph
to Memorial Gates
Followed by ANZAC Day lunch
at Delegate Country Club



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: ANZAC Day
Mass Bombala 9am

Tue:

Wed: Mass 9.30am Bombala

Thu:

Fri:

Sat: Mass 6pm Delegate*

Sun: Mass 8am Bombala*
(*Subject to change to LW&HC
due to availability of Priest)



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Edna Reed,
Anna Keating (Ireland - sister to Sr Teresa),
Enid Pate,
Murray Garnock,
Anne Moreing,
Chris Philbrick.

April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill
Arthur Collins, Keith Cottrell,
Leila de Costa, Myreen Eppelestun,
Brian Hampshire, Neil Ingram,
Joanne Joseph, Jill Knight,
Fletcher Lee, Kerry Letts,
John Pereira, Wallace Roberts,
Ilma Stewart, Raymond Thornton,
Kate Vincent.

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



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



It is our good God who is our support and strength. 10.10.1871
Bear your little trials with patience and love. Remember they come from God. 4.7.1876
Work on with constancy and courage. 4.7.1876
Bear your little trials - they are intended as your steppingstones to Heaven. 4.7.1876

Seek the Kingdom first

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6.33-34



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Feeling good by doing good.

Charity is about doing what you can to ensure others get their chance to have 'something more'.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the whole human family, that all will be drawn to the light of the risen Christ and find life in him.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for the Catholic faithful of Australia, that their hopes for a spirited outcome from the Plenary Council will be fulfilled.



ON 'EASTER OF WAR', POPE IMPLICITLY CRITICISES RUSSIA OVER UKRAINE

Pope Francis implicitly criticised Russia for dragging Ukraine into a "cruel and senseless" conflict and urged leaders to strive for peace as he marked what he called an "Easter of war" last Sunday.

The 85-year-old pope made the comments in his "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world) address - traditionally an overview of world conflicts - to about 100,000 people in St Peter's Square.

It was the first Easter since 2019 that the public was allowed into the square to hear the twice-yearly address following two years of COVID-19 restrictions. Pope Francis dedicated much of the message to Ukraine, comparing the shock of another war in Europe to the shock of the apostles when the gospel says they saw the risen Jesus. "Our eyes, too, are incredulous on this Easter of war. We have seen all too much blood, all too much violence. Our hearts, too, have been filled with fear and anguish, as so many of our brothers and sisters have had to lock themselves away in order to be safe from bombing," he said. "May there be peace for war-torn Ukraine, so sorely tried by the violence and destruction of the cruel and senseless war into which it was dragged," he said.

Prayer of the Faithful

LEADER: As an Easter people we gather in the spirit of the Risen Lord. Hear the prayers which we confidently place before you.

READER: For Church leaders that in their ministry they may always give priority to the pastoral needs of people. **We pray to the Lord.**

For all believers and people of good will: that Christ may pour out his Spirit upon them that they may continue the mission of bringing hope, meaning and love to all in our society. **We pray to the Lord.**

For peace throughout the world: that the Risen Lord will guide all people away from violence and towards peace in all areas of war. **We pray to the Lord.**

For the elderly, the sick and the chronically ill: may they experience the healing presence of Jesus in their suffering. **We pray to the Lord.**

For our deceased loved ones and Parishioners: may they know the joy of the Resurrection rejoicing in God's presence for ever. **We pray to the Lord.**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for peace in Ukraine. **We pray...Hail Mary.....**

LEADER: Loving God, may we, like Thomas recognise you in our midst, that with all your saints, we may come to the fullness of joy in your presence. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

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 cultures to the life and spirit in Australia.

Jesuit Communications



A turkey farmer was always breeding his birds to meet the market demands, and for the congregation's annual Easter Dinner, where they invited the community for a free meal. Year after year there was never enough turkey legs for everyone who wanted one, so he set out to breed a turkey with more than two legs. Then one year, as the church was preparing the Easter Dinner, the farmer told the pastor that he finally succeeded in breeding a bird with six legs. "Wow!" the pastor exclaimed. "Let me see it!" "That is the problem," the farmer said. "We haven't been able to catch one!"

1. Let There Be Peace on Earth *Sy Miller & Jill Jackson*

Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me
 Let There Be Peace on Earth
 The peace that was meant to be
 With God as our Father, Brothers all are we
 Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
 With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow
 To take each moment and live,
 Each moment in peace eternally
 Let there be peace on earth,
 And let it begin with me

2. Sing to the Mountains *Bob Dufford*

**Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
 Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
 This is the day the Lord has made.
 Let all the earth rejoice.**

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
 You have answered my plea.
 You have saved my soul from death.
 You are my strength and song. *Refrain*
2. Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of
 your glory. *Refrain*
3. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be
 glad and rejoice. He has turned all death to life.
 Sing of the glory of God. *Refrain*

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you all for your generous support in helping to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people.
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THANK YOU

Sr Betty Keane, the last Josephite leaves the Diocese of Geraldton WA

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It is with great sadness the last of the Sisters of St Joseph has left the Diocese of Geraldton with the departure of Sr Betty Keane rsj from the Newman Parish. Bishop Justin Bianchini, in welcoming Sr Betty to Newman, stated, "Thank you for accepting this special Mission in the isolated north of our Diocese", as that is what it was. Hot, isolated and without modern comforts and would take a special person to take up the challenge. Sr Betty, with her naturally strong Irish determination, rose above and beyond what that Mission originally entailed. Over many years in the Parish Sr Betty has worked alongside and supported four Parish Priests, and many supply Priests. In this last six months she has welcomed Fr Tam Duong to the Parish as Priest-in-Charge and has handed over the reins to him with a word or two of wisdom to guide him. She has been the one constant in the Parish throughout the years in a transient community, but now it has come time to say goodbye. Sr Betty has certainly emulated throughout her Ministry the quiet love and gentle presence of St Joseph in Newman for 20 years. A great achievement indeed. All of us wish Sr Betty every blessing in her retirement in Perth. I know that her plans changed with the unexpected death of her dear sister, Margaret, who is now buried in Perth, but it is wonderful to know that her sister, Sr Teresa, has joined her in Perth so that, together, they can enjoy each other's company in retirement with the Sisters of St Joseph in Perth. May God continue to richly bless the Sisters of St Joseph in every way as their presence blessed our families and communities in the diocese."



Sr Betty (Bridget) taught at both Bombala & Delegate in the 1960's. Sr Teresa was our Pastoral Associate from 2011 until 2021. Sr Margaret taught at Eden 2003/4.

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 came 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 St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have provided continuous ministry for 134 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 1954-1972. 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 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
- O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said,

'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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