



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 9 MARCH 2025



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 families in crisis



Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

We pray for all parish communities accompanying aspiring believers on their way to Easter baptism, that they will offer them warm companionship in faith, hope and love.

We pray the mission of Caritas Australia around the world, that its partnerships with local communities and agencies will be secured by our generous support for Project Compassion.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.



We pray for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

Pope Francis, Peter & Joyce Reed, Jenny & Ron Chaplin, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, John Elliott, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield.



PARISH CALENDAR

- WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
- THU Ecumenical Lenten Program Delegate 2pm
- SUN Mass Delegate 8am Morning to follow in St Joseph's School Centre Mass Bombala 10am



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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

March Anniversaries

June Beileiter, Keith Brownlie
Lorna Callaway
Archbishop Francis Carroll
Patricia Casey, Una Collins
John Coman, Olga Cotton
Edna Cottrell, Murray Garnock
Terrence Ingram, John Jones
Ruth McKay, Neville Murphy
George Reed, Enid Stewart
Thelma Stewart, Andre Teschke
Rita Thornton, Lawrence Tighe
Don Tindale, Myra Walker



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



"God does not ask us to do great things.
He asks us to do small things with great love."



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



In every difficulty apply to Saint Joseph with confidence and you will never be disappointed. (9.3.1906)

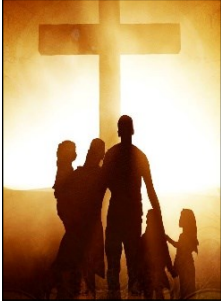
When we remember all God has done for us, we simply cannot but turn gratefully to Saint Joseph and thank him for such marks of his watchful care. (11.3.1901)



THE MONTH OF MARCH - DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

Though a common carpenter, Saint Joseph bore the legacy of King David in his blood. Chosen by fate, he became the husband of Mary, blessed to be the foster-father of Jesus. Scripture speaks little of him beyond his righteousness, a testament to the unwavering devotion with which he protected God's greatest gifts on Earth: Mary and Jesus.

Saint Joseph was the patron saint to whom schools & convents in Adaminaby, Bombala, Delegate and Nimmitabel, as well as the church and presbytery in Delegate and the church in Berridale, were all devoted.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Remembering the dead

In Christian faith
Christ offers life after death
to all those who have faith in him.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have lost hope and wish to take their own lives, especially young men and Indigenous children, that the faithful loving-kindness of others will rekindle their desire to live.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for community workers reaching out to disaffected young people, that they will gain their trust and succeed in diverting them from the path of radicalisation and crime.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus drew on the power of God's word to stay true to his saving mission. With steadfast faith like his, let us pray for the needs of all our sisters and brothers.

READER: For Pope Francis, that he will recover fully, regain strength and continue to lead the church's mission of grace and peace in the world.. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For volunteers of every kind around the world, that in this Jubilee Year of Hope their service of others will yield a rich harvest of love, healing and solidarity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the whole human family, that the joyful witness of the baptised will inspire many to call on the name of the Lord and find salvation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the countless people who live in exile with no hope of return, that they may have the freedom, courage and support they need to settle in new lands. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the church, that it will resist the constant temptations of power, glory and pride with unwavering faith in the word of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. 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: Holy God, when your Son Jesus was put to the test, he put his faith in your saving word. Give us the courage to entrust ourselves to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



First Sunday of Lent

8 & 9 March 2025

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - *a time of renewal and solidarity.*

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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.

2. I am the Bread of Life *Suzanne Toolan rsm*

1. I am the Bread of Life
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him. **R**

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

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



Sr Dianne Bergant CSA, a Sister of St Agnes of Fond du Lac, WI, served on the faculty at CTU from 1978 to 2023.

She served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and as the Rev Robert J Randall Distinguished Professor of Christian Culture, Providence College, Providence, RI (2009-2010). She was awarded honorary doctorates from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, CA (2013), Marian University, Fond du Lac, WI. (2014), and the Catholic University of Australia, Melbourne, Victoria (2015). She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017), a member of the Board of Trustees, Sacred Heart School of Theology (1983-1989), and of St Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, WI (1996-2005). She sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in various places in the United States, as well as in South Africa and Namibia, Trinidad, England and Ireland, Kiribati, Philippines, Thailand, Mexico, Nicaragua, Rome, Australia and New Zealand.

Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program

Every Thursday at 2pm

St Joseph's School Centre Delegate

All are most welcome

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We aspire for our church to be a lasting beacon of faith and community, enduring for generations to come, reaching even our grandchildren's grandchildren.



A man was brought to Mercy Hospital and went in for coronary surgery. The operation went well, and as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy waiting by his bed. "Mr Smith, you're going to be just fine," the nun said while patting his hand. "We do have to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?" "No, I'm not," the man whispered hoarsely. "Can you pay in cash?" "I'm afraid I can't, Sister." "Do you have any close relatives, then?" "Just my sister in New Mexico," replied, "but she's a spinster nun." "Nuns are not spinsters, Mr Smith," the nun replied. "They are married to God." "That's right..." the man said with a smile, "So bill my Brother-in-law."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Parish of Bombala-Delegate, acknowledge with deep respect that we stand upon the traditional lands of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples. We recognise the enduring legacy of their culture, which continues to enrich the life and spirit of Australia.

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



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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First Sunday of Lent, Year C

9 March 2025

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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