



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Second Sunday of Easter, Year A, 16 April 2023



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**

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



Divine Mercy Sunday 2023



PRAYER INTENTIONS



POPES INTENTION APRIL For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

We pray Risen Lord as we go out into the world we ask no more than that you walk with us each day along our own Emmaus road and open our eyes to the vision you have for each one of us.

We pray for our parish community in this 2023 Easter Season.

We pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.



We pray that the Risen Christ may heal the sick and comfort all who are afflicted in any way, particularly in our own families and parish:

Natalie Lestone, Eilie Elliott, Anna Vincent, Val Perkins, Samantha Deans, John Caldwell, Marilyn Knight, Jim Parkes, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God.”

St Francis de Sales



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: No Mass at Bombala

Fri: Saint Anselm

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

A Prayer by Saint Anselm



O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You, where and how to find You.

You are my God and You are my all and I have never seen You. You have made me and remade me, You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, Still I do not know You. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek You. I cannot seek You unless You teach me or find You unless You show Yourself to me. Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire You in my seeking. Let me find You by loving You, let me love You when I find You. Amen



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Lisa Godfrey, Dina Bowe

April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill
Maria Callaway, Arthur Collins
Keith Cottrell, Leila de Costa
Myreen Epplestun, Brian Hampshire
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.”

Quotes and Thoughts
**SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



I feel more trust in God than ever. (13.4.1874)
Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive ‘crosses’ and know that we also give them. (14.4.1882)
We may feel our crosses hard at times,
but our courage should rise with them. (14.4.1882)
God loves generosity in us. (14.4.1882)

APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified." The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life. On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting." "Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Flavour of the Gospel

Everyone, in their different ways,
has the ability to spread
the good news of the Gospel.



Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have no faith to live by, that they will have the heart to keep searching for wisdom and truth.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the whole human family, that all people on earth will be one in a spirit of hope, mercy and peace.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Christ, the risen Lord, offers his gift of peace to all who come to him. With confidence, we offer our prayers for all those in need:

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and the whole Church community. May the Spirit guide us to be faithful to the witness of the apostles. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for our world, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, that all people will be blessed in experiencing the peace of Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for all among us who doubt the reality of the risen Christ. May they, like Thomas, come to believe. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for our faith community, may we, like the first Christian communities, be a community of faith, prayer, worship and loving service to others. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We commend to your love those who have died recently, especially Lisa Godfrey and Dina Bowe and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share fully in the life of the risen Lord. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray **Hail Mary...**

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Ever merciful God, hear the prayers of petition brought to you today. We ask this through Jesus, the risen Lord. **Amen**

Looking Back 71 Years - March 1952 Around the Parish

BOMBALA TOWN COWS are going to feel depressed when they see the new fence going up around the Convent School. Wal Somerville is doing the job and will also replace those parts of the church fence which have gone with the wind.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT Bombala School Auxiliary for 1952. Allen Ferris is Vice-Chairman, Miss Mary Williams Secretary and Mrs Bert Rayner is Treasurer. To give the treasurer something to do, Mrs L Hall arranged a Street Stall at short notice. Result of £40 (approx. \$1,700 in 2023) of which £10 has been allotted to library books.

WE ARE INDEBTED to these truck owners for the use of their vehicles on the Wood Days – Bombala: Jack Kennedy, Arthur Rodwell, Lou Black, Douch brothers, Pat Helmers and Charles Whitten. Delegate: so far, Harry Walker and Bert Smith. The young men responded particularly well to the call for axemen and £6 has been subscribed by those who did not attend.

STOP PRESS A generous parishioner who insists on remaining anonymous has given £40 to start the Sisters' Appeal at Delegate.

As the Parish of Bombala-Delegate we acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.



Thank you for all your generosity with this year's Project Compassion. Still some time to get the final boxes/envelopes in please if you have not already done so.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Sing A New Song *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Sing A New Song Unto The Lord;
Let Your Song Be Sung From Mountains High.
Sing A New Song Unto The Lord, Singing Alleluia.**

1. Yahweh's People Dance For Joy.
O Come Before The Lord,
And Play For Him On Glad Tambourines,
And Let Your Trumpet Sound. **R**

2. Rise, O Children, From Your Sleep;
Your Saviour Now Has Come.
He Has Turned Your Sorrow To Joy
And Filled Your Soul With Song. **R**

2. Peace Is Flowing Like a River *Carey Landry*

1. Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.

2. Joy is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.

3. Faith is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.

3. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
This love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God.

2. Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
Whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God.

4. Let There Be Peace on Earth *Miller & Jackson*

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live,
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me

EASTER MESSAGE - WALKING TOGETHER WITH OUR FIRST AUSTRALIANS



Aboriginal leader, Noel Pearson, last year described his people as "much unloved." In a distressing observation, he stated that although Australians "hold and express strong views on us...few have met us and a small minority count us as friends." At this Easter time, we can see ongoing suffering continues in the everyday lives of our beloved First Australians: the high death rates in custody, imprisonment, the persistence of totally unacceptable socio-economic and health statistics, suicides, scattered opinions regarding a Constitutional "Voice to Parliament", racist attitudes in sport, and so on. The Crucified Christ also has an "Aboriginal face". Despised and rejected like Jesus, the Good Friday of their suffering continues seemingly unabated. With all wounded humanity, but especially our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we unite our sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus and receive redemption in the mercy of God. Easter gives us hope that the Light has destroyed the darkness of alienation and brought us peace in "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

We WALK TOGETHER embracing the Resurrected Victory of Jesus. We carry each other, especially the battlers, closely on our final journey to the fullness of Resurrected glory. Let us WALK TOGETHER with our First Australians. Practically, this means seeking them out in true friendship in our local communities. Also, trying our best to understand life from their perspective. Practical help will follow. Over these coming months, a Constitutional "Voice to Parliament" will need ears that truly listen. Then Australia will truly become the Australia God wants us to be – a Resurrected Missionary People washed clean in "the Blood of the Lamb" that lives forever in Easter hope and joy. Happy Easter to all, Alleluia!

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Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

16 April 2023

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then

you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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