



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 25 MAY 2025



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 MAY

For working conditions



Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

We pray for dioceses, parishes and all communities of believers, that they will be havens of hospitality for all in search of healing and hope.

We pray for workers in this Jubilee Year of Hope, that they will be assured of safe working conditions, fair pay, and the opportunity to build a better world.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.



We pray for all those in our community who are unwell. May they find strength, comfort, and healing, and may they recognise

the loving presence of Christ beside them in their time of need.

Roma Brownlie, Jenny & Ron Chaplin, Peter & Joyce Reed, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Noah Ingram, Barbara Brownlie, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, John Elliott, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saint Philip Neri
TUE Saint Augustine
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
THU Saint Paul VI
SAT Mass Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Visitation of Mary



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Pope Francis

May Anniversaries

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



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

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



"God loves us, God loves you all,
and evil will not prevail!
We are all in God's hands.
Therefore, without fear, united
hand in hand with God and each
other – let us go forward."



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.

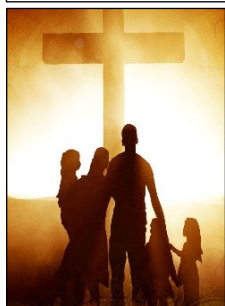
Mary's audience with Pope Pius IX, 1873.

May each succeeding birthday find you nearer to the Sacred Heart,
resting with a loving and tranquil heart in the dear Will of God.

(To her mother Flora 3.6.1873)



The Feast of the Visitation of Mary, celebrated on May 31st, commemorates the journey of the Virgin Mary to visit her cousin Elizabeth, as described in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:39–56). This encounter is significant in Christian tradition because it highlights Mary's humility, service and faith. Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist, felt her child leap in her womb and she was filled with the Holy Spirit, recognising Mary as the mother of the Lord. In response, Mary proclaimed the *Magnificat*, a beautiful hymn of praise to God. The feast emphasises the joy of shared faith, the recognition of God's presence in everyday life, and the importance of supporting others with love and compassion.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

HOPE: Finding faith and trust in God's plan.

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"
(Psalm 31:24)

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for Pope Leo XIV that the Holy Spirit will endow him with all the wisdom, courage, insight and holiness he needs to guide the church's mission to the human family.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the dedicated members of the Laudato si' movement 10 years on, that they will inspire the whole community to cherish and protect creation.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, before returning to the Father, Jesus promises his disciples peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in his word, we pray for God's blessing on the church and the whole world.

READER: For Pope Leo, that he will tirelessly proclaim Jesus' word and never cease to call for peace on earth and care of the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all church leaders, that like the apostles and elders at the Council of Jerusalem they will heed the wisdom of the Spirit and guide the church on the way of the gospel. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the multitude of refugees in various countries of Africa, that they will be given safe shelter, life-saving nourishment and the hope of a place to call home. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

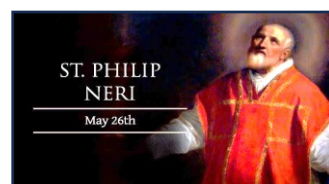
For young people priced out of the housing market and for older people under threat of homelessness, that all relevant authorities will collaborate to alleviate the housing crisis. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community as it celebrates the Feast of the Visitation (31 May), that like Mary and Elizabeth all will be filled with a spirit of joy, gratitude and generosity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. 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: Giver of all good gifts, Lord God, you make your home in all who keep the word of Jesus. Keep our minds and hearts open to the teaching of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.
AMEN



Saint Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515. His mother died when he was young, and he was educated at a Dominican convent. In 1533 he went to Rome and lived as a hermit for two years, then spent a further three years studying theology and philosophy. He gave up his studies and sold his books and encouraged his friends to join him in working for the sick and visiting the churches of Rome. St Philip was ordained a priest in 1551, and he spent many long hours hearing people's confessions. He founded the Congregation of the Oratory, which gave its name to the musical form 'Oratorio', which developed from their services. He was known as a happy man, who enjoyed playing the occasional practical joke, but was also regarded as a living saint by those who knew him.

We pray for rural and regional communities experiencing severe drought, that they will stay strong together and have their hardship eased by just and fair assistance.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
The God of mercy, the God who saves
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day

1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul

2. 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.*

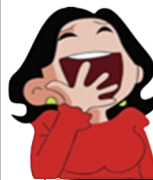
2. And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me. *R*

We pray for all Australians, especially the land's First Peoples, that Monday's **National Sorry Day (26 May)** and the start of Reconciliation Week will bring everyone together in remembrance of the past, acceptance of the present, and commitment to a shared future.



LOOKING BACK 60 YEARS AGO Archdiocese Clerical Changes January 1965

Clerical changes in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn were announced by Archbishop O'Brien yesterday. The changes will take effect on February 2. The changes are Fr J Kelly Bombala, leave of absence; Fr M O'Connor, from leave of absence to Yarralumla again; Fr M O'Riordan, from Candelo Bemboka to Michelago, as pastor; Fr C Patterson, from Delegate to Candelo Bemboka, as pastor; Fr B Lynch, from Yarralumla to Hughes-Curtin ACT, as pastor (new parochial district). Fr F Keogh from Inverloch to Delegate, as pastor; Fr V Pierse, from Adelong to Bombala, as administrator; Fr G Lloyd, from Gunning to special work, youth movements (to reside at Young); Fr W Crahan, from leave to Gunning as assistant; Fr W Keating, from Bega, leave of absence; Fr J Daly, from West Wyalong to Ardlethan, as assistant; Fr T Pigram, from Braddon to Bega, as assistant; Fr F Guiry, from North Goulburn to Cootamundra, as assistant. Fr K Barry Cotter, from temporary appointment Yarralumla, to Canberra, as assistant.



Some years ago, in the traffic court of a large city, a young lady was brought before the judge to answer for a ticket given her for driving through a red light.

She explained to the judge that she was a schoolteacher and requested an immediate dismissal of her case so she could get to the school on time. A wild gleam came into the judge's eye. "You're a schoolteacher, huh?" he said. "Ma'am, today I shall realise my lifelong ambition. I've waited years to have a schoolteacher in this court. Sit down at the table and write 'I will not go through a red light' 500 times, and then I will dismiss your case!"

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidjil, 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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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

25 May 2025

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory

of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my
words.

And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to
know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

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