

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C - 9 JANUARY 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 true human fraternity

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

We pray that the New Year may be a time to refresh our hopes and lives.

We pray for all in our community who are unwell, especially those afflicted with the Corona virus.

We pray for all who are travelling that they arrive at their destination and then home again safely.

We pray for all students enjoying holiday time, that they will return refreshed to commence another year of school and study.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Stephen Reed, Nola White, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Carol Ogilvy-Garnock, Michael Platts, Libby McGruer (Lomas), Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Tue: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Thu: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Fri: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Sat:

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Mitchell Power, Clark Peadon, David Cottrell.

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Tony Clear, Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch, Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman, Shirley Ladmore, Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley, Anthony Roberts, Ralph Sims, Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker, Marty Williams.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

***Anyone who has really understood that God became human can never speak and act in an unhuman way.
...(Karl Bath)***

JUST A THOUGHT

For many, Christmas and New Year and the holiday season are happy and joyous times, but for others, it may be a difficult time. Maybe they are walking through their first year after the loss of a loved one, a difficult breakup, sickness, job loss, or something else. If you know someone who is struggling this holiday season, who could use a bit of encouragement and love, don't shy away from reaching out to them in this difficult season. Kindness during this time can and often does make a big difference in the lives of those who are hurting.



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



Rest assured that I shall not forget any of you. 7.12.1899

Be not hasty in judging one another. 15.11.1878

God's ways and ours are so very different. 15.11.1878

God will protect and work with us. 12.1.1865



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD *Getting to the thick of it.*

Forget the superficial 'resolutions' and instead spend time contemplating what we want from ourselves and our society as we begin the new year.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the churches of East and West, that they will grow close together in mutual respect and enrich each other with their diverse traditions.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for all seekers of wisdom, that they will be led by God's Spirit to the one who is our way, our truth and our life.

PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC:

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray each day for those suffering illness as a result of Corona Virus and to ask God to end this terrible COVID-19 Pandemic.

Loving God, we ask your continuing protection for all now that our nations has begun opening up. We especially pray for the most vulnerable, the aged, those with underlying health issues and those who cannot have the vaccine. Keep us all responsible and safe.

We also pray for the front-line medical personnel as they care for those with the virus.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

If you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

Thank You! DELEGATE PAINTING

The painting of the both the church and school centre interiors has been completed and they look a million dollars each ! It was wonderful to hear so many comments from visitors attending Mass and those who used the school centre over the Christmas period on how great the colours are and how bright and clean both places look. A huge **thank you** to all those who assisted with moving and cleaning the furniture, statues, pictures etc. We still have some work to carry out on the stations of the cross pictures before we can rehang them. The history display in the school centre is currently being digitised which will enable us to set up a new display throughout the year. We hope to look at options for the church exterior in 2022.

Prayer of the Faithful

CELEBRANT: As the beloved sons and daughters of God, in faith we make our petitions for our needs and the needs of the world.

That all Christians help to continue the mission of Jesus who came that all people may have the fullness of life.

We pray to the Lord.

We give thanks for missionaries who teach the message of salvation in far-away places.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who serve in positions of authority and for all who assist those in need.

We pray to the Lord.

For children who have been baptised into our Christian community in recent times and for their families.

We pray to the Lord.

For all in special need: for the sick and suffering, for the housebound and the lonely and for those grieving the loss of loved ones through the Covid pandemic; bring them healing and comfort.

We pray to the Lord.

For our own deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed: may God bless them with all the spiritual blessings of heaven.

We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs; **We pray.....Hail Mary.....**

CELEBRANT: Gracious God, hear our prayers and send your Spirit to us, that like Jesus, we may be instruments of your goodness and truth.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Looking Back – 71 Years Ago May 1951

Our high hopes for Mrs Jean Manning's Talent Quest at Delegate were more than fulfilled. Constable Gray said that he had never seen such a large number of cars around the hall before. Inside, there was standing room only, except for the more athletic patrons who occupied window sills and stair railings. Local girls, Heather Morrison, Madge Stewart and Carmel Stokes, with Bombala's Sandy Sivewright, topped the poll with 648 votes for their "Shoeshine" act. Mrs Belle Morrison was a very popular second. Trixie Manning won the Juvenile Division and Roswald Ashmore the best Instrumentalist. Profit of 105 pounds (\$4,666 in 2022) going to St Joseph's Convent Delegate must be an all time record. Thanks to Mrs Manning and the compare, Mr Osborne.

The Christmas Gift

Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."



1. Like A Shepherd Bob Dufford, SJ

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.**

1: Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God.

2: I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.

2. Come to the Water Frank Andersen, MSC

**Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.**

1: Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

2: Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you!

3. This is My Body (Eucharist Song)

Frank Andersen, MSC

This is My Body, take now and share!
Deep in the memory of My own prayer.

This is My Blood, come drink and live!
In all completeness this power I give.

You are My People, My chosen friends,
Come share the Spirit My Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,
My peaceful presence, gift of My heart!

4. Sing a New Song St Louis Jesuits

**Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.**

1: Yahweh's people dance for joy, O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

2: Rise, O children, from your sleep, your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

3: Glad my soul for I have seen, the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised, I know my Savior lives.



ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU.

The world seems at times divided into two groups – the abled and the disabled. But if we focus on Disability Action we can see things a bit differently. The truth is that every human being is disabled in one way or another – physically, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually.

The only question is, in what way am I or are you disabled? In a sense the art of human living is to learn how to live creatively with disability. The challenge for a community is to include the disabled, whatever their disability may be. It's also true that no disabled person is wholly defined by his or her disability. Every disabled person has his or her own special abilities; and again the challenge for a community is to recognize those abilities and let them flourish for the good of all. For the physically disabled it will mean physical inclusion; for the intellectually disabled it will mean intellectual inclusion; and so on for the emotionally and spiritually disabled. This is especially important for a Church which is asking how we might become more inclusive. This has been one of the key questions on the journey of the Plenary Council – a journey of the entire People of God, all of them disabled in one way or another, but all of them endowed with those wonderful abilities we call the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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 Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul
delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people
with peace.**

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
- The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: '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.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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