



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Parish Bulletin Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A 26 March 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**



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



### POPES INTENTION MARCH For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**We pray** for Caritas Australia's partners in Vietnam, that their work of empowering people with disabilities will grow through our generous support for Project Compassion.

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

Eiley Elliott, Val Perkins, Samantha Deans, John Caldwell, Merylyn Knight, Tom Kennedy, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:**  
**Tue:**  
**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30am  
**Thu:** Lenten Program  
Delegate 1.30pm  
**Fri:**  
**Sat:** LW&HC Delegate 6pm  
Vigil Mass Bombala 6pm  
**Sun:** **Palm Sunday**  
Daylight Saving Ends



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



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Wilf Giles

### March Anniversaries

Lorna Callaway, Patricia Casey  
Una Collins, John Coman  
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell  
Murray Garnock, Terrence Ingram  
John Jones, Ruth McKay  
Anne Moreing, Neville Murphy  
Chris Philbrick, George Reed  
Enid Stewart, Thelma Stewart  
Andre Teschke, Rita Thornton  
Myra Walker



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

## READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The readings are about how God can take us from death to new life. The first reading tells us of God's desire to bring us back to life. The second reading tells us if Christ dwells in us, we will have new life as He does. And the gospel tells how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“Prayer is in very truth miraculously powerful – we must be faithful in employing it.”

Mother Mary Aikenhead



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Envelopes  
are now  
available at  
both  
Bombala &  
Delegate  
churches.

Quotes and Thoughts  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE CROSS  
**MACKILLOP**



Let us at any cost be faithful. (26.3.1873)  
May God bless and strengthen you. Confide all to God. See how God carries us through the storms. (27.3.1872)

*Mary MacKillop departs for Rome 28.3.1873*

May God give you patience and courage in your sufferings. (31.3.1904)



## Prayer of the Faithful



**Response: (R)**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Through the death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, God our Father has shown his immense love for us, and so with confidence we turn to the Lord in prayer.

**READER:** For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and our Archbishop Christopher, that they may continue to proclaim the merciful love of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We ask that you bless all who are elected to serve NSW; may the wisdom and courage of the Holy Spirit guide them to govern for the good of all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community that, by keeping Lent well, we will come to the celebration of Easter with hearts and minds renewed. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who have been bereaved, or who are suffering the loss of a loved one, that the Lord will heal their wounds, and fill them with hope in the Resurrection. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are sick or housebound that they may know the gentle touch of God's healing love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For peace in our world, that all will turn from hatred to love and from violence to reconciliation. 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 love, you have planted in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Bring us and all our loved ones to the joy of the Kingdom of heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### 1. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: 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. **R**

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. **R**

### 2. I am the Bread of Life *Suzanne Toolan SM*

1. I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw him. **R**

**Refrain: And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and you who eats of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever. **R**

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate



This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy. But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God. You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death. We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be the Resurrection and the Life.  
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## READINGS

**FIRST READING:** *Ez 37:12-14 Prophet Ezekiel*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R)**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **(R)**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R)**

**SECOND READING:** *Rom 8:8-11 St Paul to the Romans*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL:** *Jn 11:1-45 Gospel according to John*