



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Second Sunday of Lent, Year C 13 March 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 a Christian response to
bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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

We pray for Lily Sato (teacher St Joey's School) and Troy Jamieson who are to be married on 26 March at Eden. May God Bless and care for them.

We pray for the sick in our community, and others who we have been asked to pray for, especially Jack Ventry who has commenced treatment in Canberra.

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends that they are in the place which Jesus prepared for them.

We pray, especially, for our health services in our local area that the situation may be resolved satisfactorily.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

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

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*Please assist the team by having items
in by Wednesday pm. Items may come
in by phone, note or email.*



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Thu: Saint Patrick

Fri:

Sat: Saint Joseph,
Spouse of Mary

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Heather Jones, Fr Laurie Blake,
Fr Henry Byrne, Jenny Hobson.

March Anniversaries

June Beileiter, Lorna Callaway,
Patricia Casey, Una Collins,
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell,
Mark Gaunson, Terrence Ingram,
John Jones, Marion Lister,
Anne Maslin, Ruth McKay,
Sam Monk, Neville Murphy,
George Reed, Joan Ryan,
Enid Stewart, Thelma Stewart,
Andre Teschke, Rita Thornton,
Don Tindale, Myra Walker.

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



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Don't wait for extraordinary
opportunities.*

*Seize common occasions
and make them great.*

.....Orison Swett Marden

We are now in our
2022 Lenten Season.
A time of Fasting and Abstinence.



Keep up your courage – we do not live here forever. 27.1.1877

Pray to be ever ready for God's will,

even when it takes you by surprise. 25.5.1880

How very good God is to us all. 2.8.1870



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**





"I was once asked why I don't participate in anti-war demonstrations. I said that I will never do that, but as soon as you have a pro-peace rally, I'll be there".
Mother Teresa - Saint Teresa of Calcutta



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD
From the ashes

Ashes are a powerful symbol of humility and loss, but they do not hold the last word as we journey to the glory of Easter.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for a new world order that allows all people to live in peace and all creatures to thrive.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for ourselves, that this Lenten Season inspires us to undertake renewal of heart and mind.



POPE FRANCIS SAYS 'RIVERS OF BLOOD' FLOWING IN UKRAINE WAR

Pope Francis rejected Russia's use of the term "special military operation" for its invasion of Ukraine, saying the country was being battered by war and urging an immediate end to the fighting. "In Ukraine, rivers of blood and tears are flowing. This is not just a military operation but a war which sows death, destruction and misery," the pope said in his weekly address to crowds gathered in St Peter's Square.

The comments were the strongest the pope had yet made about the violence although, as has been the case throughout the conflict, he did not condemn Russia by name. Instead, he repeated his appeal for peace, the creation of humanitarian corridors and a return to negotiations. "In that martyred country the need for humanitarian assistance is growing by the hour," the pope said, speaking from a window overlooking the square. "War is madness, please stop."

"The Holy See is willing to do everything to put itself at the service of peace," the pope said, adding that two Roman Catholic cardinals had gone to Ukraine to help those in need, Konrad Krajewski from Poland and Canada's Michael Czerny.

Prayer of the Faithful

LEADER: The Lord is our light and our help, may the light of his transfiguration shine in our lives as we pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

READER: We pray that all Church members may be faithful through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in this time of preparation for Easter. **We pray to the Lord**

For social advocates and those working for social justice, who risk imprisonment and harm for their efforts on behalf of the oppressed. **We pray to the Lord**

For all who have lost their lives, their homes and possessions in the recent Australian floods. **We pray to the Lord**

For the sick and suffering people in our community: may they be sustained by our faith, compassion and care. **We pray to the Lord**

For those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: let us trust that they have joined you in eternal life. **We pray to the Lord**

For our own special needs..... **We pray to the Lord.**

For Our Lady's intercession for peace and for the people of Ukraine: **We pray..Hail Mary....**

LEADER: Loving God may we come to know you through your Son Jesus Christ, who is the way the truth and the life. We make this prayer through Jesus or Lord. **AMEN**

Looking Back - August 1953

Around the Parish - Bombala, Delegate, Nimmitabel

This is the time of the Annual Returns. Some parish statistics may be of interest.

Number of Catholics: 1,283

Number left parish: 152

Number new to parish: 58

Baptisms: 54

Deaths: 19

Number of children in 3 schools: 244



LIFE AFTER DEATH – A STORY

Boss: Do you believe in life after death?

Employee: No, because there is no proof of it.

Boss: Well there is now! After you left yesterday saying that you had to go to your grandma's funeral, she called the office looking for you.

1. Come to the Water *Frank Andersen*

***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!
Refrain

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!
Refrain

2. 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*



**NEWS FROM
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Last week St Joseph's celebrated the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass. For many of our year one students it was their first experience of having the ash placed on their foreheads. Back in the classroom there was lots of discussion around how the ash was made and what it symbolises. We thank Fr Mick for being with us for this celebration.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Last Friday, students participated in 'Clean Up Australia Day'. It is an annual event which promotes to inspire and empower communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. Over 2000 preschools and primary schools participate in the event around Australia annually. It aims to teach young Australians about the responsible disposal of rubbish, resource recovery and the repercussions of rubbish dumped irresponsibly in the local environment.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude,
so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of
body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing,
re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle
my love for and faith in you.
Amen.

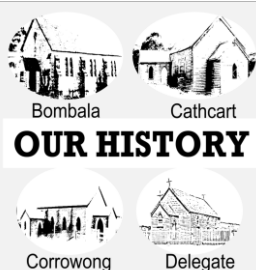


PROJECT COMPASSION boxes should be on your seats.
There are also envelopes for a weekly contribution.
These will be in the Church porches.



St Patrick was born in Britain c.385 and as a young man was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. After six years in Ireland he escaped, returned to his family and trained for the priesthood in Gaul. In c.435 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Through his work, Christianity flourished and the church became organised. Although not extensively learned, St Patrick was known for his sincerity and pastoral care, and was largely concerned with abolishing paganism and idolatry and encouraged monasticism. There are many legends about Ireland's most beloved saint, including his use of the shamrock for explaining the trinity, and his banishing of all snakes from Ireland. St Patrick is the Patron Saint of Engineers, Ireland and Nigeria. March 17 is the Feast Day of St Patrick.

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 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:17 - 4:1 or Phil 3:20 - 4:1 (shorter form)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *bodysoul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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