



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Parish Bulletin First Sunday of Lent Year A 26 February 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



POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

We pray for our parish community in this 2023 Lenten Season.

We pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Anna Vincent, John Caldwell,
Merilyn Knight, Tom Kennedy, Jim Parkes,
Patricia Guthrie, Peter Hopkins,
John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell,
Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby,
Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham

Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program

Every Thursday at 1.30pm

At alternate venues including
St Joseph's School Centre & St Philips Op Shop
All are most welcome

Further info from Lorraine on 0427 781 756

 *Carry Your Cross Through Lent*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"God is the light
that illuminates
the darkness."
Pope Francis



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint Gregory of Narek
Tue:
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu:
Fri: Autumn Ember Day
Day of Prayer & Penance
Sat: Saint Casimir
LW&HC Delegate 6pm
Mass Bombala 6pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Tony Brady, Kevin Crotty
Kathy Filtness

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear
Ron Cowell, Jak Cuttle
Penny Hassall, Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith
Sheila White



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

PROJECT COMPASSION
**FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS**



**Project Compassion
envelopes are now available
at both Bombala & Delegate
churches.**

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Will you not help me to be faithful, will you not cheer me on with your kind,
good prayers. (26.2.1872)

Look upon your crosses as steppingstones to the eternal life of happiness. (28.2.1890)
Mary MacKillop baptised by Father Geoghegan, St Francis Church, Melbourne. (28.2.1842)

How good God is to me and how much reason I have to be grateful. (22.2.1899)

Be patient and work generously in the service of our Divine Lord. (3.3.1898)



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Loving God, at the beginning of this Holy Season may we embrace the fullness of our life in Christ Jesus and pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

READER: We pray that all Church members may be faithful through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in this time of preparation for Easter. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For government leaders in every nation. May they establish structures that promote life, peace, justice, dignity, and safety for all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

May we be drawn into a fuller relationship with Christ that we may see an increase in religious vocations, a deeper cooperation and faith and a growth in compassion from all Church ministries. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

Strengthen Pope Francis and fill our Church with courage that we may we learn how to listen, love, accept and forgive without condition or expectation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those devastated by family tragedies. Bring them consolation and comfort. 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: Jesus, our Saviour, this season of Lent provides us with a new opportunity to renew our spirits in the light of your example of prayer and penance. Help us to draw close to you during these forty days. We ask this with confidence in your constant care for us. **Amen**

READINGS

FIRST READING: *Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 The Book of Genesis*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R)**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**

4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R)**

SECOND READING: *Rom 5:12-19 Letter of St Paul to the Romans*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: *Mt 4:1-11 Gospel according to Matthew*

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1. Ashes *Tom Conroy*

1. We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do. We rise against from ashes, to create ourselves anew. If all the world is ashes, then must our lives be true? An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

2. Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain. Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain. The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew, From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

2. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord, Beckon our lives through your word, Open our eyes to your call, United as one for your world. Heighten our minds to your thoughts, Heal us of pride and of hurt, May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on. Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**

2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land. Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**

Sign outside a
church in
California

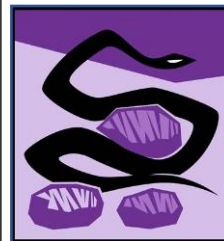
**Need a lifeguard ?
Ours walks on water!**



Prayer

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children. Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey. We ask you God to help our Catholic Communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe.

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE



Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others. How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ. We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.