



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 18 FEBRUARY 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

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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY For the terminally ill



We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

We pray in preparation for Lent, that we enter the spirit of Project Compassion and by our sacrificial giving support the many works of justice through Caritas Australia.

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.



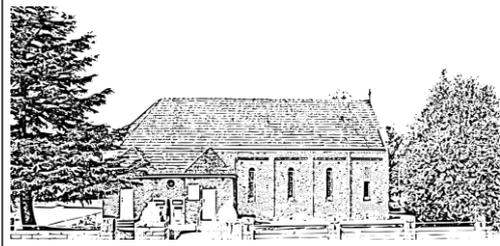
We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

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



PARISH CALENDAR

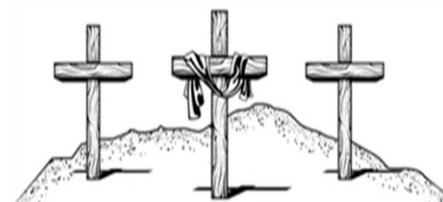
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Peter Damian
Thu: Chair of St Peter
Fri: Saint Polycarp
Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley
Sonia Clear, Veronica Cottrell
Ron Cowell, Kevin Crotty
Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Marion O'Hehir
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith
Sheila White

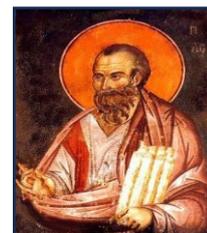


**“We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death.”**



SAINT POLYCARP

**Eighty and six years have I served Him,
and He never did me any injury: how then can I
blaspheme my King and my Saviour?**



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life. (1899)
Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God. (19.2.1885)
My God be praised for all things. (23.2.1870)
Bishop Sheil, very ill, removes excommunication from Mary MacKillop, and expresses sorrow for being misled by bad advisers, 1872.



FEBRUARY - MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We easily remember that October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, May the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, June to the Sacred Heart. Monthly dedications don't stop there. But for a number of recent years, we have let slip such months as February. Who or what is February dedicated to, you ask? The answer comes when we see the Holy Family go to the Temple for the Presentation of Jesus. The family is together. The Holy Family. There's the answer. February is traditionally dedicated in the Church to the Holy Family. This month-dedication traces back to the 17th century. So said Saint John Paul II in a 2001 Angelus address, as he called "the family of Nazareth a model for every home."



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

**We pray for global conversion.
May the entire human family
renounce violence, greed and hate
and undertake to work together for
the good of all.**

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for those who bring joy to our lives and raise our spirits, that their gift of grace will inspire us to love more freely and be united in hope.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for an end to all forms of prejudice, judgment and discrimination that condemn people to exclusion, that the God-given dignity of every human person be respected.



Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer**



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, fresh from his trial in the wilderness, Jesus announces good news and calls on us to change our ways. Let us pray for the reign of God in our hearts and in our world.

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 Fr Mark as we celebrate his first year with us, we raise our hearts in grateful prayer. May the Holy Spirit's light continue to shine in his footsteps and guide him ever closer to God, ever stronger as our shepherd. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are negotiating for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine. May their diplomatic skills, patience and persistence bear good fruit. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For vulnerable communities around the world assisted by Caritas Australia. May our generous support for Project Compassion make a real and lasting difference in their lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many Australian people at risk of taking their own lives. May they be saved from despair by the loyal support of trusted friends. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community. May this Lent be a season of faith and hope for all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For fire-fighters and emergency service personnel during our summer, may they stay safe themselves as they labour to protect the community from dangerous events. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Faithful God, in the waters of baptism you make us a new creation in Christ. Keep us free to follow him with all our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 71 YEARS AGO December 1953 Around the Parish

New Rooms Bombala: The new classroom and club rooms at the Bombala Convent School are making good progress. Walls are halfway up and already the great advantage of the new building can be seen. It is hoped that the opening will take place sometime in February and that all old pupils will be present at the ceremony.

Council Elections: Congratulations to the parishioners elected to local government bodies in the parish. At Nimmitabel, Bob Adams was returned to the Monaro Shire council and at Bombala, Rowley Bedingfield, John Parkes and Paddy Lomas find themselves Aldermen. A pleasing feature of their success is that none of these men over their election organised any canvassing for votes.

Delegate Water: While on civic matters, hats off to Delegate for giving a lead in cooperative effort. Tired of waiting for a town water supply, half a dozen householders put their heads and shoulders together and decided that they could pipe the crystal-clear Delegate River to their homes for little cost. Under the watchful eye of Keith Cottrell, they installed a water pump a storage tank and pipes to seven houses including the convent. It was a magnificent example of intelligent cooperation and the whole project was completed within a fortnight. Cost to each man £27. Snowy Mountains Authority take note.

Bombala Bazaar: The old date of the Bombala Bazaar has been kept and on November 28 a fete will be held in the Bombala church grounds. There will be square dancing in the open, Tug O' War Championship, Wheelbarrow Race, Musical Chairs, and a whole programme of entertainment and novelty sports. Stalls and soft drink bars will be in operation also the chocolate wheel. Good prizes will be given for the competitions, especially for the Tug O' War, which we hope will be between teams from Bombala, Nimmitabel and Delegate. Music to follow.

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. 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.

3. We Remember *Marty Haugen*

**We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal. Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

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*



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.



The wise old Mother Superior from County Tipperary was unwell. The nuns gathered around her bed, endeavoring to make her comfortable.

They offered her some warm milk, which she declined. One nun took the glass back to the kitchen. Recalling a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Returning to Mother Superior's bedside, she held the glass to her lips. Mother Superior sipped a little, then a bit more. Before they realised it, she had consumed the entire glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns implored, "Please share some wisdom with us." With a pious expression, she raised herself in bed and said, "Don't sell that cow."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**We, the Parish
of Bombala-Delegate,
acknowledge with deep respect that we
stand upon the traditional lands of the
Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.**

**We recognise the enduring
legacy of their culture, which
continues to enrich the life and
spirit of Australia.**

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



Our History



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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First Reading Gn 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness,
O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who
stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!**

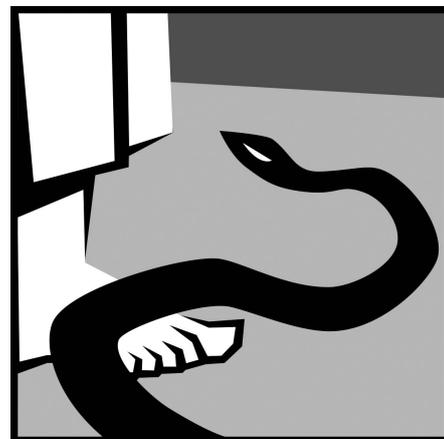
Gospel Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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