



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN First Sunday of Lent, Year C 6 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 the sick in our community and others who we have been asked to pray for, especially 8-year-old Audrey Day who had surgery on Friday and for young Jack Ventry who has commenced treatment in Canberra.

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.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Jack Ventry, Audrey Day, Mike Spence, Nola White, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Michael Platts, 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: Saints Perpetua & Felicity

Tue: Saint John of God

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
No Mass Delegate MPS

Thu:

Fri:

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Heather Jones, Fr Laurie Blake,
Fr Henry Byrne,
Jenny Hobson, John Verrell,
Sr Janet Mead rsm, Sue Robinson.

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

*Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying,
"I am the light of the world. He who
follows Me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."*

JOHN 8:12

We are now in our
2022 Lenten Season.
A time of Fasting and Abstinence.



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



Love charity more than ever. 7.12.1899

Let us ask ourselves if we give God the perfect service to which God has the right. 12.3.1899

If we cannot excuse everything we can at least excuse the intention. 4.11.1884

Love one another, bear with one another and let charity guide you in all your life. 12.1.1909



Be silent, Be still. Say nothing. Ask nothing. Let your God look upon you. That is all. God knows. God understands. God loves you with an enormous love, and only wants to look upon you with that love.
(Edwina Gately. Psalm of a laywoman)



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

From the ashes

Ashes are a powerful symbol of humility and loss, but they do not hold the last word as we journey to the glory of Easter.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for a new world order that allows all people to live in peace and all creatures to thrive.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for ourselves, that this Ash Wednesday inspires us to undertake renewal of heart and mind this Lent.

POPE SPEAKS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE

Pope Francis says his heart aches over the situation in Ukraine and announced a Day of Fasting for Peace on Ash Wednesday. Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused "great pain in my heart." Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, the Pope said, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up, with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain.

Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests, he stressed. Pope Francis appealed to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.

He also prayed that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

TO LOOK WITHIN BEFORE LOOKING OUTWARD (Monsignor John Woods)

Russia has invaded Ukraine. International sanctions follow. Loss of life and ongoing concern. We pray for an end to hostilities and peace founded on justice. The former is desired by all, though what the latter would look like is a disputed matter. Relationships, personal and national are complex and ever evolving. We need to pray for an end to hostilities and the tragic loss of innocent life. Only with the end of hostilities can all look within and without in seeking justice as the basis for peaceful co-existence.

Prayer of the Faithful

CELEBRANT: 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.**

For social advocates and those working for social justice, who risk imprisonment and harm for their efforts on behalf of the oppressed. **We pray to the Lord.**

For police officers, firefighters, paramedics, nurses and emergency personnel who risk danger to save others. **We pray to the Lord.**

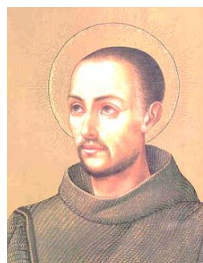
For the sick and suffering people in our community: may they be sustained by our faith, compassion and care. **We pray to the Lord**

For those who have died, especially Heather Jones and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: let us trust that they have joined you in eternal life. **We pray to the Lord.**

For our own special needs..... **We pray to the Lord.**

For Our Lady's intercession for peace and for the people of Ukraine: **We pray..Hail Mary....**

CELEBRANT: 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**



St John of God (8/3/1495 –8/3/1550) was a Portuguese soldier turned health-care worker in Spain, whose followers later formed the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God, a worldwide Catholic religious institute dedicated to the care of the poor, sick, and those suffering from mental disorders.

He has been canonised by the Catholic Church and is considered one of the leading religious figures in the Iberian Peninsula. The Iberian Peninsula is a mountainous region that's most associated with the countries of Spain and Portugal.



HEARING PROBLEMS!

A man was having hearing problems and went to see a hearing specialist. The specialist fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength. After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was. The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now." "Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

1. Bring Forth the Kingdom

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

2. A Trusting Psalm

Kevin Bates

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
This love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God.

2. Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
Whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God.

3. Isaiah 49

Carey Landry

1&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

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

4. One Eagles Wings

Michael Joncas

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand**

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield



**NEWS FROM
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

SWIMMING After success at Narooma last week, Lakyn Tonks and April Kimber have been selected to swim in our next carnival at Queanbeyan on 8th March. The relay team of April, Grace, Lakyn and Kobi also did very well. We were told that our school size is too big to compete in the small schools relays. School enrolments have to be under 54 to qualify in this category

PANCAKE DAY (Shrove Tuesday)

The children enjoyed their Pancakes and a sum of \$82.05 was donated to Project Compassion. Congratulations students.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude,
so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of
body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing,
re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle
my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



PROJECT COMPASSION boxes should be on your seats.
There are also envelopes for a weekly contribution.
These will be in the Church porches.

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.



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First Reading Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe

in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

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 Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when he was hungry there would be bread out of stones.

Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe.

Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying:

I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, or

I want to exercise power over others, or

I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, or all three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

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