

Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 1 JUNE 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 JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion



Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

We pray for all members of the College of Cardinals, that their conclave experience will invigorate their apostolic service in churches around the globe.

We pray for Australia's First Nations peoples, that the observance of Mabo Day (3 June) will deepen their connection to country and help them treasure their cultural heritage.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.



We pray for all those in our community who are unwell. May they find strength, comfort, and healing, and may they recognise

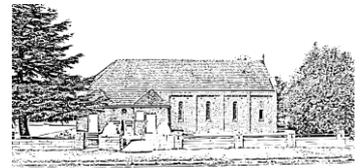
the loving presence of Christ beside them in their time of need.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON *Saints Marcellinus & Peter*
- TUE *Saint Charles Lwanga*
- WED **Mass Bombala 12.30pm**
- THU *Saint Boniface*
- FRI **Parish Street Stall**
Saints Norbert & Marcellin Champagnat
- SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
- SUN **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Rosie Jones (formerly Delegate)

June Anniversaries

Sr Mary Agnes

Shirley Baker, Jessie Bedingfield

Eric Cuthel, Mark Ingram

Wilga Ingram, Peter Kimber

Terry Mulligan

Moira Tindale

Norma Toms

Gordon Walker, Madge Walker



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

PARISH STREET STALL

This Friday 6 June 2025



We need your creative ideas, generous donations and help in staffing the stall to ensure the success of this important parish fundraiser. Every contribution makes a difference! Please see or phone Ros Hood for further information – 02 6458 7260



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Remember, there is, even on this earth, a day of bright reward for all your prayers and faithful perseverance. (5.6.1874)

We must teach more by example than by word. (2.6.1867)

I must only trust in the mercies of God. (2.6.1867)

My gratitude to God for all that is done for those I love. (2.6.1867)



June - The Month of the Sacred Heart - The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart. It is a month dedicated, therefore, to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God's eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each person. Pope Francis has said that it is easier for us to believe in our own love for God than it is for us to believe in God's love for us; in this month, the Church invites us to contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and let ourselves be convinced of God's passionate love for us.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Jesus into our lives

We need to invite Jesus into our lives. He needs to be let in as our Lord and Saviour. This is when true life happens and He lives with us.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for Pope Leo, that he will tirelessly proclaim Jesus' word and never cease to call for peace on earth and care of the poor.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for dioceses, parishes and all communities of believers, that they will be havens of hospitality for all in search of healing and hope.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus farewelled his disciples with the parting promise of the Spirit. Sharing in their joyful expectation, let us pray for the world to welcome the good news.

READER: For all who have been baptised in Christ and anointed with the Holy Spirit, that their lives of joyful praise will bear witness to the gift of God's life-giving love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Christian churches around the world, that in all their rich diversity they will testify with one voice to the saving mystery of Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For families in this Jubilee Year of Hope, that they will be united lovingly across the generations from the new-born to the advanced in age. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For young Australian men at risk of taking their own lives, that they will acknowledge the pain they feel and reach out for the help they need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the human family, that the observance of both World Environment Day (5 June) and World Ocean Day (8 June) will encourage everyone to protect nature from plastic pollution. 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: Ever-living God, you raised your faithful Son out of death and restored him to glory at your right hand. In your kindness, bless us with the fervent desire to follow him with all our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our risen and ascended Lord. **AMEN**



Living the Gospel,
You will be my witnesses

Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse eight of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses.' The choice of this theme for a worldwide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

We pray for rural and regional communities experiencing severe drought, that they will stay strong together and have their hardship eased by just and fair assistance.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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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. *R*

**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. *R*

2. The Fullness of God *Fr Frank Andersen*

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give.
 May your hidden self-grow strong and may you live,
 Strong in faith and built on love, until you know –
 How high and long, how wide and deep, the fullness of God

2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
 Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart
 What hope his call now holds for you,
 His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,
 the fullness of God.

3. Open My Eyes, Lord *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

4. How Great Thou Art *Carl Gustav Boberg*

1. Oh Lord, my God. When I, in awesome wonder,
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *R*

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How
 great Thou art, how great Thou art, Then sings my soul, my
 Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

2. When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
 And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *R*

Envelope Number Changes from 1 July

Just a heads-up that from 1 July, we'll be updating our envelope collection numbers. Some of the numbers will be changing completely, so please make sure not to use any of the old envelopes after this date. We're making this change to reduce the number of envelopes from 50 to 40, as each packet costs \$20. It's a small step to help us manage resources more effectively. Thank you for your understanding and support!



Please note that the **St Vincent de Paul bins** at St Mary's Church have now been closed and will be removed shortly. Items should be left at either the Merimbula, Bega or Cooma stores.

Delegate Mass Saturday 14 June (3rd Sunday)



Please join us for Mass at **3:00pm** on Saturday 14 June, which will be **Fr Kose's final visit to Delegate under the Monaro Mission** before he takes up his new appointment in the Pambula Parish.

To thank Father for all he has done for our community during his time with us, we will be holding afternoon tea in St Joseph's School Centre immediately after Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. Contributions of cakes, slices or other treats would be most welcome.

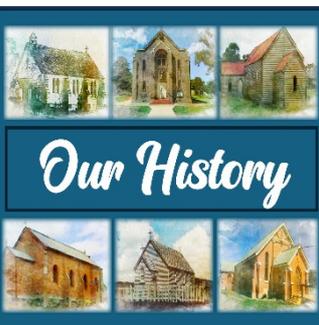


Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorje

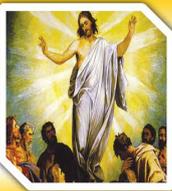
Medjugorje, Our Lady's Message on May 25, 2025

“Dear children, In this time of grace, I am calling you to be people of hope, peace and joy, so that every person may be a peacemaker and a lover of life. Pray, little children, to the Holy Spirit to fill you with the strength of His own Holy Spirit of courage and surrender. And this time for you will be a gift and a walk in holiness towards eternal life. I am with you and I love you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

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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The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

1 June 2025

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

- All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
- God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
- God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell

from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

or Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

**I am with you always, until the end
of the world.**

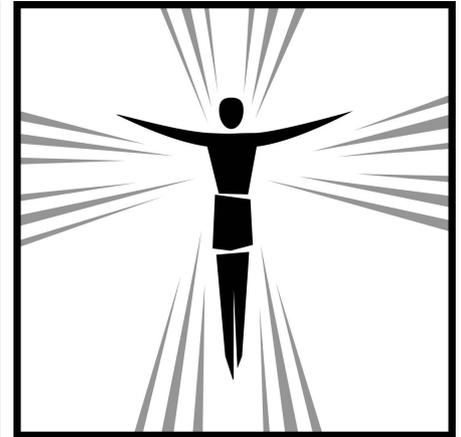
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.

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