



The Most Holy Trinity



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR C, 15 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 God-seekers, that they will dare to explore the divine mystery and let themselves be loved without limit.

We pray for people living in the community while troubled with serious mental health issues, that they will be given and will accept the ongoing support and supervision they need for safety's sake.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

MON
TUE
WED **Mass Delegate MPS 10.30am**
Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saint Romuald
THU
FRI
SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
SUN **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

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."**

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



Our street stall on 6 June raised a truly remarkable \$1,805, a testament to the strength of faith, generosity and unity within our community. Achieved in the midst of a crisp Monaro winter, this effort shines all the more brightly. We offer our heartfelt thanks to our parishioners, St Joseph's School families and our friends from other denominations, whose warm hearts and willing hands made this outcome possible. Your contributions, both seen and unseen, reflected the love of Christ in action. God Bless!



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



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

Make allowances for those who do not see as you do. (2.6.1867)

Let the motives of our actions be to please God alone. (2.6.1867)

Mary MacKillop presents her 'Life of Fr JT Woods' to Cardinal Moran for approval, Sydney, 1903.



“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Every time we bless ourselves, we proclaim the mystery of the Trinity. Only the Christian religion teaches that there are three Persons in one God. It is a mystery we will never be able to fully comprehend. Yet it is the heart and soul of our Christian life. Saint Ignatius of Loyola once had a revelation of the Trinity as a harmonic chord, with three notes being played at the same time but forming one sound. This revelation was so overwhelming that after receiving it, he wept tears of joy all day. God is not an isolated, contained being. His nature is to be communal. The one being of God is really the interrelationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Connection: Recognising God's presence in our relationships.

"To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God."

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who dwell in this great land of the Holy Spirit, Australia, that they will gladly work together for the sake of peace, justice and the common good.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the church at large, that it be a loving home where all 'the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties' of humankind are welcomed and shared.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, welcomed into the heart of our loving God, one yet three, let us pray for the whole human family to find joy in the divine mystery revealed to us.

READER: For Pope Leo and all bishops and church ministers, that they will be impelled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the saving truth of the gospel without fail. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Father Kose, as he embarks on his new ministry as Parish Priest of Pambula, may the Holy Spirit enfold him with wisdom, courage and grace, guiding and strengthening him as he shepherds God's people with love and faithfulness. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all dwellers on earth, that their hearts will be open to see God's Spirit at play in the wonder of creation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For refugees in every land, that World Refugee Week will renew their hope of 'Finding Freedom' and contributing to 'Diversity in Community'. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the frail aged who are vulnerable to elder abuse, that they will have trustworthy relatives and friends to protect them from exploitation. 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: Holy God – Eternal Father, Only-begotten Son, and Spirit of Love – we praise and bless you for your goodness. Draw us ever more deeply into the mystery of your being. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 142 YEARS AGO Freemans Journal September 1883

I am surprised some one in this beautiful and flourishing Bombala district never sends you any information. The following may be of use to you: We have had some splendid rain during the last fortnight which has done a vast amount of good. The country looks well. The lambing is all over, and shearing is in full swing. We have a progress committee in Bombala now, but since its establishment they have done very little good. There are so many orators among them who glory in hearing themselves talk that the real practical good is neglected. Some of the streets are in a very miserable state and dangerous to human life. The road opposite the presbytery and from there to Mellington Bridge is also in a dangerous state. But I am glad to see by one of our local papers that the secretary was commissioned to write to Mr Boot, Superintendent of Roads, drawing his attention to the state of the streets and roads. We are losing one of our best men, Senior Sergeant Byrne, who for the past fourteen years has had charge of this district. He was universally liked, and it will be very difficult to replace him. He is promoted to sub-inspectorship and is to take charge of the Bourke district. Before coming here he distinguished himself in the Braidwood district when the Clarke gang of bushrangers were a terror to the district. While in Bombala he was notable for his impartiality, strict adherence to duty, and, above all, his great prudence. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and assisted in every charitable purpose both by word and pocket. He takes with him the best wishes of the people of Bombala. I nearly forgot, we are to have a bazaar in aid of the RC Church and presbytery. It takes place in February next, when we are to have our annual show. Father Fleming, who is in charge of the district, is working very hard to make it a success. The Catholics of the district are also doing their best, and I may mention that we are receiving great assistance from the members of other denominations, who have given their subscriptions freely towards purchasing goods for the stall. I believe the bazaar will be a grand success. I have no doubt, that some of Father Fleming's friends in Sydney, will help him.

Bombala Correspondent



God Bless You
Father Kose

GOD BLESS YOU FR KOSE

We take this opportunity to ask God's abundant blessing upon Father Kose as he soon begins his new ministry as Parish Priest of Pambula. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen and inspire him as he shepherds his new parish community. We are truly grateful for the short but grace-filled time Father Kose has spent with us in the Bombala-Delegate Parish. While the climate of the Sapphire Coast may be warmer than that of the Monaro, Father's presence has brought us much spiritual warmth and encouragement. We sincerely hope that, from time to time, he might brave the mountain road and pay us a visit, he will always be warmly welcomed back among us.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Holy God We Praise Thy Name *Ignace Franz*

1. Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim,
All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill
the heav'ns with sweet accord; Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

2. Trinity Song *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. Father, in my life I see
You are God who walks with me
You hold my life in Your hands
Close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to You
Help me, Father, to be true.

2. Jesus, in my life I see..... Help me, Jesus, to be true.

3. Spirit, in my life I see..... Help me, Spirit, to be true.

3. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

3. When you know sorrow within your life
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover Me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

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**

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!. **R**

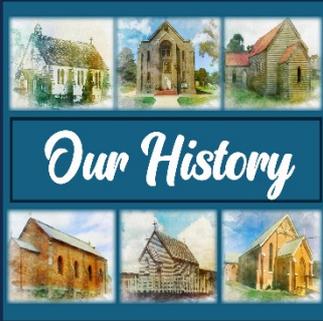
Envelope Number Changes from 1 July

A reminder 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!

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 Baragy, 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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First Reading Prv 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,

or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,

when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,

I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

*(R.) O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name
in all the earth!*

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? *(R.)*
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. *(R.)*

3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity.

God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?

How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like!

We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

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