



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 5 MAY 2024



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 MAY

For the formation of religious and seminarians



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

We pray for all who will observe Holocaust Remembrance Day (6 May), that they will be moved to rid the world of hateful prejudice of every kind.

We pray for pastors and ministers of the gospel, that they will gladly care for the flock entrusted to them and enjoy their love and respect.

We pray for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



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

Chris Cuttle, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jane Nash, Val Perkins, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:
Tue:
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu:
Fri: Saint John De Avila
Ascension of the Lord
Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased Rhonda Holdsworth May Anniversaries

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



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



Dear Parishioners, Thank you for your good wishes and blessings for my platinum jubilee all personally delivered by Carol and Greg, not forgetting Bronwyn's date & walnut loaf. It was such a privilege to have them present representing you all. Thank you Chrissie for taking that photo with all your smiling faces and the constant reminder of happy times in Bombala/Delegate.

I love you all, Sr Teresa



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Always try to have success in your work but remember
God is often glorified in your failure. (3.5.1874)
When I want something very much I thank God beforehand for
I feel God will certainly grant what He has been thanked for. (3.5.1874)
Keep young as long as you can. (3.5.1874)
New Convent and Novitiate opened at Kensington, South Australia, 1876.



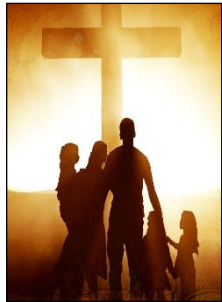
MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy *Mediator Dei*. He characterised it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops". Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with their mother.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Pray as you go slow

Good prayer happens when we surrender the time to it.



Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for aid workers and peace negotiators in every place of brutal bloodshed, that their combined efforts will bring relief to those who are overwhelmed with pain and misery.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who call in faith on the name of Jesus, that they will truly become one body, one spirit, in Christ.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus has taught us everything he learnt from the Father. Informed by this divine wisdom, let us pray for the whole world to live in the light of Christ.

READER: For Pope Francis and the synod secretariat, that together they will lead the church into a new and fruitful era of synodality. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the followers of all the great world faiths, that they will stand side by side and bear united witness to the transforming power of love in our divided world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the millions of children who have known no other home than a refugee camp, that they will defy their disadvantage and claim the dignity that is rightly theirs. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who feel cut off from God or community. May they discover new connections and relationships that inspire faith, hospitality and consolation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised up to be with the Risen Lord. 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: God of boundless love, you never cease to call us into your realm of light and life. Help us flourish there and bear good fruit for all. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Dear God, the earth longs for rain, eagerly awaiting your touch to rejuvenate the land and its inhabitants – from the flowing rivers and serene lakes and dams to the flourishing crops, pastures and vibrant gardens. Grant us plentiful rain, we implore, and guide us to become more conscientious stewards of the abundant blessings you bestow upon us, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sisters of Saint Joseph – Jubilarians

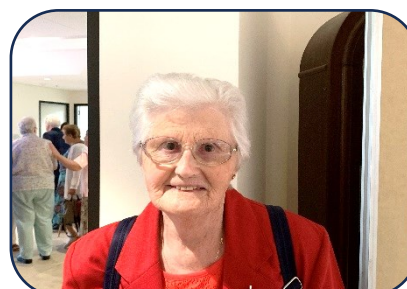
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Carol Garnock and I were privileged guests, graciously hosted by Sr Teresa. I was deeply honoured to be entrusted with carrying the cross, leading the procession amidst the aura of sacredness. Following the ceremony, we gathered in fellowship for a sumptuous meal at the adjacent function centre, extending the spirit of communion and camaraderie. It was a day filled with reverence and joy, leaving an indelible imprint of inspiration upon all fortunate enough to be present. It was also wonderful to catch up with so many sisters including Sr Helen Madden, Sr Elly Fogarty, Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan, Sr Julie Hartness who taught me in Delegate 1970 and Sr Clare Noonan, sister of Sr Mary (Colletta) Noonan who taught me in 1975. God Bless the Josephites!



Sr Teresa & Sr Elly who visited Bombala several times. They taught together at Fairfield, Sydney.

Sr Teresa & Sr Bernadette who was in Nimmitabel from 2008 to 2017.



Sr Julie (Kevina) who was in Delegate for the final school term in 1970.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

3. I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

2. Isaiah 49 *Carey Landry*

1. I will never forget you, My people
I have carved you on the palm of My hand
I will never forget you
I will not leave you orphaned
I will never forget My own

2. Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget,
Yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own

3. I will never forget you, My people
I have carved you on the palm of My hand
I will never forget you
I will not leave you orphaned
I will never forget My own

3. Amazing Grace

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

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

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home

4. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Refrain: I have carried you on eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!**

1. My heart is full of peace;
You have been within my life!
Your guiding hand has always covered me,
I am full of confidence in You! **R**

2. My soul is like a child,
Cradled safe within your arms!
You have carried me across my years!
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. **R**



**Message from Our Lady
Queen of Peace
of Medjugorje**

25 April 2024 - Monthly Message to Marija

Dear children! I am with you to tell you that I love you and to encourage you to prayer; because Satan is strong and every day his strength is stronger through those who have chosen death and hatred. You, little children, be prayer and my extended hands of love for all those who are in darkness and seek the light of our God. Thank you for having responded to my call.



Josephite Companions (Associates)

Join us for a friendly and welcoming Prayer and Fellowship Day in the warmth of St Joseph's School Centre Delegate. An opportunity to connect with our community, share prayers and enjoy a delicious morning tea and lunch.

Date: To be confirmed in the coming months

Day: Monday or Wednesday - specific day to be confirmed

**We'll keep you posted once this is sorted and
we'd love you all to join us.**

Could you kindly inform either Lorraine Cottrell (6458 8455) or Ros Hood (6458 7260) of your interest or intentions. Your response will assist us greatly in our planning efforts.



- Was surprised to open the front door and find a piano tuner. I told him I hadn't called him. He told me my neighbours had.
- My neighbour was pounding on my door at 2.30am last night. Yes 2.30am! Lucky for him I was still up playing my drums.

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



Our History



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 B

5 May 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

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