



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C 27 March 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**  
For a Christian response to  
bioethical challenges.

**We pray** for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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

**We pray** for and congratulate Lily Sato and Troy Jamieson who were married yesterday. May God bless and care for them during the years of their life together.

**We pray** for the sick and terminally ill in our Parish, especially Jack Ventry, may they be supported and comforted in this time of vulnerability.

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

**We pray**, especially, for our health services in our local area that the situation may be resolved satisfactorily.

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

Jack Ventry, Audrey Day, Nola White, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

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*Please assist the team by having items  
in by Wednesday pm. Items may come  
in by phone, note or email.*



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:**

**Tue:**

**Wed:** Children's School Mass  
Bombala 9.30am

**Thu:**

**Fri:**

**Sat:** Mass Delegate 6pm

**Sun:** Mass Bombala 8am  
Mass Nimmitabel 10am



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Murray Garnock, Anne Moreing,  
Chris Philbrick, Heather Jones.

### March Anniversaries

June Beileiter, Lorna Callaway,  
Patricia Casey, Una Collins,  
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell,  
Mark Gaunson, Terrence Ingram,  
John Jones, Marion Lister,  
Anne Maslin, Ruth McKay,  
Sam Monk, Neville Murphy,  
George Reed, Joan Ryan,  
Enid Stewart, Thelma Stewart,  
Andre Teschke, Rita Thornton,  
Don Tindale, Myra Walker.

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"You've been called, and the  
momentum is to get  
up and get going."**

*Sr Mary Paula, sgs.*

## Today is Laetare Sunday

The word comes from the  
Latin laetare, "to rejoice".



daylight saving time ends

Daylight  
Saving time  
ends next  
Sunday 3 April  
at 3am.



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*God understands us better than we understand ourselves or each other. 21.5.1877  
My heart would sink but for the firm conviction that God's word can never fail. 28.6.1877  
Take fresh courage. Lean more on God and less on ourselves. 21.5.1877  
God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right. 30.10.1874*



As Mother Teresa moved from one refugee camp to the next, she found that these places "were like one big Calvary where Christ was crucified once more. . . .

Unless there is forgiveness there will be no peace.

And forgiveness begins with personal attitudes."

Mother Teresa - Saint Teresa of Calcutta



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Listen more deeply.

Having the charity to open ourselves to others allows us to listen to God in unexpected ways.

### Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for world leaders, that their eyes will be opened to the cruel consequences of war and their hearts turned from violence to peace.

### Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for the citizens of every nation affected by the war on Ukraine, especially those close by, that the hardships they are enduring will unite and not divide them.



### POPE FRANCIS WILL CONSECRATE UKRAINE AND RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Pope Francis has again denounced Russia's "violent aggression against Ukraine" as "a senseless massacre" for which "there is no justification." He implored "all the international actors" to "truly commit themselves to bring an end to this repugnant war."

Speaking with passion but without naming Russia, he told thousands of pilgrims from many countries gathered in St Peter's Square on Sunday, March 20, that "Sadly the violent aggression against Ukraine does not slow down." He denounced it as "a senseless massacre where every day is repeated atrocities" and said, "There is no justification for this!"

Pope Francis concluded his emotion-packed appeal by inviting people to join him in prayer. "I invite every community and every one of the faithful to join with me on Friday, March 25, the solemnity of the Annunciation, in making this solemn act of consecration of humanity, and especially of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that she, the Queen of Peace, may obtain peace for the world."

### Prayer of the Faithful

**LEADER:** Confident that God calls us together to celebrate our faith in actions and words, we pray for the needs of the church and the world.

**READER:**

For the church; may the light of our faith brighten the darkness of the world. We pray to the Lord.

For people who are rebuilding their lives and homes following the floods and tragedies; may God give them strength and courage and inspire many to help them. We pray to the Lord.

For all who are hungry every day, particularly children; may our hearts be open to sharing our bounty through Project Compassion during this Lenten season. We pray to the Lord.

For this community of faith; through our Lenten journey, may we renew our baptismal covenant and become more faithful Christians in word and deed. We pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick and lonely in our community; may they find relief through the compassion of those committed to Christ's message of love. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died, especially Murray Garnock and Anne Moreing; may they be welcomed into eternal life with God. We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for peace in **Ukraine: We pray; Hail Mary, full of grace....**

**LEADER:** Loving God, you reveal your power most of all in your forgiveness and compassion. Fill us with your grace so that we may walk happily in the way of our commandments. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Your generous support can help to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people. Join us this Lent to raise much-needed funds for people living in poverty.

Together, we can make a difference now, and for all future generations.



### HOW TO TAKE THE DAY OFF

Two factory workers are talking. The woman says, "I bet I can make the boss give me the day off." The man replies, "And how would you do that?" The woman says, "Just wait and see." She then hangs upside down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?" The woman replies, "I'm a light bulb." The boss then says, "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off." The man starts to follow her and the boss says, "Where are you going?" The man says, "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."



**1. Hosea** Gregory Norbett

1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me  
and living deeply our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you  
to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice,  
With tenderness, you shall know.

**2. Amazing Grace** John Newton

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed



**Looking Back - May 1951  
Around the Parish – The Flag Days & Wood Drive**

The flag days were carried out at all three schools, Bombala, Delegate & Nimmitabel in honour of the Jubilee. At Delegate, Thomas Wolfe is missing a wireless pole, a 36 foot beaut, and he found Kitch Cottrell digging it into the school ground. Thomas took action - he lent a hand, and later the new flag floated high over all the rest. Mr Wolfe Senior thought so at any rate - he shouted ice creams all round!

We smiled a bit in Bombala when Fr Lohan arrived back from Nimmitabel and said that the rain had cleared just in time for the hoisting of the flag. Bombala had fixed that – well that is they got St Joseph to fix it. A Rosary before Mass and right to the minute, as we came out of the church and out comes the sun at the same time. Good old St Joseph. Our Mayor, Mr Mawson, was kind enough to leave work to address the children on their duty to King and Country and he was not sorry he went AWOL a little longer to see the pageant of “Caroline Chisolm”.

It was great to have five loads of wood delivered for the sisters at the Delegate Convent. Thanks to Mr Bill Ingram and Mr Bill Jeffreys who kindly loaned saw benches.



**NEWS FROM  
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

**Caritas K's: Kilometres for Compassion**

Fundraising Target \$500.00

Caritas Ks provides an opportunity for the St Joseph's school community to reflect on the things we can so easily take for granted in a country such as Australia and make a difference to the lives of many people in need around the world.

**When:** Wednesday 6 April

**Where:** Bombala River Track (Gunnago Park end)

**Time:** 11 am

**Who:** K-6 & the St Joseph's school community (parents, grandparents, friends, parishioners)

You can use the link below to donate and sponsor our walkers.

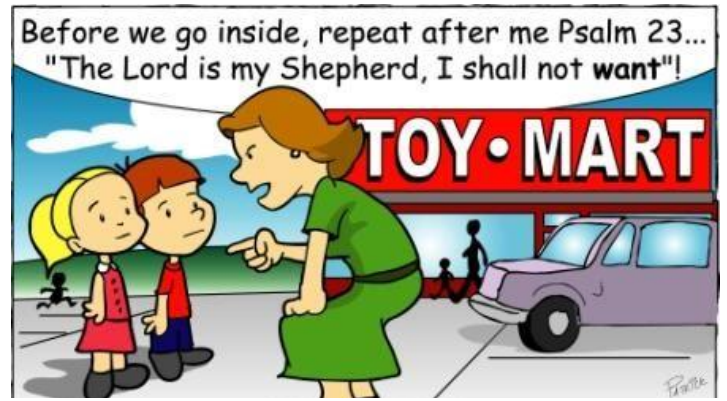
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The past week has been **HARMONY WEEK.**

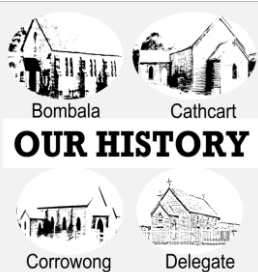
Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belong for everyone. Our shared Australian values of respect, equality and freedom go beyond our different cultures, and are what makes Australia such a great place to live.

Friday, 18 March was the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).** Australia's key bullying prevention initiative celebrates 12 years of action, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying. The theme for 2022 is Kindness Culture.

**Easter Raffle:** The School Community Council will be having an Easter Raffle and tickets should be available soon.



**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.



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C**

**27 March 2022**

## First Reading Jos 5:9-12

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9**

*(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. *(R.)*
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

***Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and  
against you.***

***Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ!***

## Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

For Jews, pigs are ritually unclean, so that living in a pig sty would make this young man unapproachable.

So, imagine the reaction of his Jewish audience when Jesus told the story of the father running to his son and embracing him still stinking of the pig sty, exclaiming, 'You were lost and now you are found.'

That is Jesus' portrayal of his heavenly Father's relationship with us.

Of course, sometimes we are the older brother, resentful that someone seems to have had too easy a time of God's forgiveness. Is this the attitude of many who challenge the emphasis by Pope Francis on Mercy as the core of God's relationship with us?

More often, we are like the younger brother who has strayed to a far off place, sometimes quite deliberately.

We could resolve to approach the Sacrament of Mercy during Lent, knowing that our heavenly Father will run towards us, embracing us, exclaiming, 'You were lost but now you are found.' That is worth a celebration!

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