



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 14 APRIL 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, the risen Lord has greeted us with peace and commissioned us to preach forgiveness to all nations. We join together in praying for healing and freedom for all humankind.

READER: For Pope Francis and all leaders in our Church. May they be inspired to continually open up the Scriptures to reveal the Good News of the resurrection. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For Sr Teresa as she marks 70 years as a devoted Sister of Saint Joseph this week in Sydney. May the inspirations, contributions & blessings she has shared with us continue to enrich our lives always. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the world-wide community of faith, that by lives of love Christians everywhere will bear joyful witness to Christ's victory over sin and death. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For all those in our health- and aged-care systems who bring comfort and healing to the sick, the frail and the dying. May God protect and uphold them in their important work, and may they be encouraged and well supported in their calling to serve the most vulnerable among us. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: Mighty God and fount of mercy, you have reconciled us to yourself in Christ. Make our hearts burn with love for you. We ask this through the same Christ, our risen Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION APRIL

For the role of women



Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

We pray for Jewish believers around the world, that they be respected and honoured as the faithful people of God's ancient covenant.

We pray for mayors, councillors and local government officers, that they will serve their community with dedication, integrity and care for the common good.

We pray for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

Chris Cuttle, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jane Nash, Val Perkins, Jim Parkes, Barbara Brownlie, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Betty Cowell, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, John Elliott, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: No Mass Bombala

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Morning tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

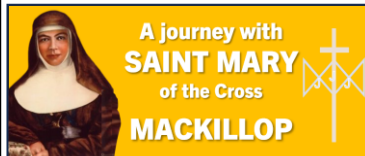
Barry Reed,
Keith Brownlie, Lawrence Tighe
Archbishop Francis Carroll

April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill
Maria Callaway, Arthur Collins
Keith Cottrell,
Myreen Eppelstun,
Neil Ingram, Joanne Joseph
Jill Knight, Fletcher Lee
Kerry Letts, Edna Reed
Wallace Roberts, Ilma Stewart
Raymond Thornton, Kate Vincent



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive 'crosses' and know that we also give them. (14.4.1882)
I feel more trust in God than ever. (13.4.1874)



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024.

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All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.



**"The world cannot give up its dream of universal Peace."
Pope Paul VI**

READINGS

FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, let your face shine on us.*

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

SECOND READING: FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF LUKE: The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So 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.'

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1. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves, I shall not fear, the dark of night, Nor the arrow that flies by day

1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul

2. How Shall I Call You *Robin Mann*

1. How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
poet of sunset and painter of sky,
Father almighty, who's running to find us,
giving his Son who must suffer and die. **R**

Refrain: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit, let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

2. How shall I call you? Lover of children, shepherd and teacher and brother and friend, healer of blind man and healer of leper; you are beginning and middle and end. **R**



We extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Sr Teresa this week as she commemorates her Platinum Anniversary of profession with the Sisters of Saint Joseph. It is a Blessed occasion, and we are honoured to have some of our parishioners gathering with her in Sydney to celebrate this remarkable milestone. Sr Teresa's unwavering commitment and profound impact are truly inspiring, and we join together in gratitude for her selfless devotion.
May God Bless Sr Teresa.

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE



When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality.

In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter. The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish). His bodily presence of that sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son. In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghostlike as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world. We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.
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