



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C 10 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.

**That as we journey towards the end of this Lenten season** we will continue to be attentive to the needs of others and show compassion to all members of our one human family.

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:**

Jack Ventry, Audrey Day, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

***"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"***

*Hebrews 13:16*



### 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:** Children's School Mass  
Bombala 9.30am

**Thu: Holy Thursday**  
Mass Bombala 6pm

**Fri: Good Friday**  
**Stations of the Cross**  
Delegate 11am  
**The Passion**  
Bombala 3pm

**Sat: Easter Saturday Vigil**  
Mass Delegate 5pm  
Mass Bombala 7pm

**Sun: Easter Sunday**  
Mass Nimmitabel 10am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Anna Keating (Ireland - sister to Sr Teresa),  
Enid Pate (102 y.o. Dr Pate's mother)  
Murray Garnock, Anne Moreing,  
Chris Philbrick.

#### April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill  
Arthur Collins, Keith Cottrell,  
Leila de Costa, Myreen Eppeleston,  
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."***



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*I would rather be judged for any other sin than for charitableness. 3.5.1874*

*Do be faithful in little things. 30.6.1873*

*God is truly good to us all. 9.7.1873*

*God's love is too deep for words to express. 6.8.18870*



The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Matthew 21



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD A fire in people's hearts

It's the Gospel stories underpinned by God's fathomless love that inspire great acts of compassion, love and charity.

### Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the followers of Christ, that they will truly make their own 'the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time'.

### Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for everyone in a position of power and influence in the world, that they will exercise their leadership with moral integrity and for the common good.



### POPE FRANCIS CRITICISES RUSSIA'S 'INFANTILE AND DESTRUCTIVE' WAR IN UKRAINE

Pope Francis offered his most pointed condemnation of the war in Ukraine, calling out "infantile and destructive aggression" on Saturday during a trip to Malta. In words that appeared to directly call out President Vladimir Putin, the pope said that "some potentate" caught up in "anachronistic claims of nationalist interests, is provoking and fomenting conflicts".

"We had thought that invasions of other countries, savage street fighting and atomic threats were grim memories of a distant past," the pope added in his speech. He told reporters on the way to Malta that a possible trip to the Ukrainian capital city of Kyiv was "on the table".

The Vatican has resisted calling out aggressors in order to allow for dialogue and had recently forged unprecedented new relations with the Putin-allied Russian Orthodox Church. The visit to Malta, which was rescheduled from May 2020, was meant to focus on migration. Speaking with the Mediterranean island's president by his side, Francis denounced the "sordid agreements" the European Union has made with Libya to turn back migrants. He said Europe must show humanity in welcoming them. He called for the Mediterranean to be a "theatre of solidarity, not the harbinger of a tragic shipwreck of civilisation."

### Prayer of the Faithful

**LEADER:** Loving God, you sent Christ Jesus to show us the fullness of your love for us. Hear us now as we bring our needs before you.

**READER:** For the Church; That its people may always put on the mind of Christ and follow him in humility and self-emptying love.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For our brothers and sisters around the world experiencing extreme poverty and injustice: that through our efforts they will be given greater opportunities for education and be empowered to recognise their right to strive for a better quality of life.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For our community; that as we enter the journey of Holy Week, we will be mindful of those who are denied their human rights and their basic needs.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For all who are sick and suffering: may they find healing and hope in the sufferings of Christ.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For peace in the world: may the Passion of Christ break down the barriers that divide opponents and open new pathways for communication and understanding.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For those who have gone before us, especially Anna Keating in Ireland (sister of Sister Teresa) and Mrs Enid Pate; may they share in Christ's victory over death.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For Our Lady's intercessions for all our needs and especially for peace in Ukraine, we pray.... **Hail Mary....**

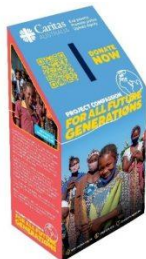
**LEADER:** Loving God, help us to walk the path of Holy Week and draw us more deeply into the mind and heart of Christ. We make this prayer in Jesus' name: **AMEN**

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Your generous support can help to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

This is our last week in Lent to raise much-needed funds for people living in poverty.

Together, we can make a difference now, and for all future generations.



### LENT

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patron's orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender says, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

**1. Glory and Praise to Our God**     *Dan Schutte*

Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways

1. We the daughters and sons of Him.  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save

**3. My People**     *Frank Andersen*

My people... my people! What have I done to you?  
or in what way have I offended you?  
Answer me: answer me!

1. I led you safely out of Egypt.  
I led you safely through the sea.  
I led you safely into freedom,  
but you have nailed Me to a tree.

2. I opened up the sea before you.  
I opened up this Promised land.  
I opened up my arms to hold you,  
but you have nailed them to a tree.

3. I raised you to the heights of glory.  
I raised your head and held you high.  
I raised a vine that would be fruitful,  
but you have raised Me up to die.

**2. Jesus Remember Me**     *Gregory Norbett*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom



**How to share His good news with Family this Easter by Michelle Reyes**

It can be hard to talk about the true meaning of Easter with some of our family members. We worry that we'll say the wrong thing or just fumble over our words and not make any sense. What if we make them less interested in this holiday or confuse them or make it worse? These are real and valid concerns, which thankfully can be a bit alleviated by a bit of practice, sensitivity and planning. Today we're sharing three ways to get the conversation about Easter started with your non-believing family members.

Explaining Easter to Kids (without scaring them)

Learning Lessons on Faith: God's love is the common thread.

Looking for a resource to help the little ones in your life grow in faith and thrive in their relationship with Jesus? A solution – a monthly box that contains enough materials for two children to dive into Bible stories, creative crafts & activities to engage their heart!



**THANK YOU!**



**Delegate Stations Of The Cross**

Thank you to the many people involved with the *remove, repair, replace and rejoice* process of the Stations of the Cross.

**A huge and wonderful effort.**

These beautiful pictures are now proudly hanging back in our freshly painted church in time for the Stations of the Cross Service on Good Friday.



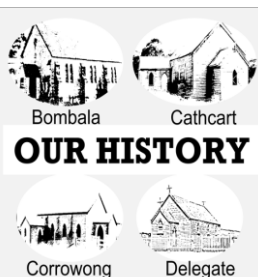
**NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

**Term 1** has finished and children return to school on Wednesday 27 April.

**The Caritas K's walk** postponed from Wednesday will be held in 1st or 2nd week of Term 2.

**Claim the Date: Debutante Ball, 8 October, 2022**  
**Congratulations to Jan Farrell** — winner of one of the Easter Baskets.

**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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#### Gospel Lk 19:28-40

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'.

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.

He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

#### First Reading Is 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

*(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

#### Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

*Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

#### Gospel Lk 23:1-49

*The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.*

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong, Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

**All kneel and pause a moment.**

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.



#### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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