



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT , YEAR B, 17 MARCH 2024



### 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 MARCH For the new martyrs



We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

We pray for all who profess their faith in Jesus Christ, that through this season of Lent they might delight ever more in being God's work of art.

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 all around the country who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter, that their Lenten journey will be one of faith, fellowship and promise.



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

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



### PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Feast of St Patrick - alt date



Tue: Feast of St Joseph  
Wed: Childrens Mass Bombala 9.30am & Blessing of Palms  
Thu: Lenten Program Delegate 1.30pm  
Palm Sunday:  
Sat: Vigil LW&HC Delegate 6pm  
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

Archbishop Francis Carroll  
Sally-Ann Thompson, Ollie Murphy

#### March Anniversaries

Lorna Callaway, Patricia Casey  
Una Collins, John Coman  
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell  
Murray Garnock, Terrence Ingram  
John Jones, Ruth McKay  
Neville Murphy, George Reed  
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.”



Archbishop Francis Carroll, who served as Bishop of Wagga Wagga and Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn during almost 70 years of distinguished priestly service has died in Wagga Wagga at the age of 93. Born on 9 September 1930 in Ganmain, NSW, he was the second of seven children of Patrick and Rose Carroll. In 1983, he was appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn until 2006. He has always been regarded as profoundly pastoral and humble in his long service to the Church. In 2006, he retired and returned to Wagga Wagga. Rest in Peace Fr Francis.



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**



#### Let us be entirely God's. (19.3.1874)

Mary MacKillop wears a plain black dress as a sign of Religious dedication, 1866.  
Sisters restored to their habits, St Ignatius' Church, Norwood, South Australia, 1872.  
1st General Chapter. Constitutions accepted. Mary MacKillop elected Superior General, 1875.  
New Novitiate opened in Sydney, 1884.  
6th General Chapter. Mary MacKillop re-elected, 1905.



## THE MONTH OF MARCH - DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

Though a common carpenter, Saint Joseph bore the legacy of King David in his blood. Chosen by fate, he became the husband of Mary, blessed to be the foster-father of Jesus. Scripture speaks little of him beyond his righteousness, a testament to the unwavering devotion with which he protected God's greatest gifts on Earth: Mary and Jesus.

*Saint Joseph was the patron saint to whom schools & convents in Adaminaby, Bombala, Delegate and Nimmitabel, as well as the church and presbytery in Delegate and the church in Berridale, were all devoted.*

### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### Leaning into love

Love and its twin sister's tenderness and kindness require a good deal of hard work, training and discipline.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for an end to the terrible bloodshed persisting in so many places around the world. May heartless perpetrators repent of their brutality and lay down their arms.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - for the work of Caritas Samoa in providing clean drinking water to island residents. May our support for Project Compassion help them sustain this initiative.



## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**

**Lord, hear our prayer**



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, faced with rejection and death, Jesus prayed with his whole being for the strength to fulfil his mission. In union with him, let us pray with all our hearts for God's saving work to be accomplished.

**READER: For** Pope Francis. May his appeals for an end to the madness of war and the arms trade be heard and heeded by the world's merchants of death. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** God's faithful people, that in company with Jesus they will be as grains of wheat that die and yield a rich harvest of life. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the human family, that this week's World Water Day (22 March) will raise awareness of the need to protect vital freshwater resources and secure equitable access to them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Caritas Australia, that our generous support for Project Compassion will enable it to maintain its partnerships with agencies of justice and development around the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** our parish community, that the joyful celebration of Sunday eucharist will keep renewing the new and everlasting covenant made for us by Jesus' saving death. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick of our parish and for those who care for them. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their faith be rewarded now in the fullness of Christ's new creation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Life-giving God, you heard the pleas of your Son and raised him out of death. Listen to our prayers and renew our faith in your power to save. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WYNDHAM

*The end of an era  
March 2024*

The rural community of Wyndham has faced a declining number of parishioners for decades, resulting in the absence of Mass for over a decade. The time has come to bid farewell to the aging structure and initiate the process of selling it to a new owner who can cherish and utilise it. Wyndham once held Mass in local homesteads and private residences before the establishment of St Joseph's. In 1897, after significant fundraising efforts by the parish priest and community, a site on North Street was purchased and a quaint wooden church was erected. The church included a distinctive bedroom, crucial for the priest to break up the travel time. In the past, priests would journey on horseback to Wyndham, conduct Mass, spend the night in the attached bedroom, fulfill visiting duties, and then return to the main towns. Throughout the years, St Joseph's Catholic Church in Wyndham has been part of various parishes, including Pambula, Candelo-Bemboka, Bega and a return to Pambula in 1993. Nevertheless, the church has always held a cherished place in the rural life of Wyndham. Around 1899 and again in 1901, **Saint Mary MacKillop** visited Wyndham, attending the church, staying with local families, and dining at the Robbie Burns Hotel. Families traditionally had designated seats for which they paid annually, a common practice in many churches.

Father George Ogah, the parish priest of Pambula, has announced that the church is now being sold through a real estate agent and a final celebration of Mass is scheduled for **Midday, Tuesday March 19, 2024**. Significantly, this day coincides with the Feast Day of St Joseph, promising a mix of emotions and memories for the Wyndham community. In recent years, the church underwent substantial repairs and a fresh coat of paint, thanks to the generous bequest left by a former parishioner. The late Mrs Sandra Bray, who served as the Parish Secretary, played a pivotal role in coordinating and organising the entirety of the project.

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE OF MEDJUGORGE



"Dear children! Pray and renew your heart so that the good which you have sown may bear the fruit of joy and oneness with God. Darnel has seized many hearts and they have become unfruitful; that is why, you little children, be light, love and my outstretched hands in this world which yearns for God Who is love. Thank you for having responded to my call." *February 2024*

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. 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! **R**

**Refrain: 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. **R**

3. When you know sorrow within your life  
I will come I will embrace your heart!

Through your pain you will discover Me! **R**

## 2. Hosea *Gregory Norbett*

1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me  
and living deeply our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you  
to your heart where I will speak.

Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.

## 3. Isaiah 49 *Carey Landry*

1&3. I will never forget you, My people, I have carved you on the  
palm of My hand, I will never forget you,  
I will not leave you orphaned.  
I will never forget My own.

2. Does a mother forget her baby?

Or a woman the child within her womb?

Yet even if these forget, Yes, even if these forget,  
I will never forget my own.

## 4. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

**Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord,  
Beckon our lives through your word, Open our eyes to  
your call, United as one for your world.**

**Heighten our minds to your thoughts, Heal us of pride and  
of hurt, May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts  
change.**

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.

Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. *Refrain*

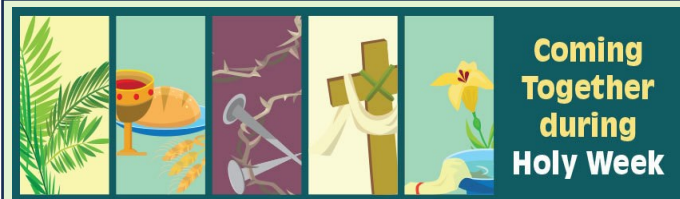
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.

Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. *Refrain*



A young country boy and his father were visiting a shopping mall in the big city for the first time ever. They were amazed by everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again.

The boy asked his father, "What is this, Father?" The father responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed an elderly lady with a walking stick walked up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady walked between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched small circles of lights with numbers above the wall light up. They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction. The walls opened up again and a beautiful young lady stepped out. The father said to his son, "Quick, go get your Mother."



**Coming  
Together  
during  
Holy Week**

### **Palm Sunday: 24 March**

**Delegate:** Vigil LW&HC Saturday 6pm

**Bombala:** LW&HC Sunday 9am

### **Holy Thursday: 28 March**

Lenten Program Delegate 1.30pm

**Holy Thursday Mass**

**Delegate:** Mass 5pm

**Bombala:** Mass 7pm

### **Good Friday: 29 March**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Bombala:** 9.30am (Leader)

**Delegate:** 12 noon (Leader)

### **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 30 March**

**Bombala:** Mass 6pm

**Delegate:** LW&HC 6pm

*Thank You*  
**For Your Prayers & Support**

*Wendy White expresses her  
heartfelt gratitude to everyone  
who offered prayers and gave  
support during her recent illness.*



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to Project  
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## 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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**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**17 March 2024**

## First Reading Jer 31:31-34

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12**

**(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt.  
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel Jn 12:20-33

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

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