



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year C 17 April 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

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries: may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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

For all the terrorist activities in the world this week, **may there be peace in the world for Easter.**

We pray for the sick, especially Jack Ventry and for the terminally ill in our Parish: 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.

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

John Reardon (Alice's brother), Jack Ventry, Audrey Day, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.



Fr Adrian Chan – Appointed Administrator of Bega Parish



Archbishop Prowse has appointed Fr Adrian to Bega Parish. Fr Adrian's last weekend with us will be 23/24 April 2022.

We thank Fr Adrian for his ministry among us and for his many virtues which he shared with us. We will certainly miss him. It is not possible at this stage to appoint anyone to replace him, there is no 'spare' priest in the archdiocese. I will draw up a Three Parishes Together – One Priest Mass and Liturgy schedule and share it with you for comments and suggestions. I will do that after Easter and then, when it is finalised it will commence shortly afterwards.

Let us pray and ask the Lord to unite us in meeting the challenges ahead.

Fr Mick MacAndrew



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: No Mass

Thu: Requiem Mass for Edna Reed Delegate 1pm

Fri:

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Edna Reed,
Anna Keating (Ireland - sister to Sr Teresa),
Enid Pate,
Murray Garnock,
Anne Moreing,
Chris Philbrick.

April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill
Arthur Collins, Keith Cottrell,
Leila de Costa, Myreen Eppelestun,
Brian Hampshire, Neil Ingram,
Joanne Joseph, Jill Knight,
Fletcher Lee, Kerry Letts,
John Pereira, Wallace Roberts,
Ilma Stewart, Raymond Thornton,
Kate Vincent.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Life is a constant cycle of beginnings and endings, and the season of Easter highlights this rhythm through Jesus' story."

Fr Chris Gleeson, SJ

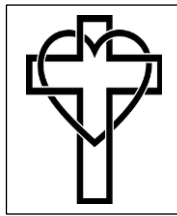


ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Forgive from your heart anyone who has pained you. 12.12.1890
Patience, and God will reward you all the more in the end. 4.8.1874
Great is the strength we possess in our unity. 30.8.1874
Let us humbly thank God alike for the trial and the blessing, for the bitter and the sweet. 16.1.1875

HE IS RISEN
alleluia



**"The Cross will be for us as it was for Christ:
proof of the greatest love."**

Mother Teresa – St Teresa of Calcutta



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Pope Francis' April 2022 prayer intention (on the front page) for health workers has a special resonance for all of us in Australia (and our local communities).

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all people experiencing betrayal, rejection or violence, that they will hold fast to the hope of a new beginning.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for the growing millions of people displaced from their homeland, that the world community will unite in offering them shelter, safety and support.



ON PALM SUNDAY, POPE CALLS FOR EASTER TRUCE IN UKRAINE

Pope Francis on Sunday called for an Easter truce in Ukraine, and in an apparent reference to Russia, questioned the value of planting a victory flag "on a heap of rubble". Pope Francis spoke at the end of a Palm Sunday service for about 50,000 people in St Peter's Square. "Put the weapons down! Let An Easter truce start. But not to re-arm and resume combat but a truce to reach peace through real negotiations open to some sacrifices for the good of the people," he said. "In an apparent reference to Russia, he said: In fact, what kind of victory would be one that plants a flag on a heap of rubble?"

Pope Francis earlier evoked the horrors of war in his homily, speaking of "mothers who mourn the unjust death of husbands and sons ... refugees who flee from bombs with children in their arms ... young people deprived of a future soldiers sent to kill their brothers and sisters". Since the war began in Ukraine, Pope Francis has only mentioned Russia specifically in prayers, such as during a special global event for peace on March 25. But he has referred to Russia by using terms such as invasion and aggression.

Prayer of the Faithful

CELEBRANT: In the joy of this holy night let us raise our prayers to God for the needs of the Church and the world.

READER: For the Church: that it may be born anew in Christ washed in the waters of Baptism and all its members transformed with your spirit of wisdom and truth. **We pray to the Lord.**

For peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine: that the Risen Lord will guide human beings away from violence and towards peace in all areas of war and feat. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for all who suffer, for the hungry and homeless, for the lonely and the sick and all who care for them. **We pray to the Lord.**

For this community may our Lenten prayer and sacrifices for Project Compassion strengthen our faith and boost our hope. We pray for all our parish helpers and for those who have been involved in preparing the Church and ministering at our Holy Week ceremonies. **We pray to the Lord.**

For all who we remember, especially Edna Reed: may the Risen Christ bring them to the love that has no end. **We pray to the Lord.**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for peace in Ukraine: **We pray....Hail Mary....**

CELEBRANT: Redeeming God, you have raised your Son from the darkness of the tomb and made all creation new. Hear these prayers and help us to live as children of the light.

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you

Thank you all for your generous support in helping to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people.



One Easter a vicar and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them. 'Come with me,' said St Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an olympic size pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver. Next, St Peter led the vicar to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. 'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the vicar. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a vicar, went to church every day, and preached God's word.' 'Yes, that's true.' St Peter replied, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

1. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. **Refrain**

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered
today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

2. Open My Eyes *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see.

2. Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear.

3. Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love.

4. I live within you
Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you
Rest now in me.

3. Sing a New Song *Dan Schutte*

**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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

3. Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. **Refrain**

Archbishop Balvo takes up appointment as Nuncio to Australia

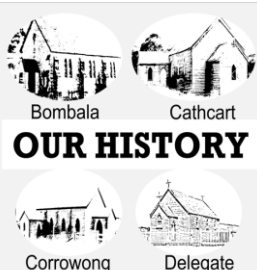
Archbishop Charles Balvo has arrived as Pope Francis' ambassador to Australia in what the 70-year-old believes will be his final assignment after having served 35 years in the Vatican's diplomatic service. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Archbishop Balvo presented his credentials to the Governor-General on April 1 – the 17th anniversary of his first appointment as an Apostolic Nuncio, to New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific.

He has also served as papal ambassador to Kenya and South Sudan and, most recently, to the Czech Republic. He had held earlier diplomatic postings to Latin America, the Baltic States, Africa and the Middle East. Archbishop Balvo said a visit to Rome last November to meet with Pope Francis had an unexpected outcome: He was to take up the Australian post vacated last year when Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana was named Apostolic Nuncio to Israel and to Cyprus as well as Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine.

Archbishop Balvo said the task of any Apostolic Nuncio is to be "the eyes, ears, hands, if you will, of the Holy Father, an extension of the Holy Father's Ministry, because the Holy Father has his concern for the Church, all aspects of its life". Having served in New Zealand, Archbishop Balvo said he had visited Australia on a few occasions, including for a meeting of the bishops of Oceania and for World Youth Day 2008.

With his new appointment, he knows visiting the local Churches and meeting with the People of God will be the best way to get to know the bishops and the faithful.

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 Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: '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. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

or: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the

linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

or: Mk 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

or at Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

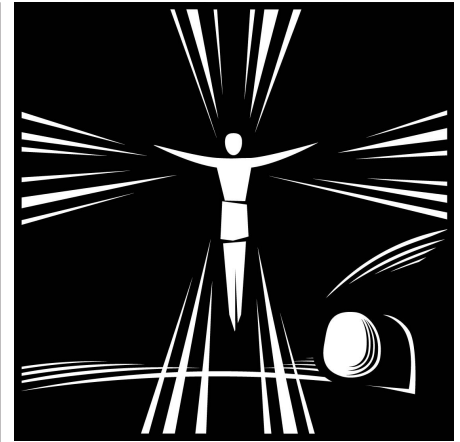
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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