



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, 18 June 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.



PRAYER INTENTIONS



POPES INTENTION JUNE

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

We commend to your merciful care the loved ones of those whose lives were lost, along with all those who are injured and traumatised as a result of the tragic bus accident in the Hunter Valley.

We pray for the multitudes of people displaced from their homeland, that World Refugee Day (20 June) will summon every nation to play its part in securing their safety and well-being.

We pray for those entrusted with leadership in Catholic agencies and institutions, that they will be graced with deep faith and invincible hope.



We pray for the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

Pope Francis, Jenny Ingram, Kim Peisley, Natalie Lestone, Val Perkins, Jim Parkes, John Caldwell, Marilyn Knight, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Saint John the Baptist

Parish Street Stall

Thank You!

Thank you to the hardy volunteers who helped on the street stall last Friday in the chilly weather. Very many thanks to the cooks who spent hours cooking for the stall - it was much appreciated. The total money raised was \$1,450. A huge thank you to the Wilton family who donated the load of wood which was won by Leanne Baldwin. The meat voucher was won by Lorraine Cottrell. Congratulations to our winners!



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun: Morning Tea after Mass Delegate

Wed: School NAIDOC Mass
Bombala 9.30am

Sat: **Nativity of John the Baptist**
LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Ruth Allan, Jim Badewitz,
Philip Rumph

Edna Pitt, Dawn Rutherford
Wayne Gammon (Moree)

June Anniversaries

Sr Mary Agnes, Shirley Baker
Jessie Bedingfield, Eric Cuthel,
Gwen Haebich, Wilga Ingram
Peter Kimber, Slip Reid,
Moira Tindale, Norma Toms,
Gordon Walker, Madge Walker



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

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP

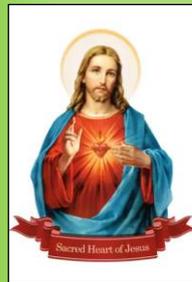


Who am I to stand in God's way? (2.6.1867)

Reject no one. You never know what grace can do. (2.6.1867)

Crosses are proof of God's love. (2.6.1867)

Mary MacKillop and Sister Rose Cunningham arrive in Adelaide, South Australia from Penola. First convent-cottage in Grote Street, Adelaide, 1867.



THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART

Christ loves and knows his sheep. He gives his life for them, and no one is a stranger to him. His flock is his family and his life. He is not a boss to be feared by his flock, but a shepherd who walks alongside them and calls them by name. He wants to gather the sheep that are not yet of his fold. He is anointed for his people, not to choose his own projects but to be close to the real men and women whom God has entrusted to him. No one is excluded from his heart, his prayers, or his smile.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Unconditional love spreads:

Nothing commends our faith better than the generous and expansive love that we bring to our friends, workplaces and the groups of which we are part.



Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for children around the world whose lives have been disrupted by war and poverty. May they recover from their trauma and regain their childhood.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who study and teach the Christian faith. May they delight in sharing their knowledge and love of the Triune God.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: St Paul urges us to use our freedom in Christ to serve one another through Love. Guided by the Spirit, we ask God to hear our prayers for all who are not yet free from oppression, sickness or sin.

READER: For Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May their sensitivity and compassion encourage all Christians 'to keep their hand on the plough' in their witness to promote the kingdom of God among us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the people of the world who still suffer under the yoke of slavery. May they come to experience the dignity owed to them as human beings. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all those who are struggling to find food and shelter. May their burdens be lightened by the hands of generosity stretching out to them in love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the community gathered around this sacred table. May we always appreciate the love that God has shown through the eucharistic food that makes us one in the body and blood of Christ. 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 for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they enjoy the eternal fulfilment of the kingdom of God. 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: God, our refuge and our hope, in you our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice. Hear our prayers for the fullness of joy for all who have not yet found it. We ask this in Jesus' name. **AMEN**

Looking Back 105 Years – 28 July 1918 Bombala Catholic Church Parade

On Sunday 28 July 1918 "March to Freedom" in full number headed by the brass band marched through the main street of Bombala to St Mary's Catholic Church, where solemn High Mass was sung at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Father John A Roche. The Hon. Mr PM Garry, M.L.A. (Member for Murrumbidgee) was seated within the sanctuary. Special music was rendered by the choir. A huge congregation attended.

In the course of his address Father Roche said that once again they were assembled before God's holy altar supplicating the Most High with their humble petitions, asking Him that He would soon grant to the Allies a complete victory for liberty' and justice. They were proud of the deeds of heroic France, and as Catholics they had every reason to be prouder of the fact that the whole allied forces had been placed under the supreme command of General Foch. True greatness, it had been said, was only brought out by a great crisis. General Foch, they could say, was an ardent disciple of Napoleon. Like the " Little Corporal", he believed that the victor was he who gets there first with the most men. That was why we had the "March to Freedom" in Bombala to-day and welcomed them to the Catholic Church, because they were here to obtain more recruits in order to assist the great General to carry out his desire.

After Mass the soldiers headed by the band (40 in number) marched in processional order back to the town. Father Roche entertained at the Presbytery for luncheon the Hon. PM Garry, M.L.A., Lieutenant Healey (military leader of the march), Sergeant McParland and Mr Fred Miller (church secretary). In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mr Garry, M.L.A., Sergt. McParland and Mr Miller, accompanied by Father Roche, paid a visit to St Joseph's Convent where they were entertained by the Reverend Mother M Dominic and Sisters M Fintan and M Cuthbert.

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.

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1. 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. **R**
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this
land. Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice
redeems. **R**

2. Come To The Water *Frank Andersen*

Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

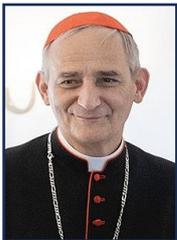
3. Like a Shepherd *Saint Louis Jesuits*

Refrain: Like a shepherd He feeds His flock
And gathers the lambs in His arms
Holding them carefully close to His heart
Leading them home

1. Say to the cities of Judah
"Prepare the way of the Lord"
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice
"Jerusalem, here is your God". **R**
2. I myself will shepherd them
For others have led them astray
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest. **R**

4. Seek Ye First *Karen Lafferty*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!



CARDINAL HEADS TO UKRAINE FOR POSSIBLE PEACE PLANS

Italian Cardinal Matteo Zuppi has been tasked by Pope Francis to carry out a peace mission to try to help end the war in Ukraine. He headed to Kyiv recently for a two-day trip to sound out government authorities.

The Vatican announced his visit, which many observers see as an uphill effort. It said the main purpose was "to listen carefully to Ukrainian authorities on the possible ways to reach a just peace and support humanitarian gestures that may help ease tensions". It was not clear if Cardinal Zuppi, who is archbishop of Bologna and head of the Italian Bishops Conference, would meet President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. Zelenskiy met the pope at the Vatican on 13 May and later appeared cool to the prospects of any papal initiative that would put Ukraine on an equal footing with Russia, which invaded its neighbour on 24 February 2022. Cardinal Zuppi, 67, told reporters that he did not foresee a mediation in the strict sense of the word but that he was ready to "do anything" to help ease tensions.



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

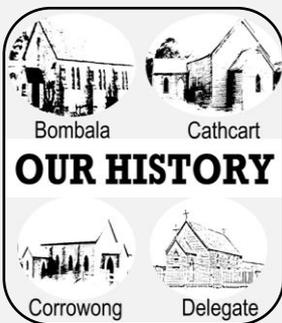
NAIDOC: NAIDOC week falls in our school holidays 2 to 9 July so our celebrations will be held throughout week 9 from 19 to 23 June.
BUILDING UPDATE: Exciting progress from the building renovation project at the school!



A: I have the perfect son. B: Does he smoke?
A: No, he doesn't. B: Does he drink whiskey?

A: No, he doesn't. B: Does he ever come home late?
A: No, he doesn't. B: I guess you really do have the perfect son. How old is he? A: He will be 6 months old next week!

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



The first Catholics arrived in the area from 1826 as assigned servants (convicts). Scottish, Irish, and later German immigrants built up the presence from 1833. Father Patrick Newman was the first resident priest in 1864. Prior to this, priests travelled from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were built in Bombala 1867 & 1942 (St Mary's), Delegate 1877 & 1915 (St Joseph's), Cathcart 1878 (St John's) and Corrowong 1894 (St Peter's). Schools opened in 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886 and Delegate 1921. In 1888 the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have provided continuous ministry for 133 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes were transferred from the Sydney Archdiocese to Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. Our first priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry who was ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. Delegate was a Parish in its own right from 1955-1973. 2008 saw the welcoming of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate celebrated its Centenary in 2015.



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First Reading Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

PPs 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his
flock (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the

death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

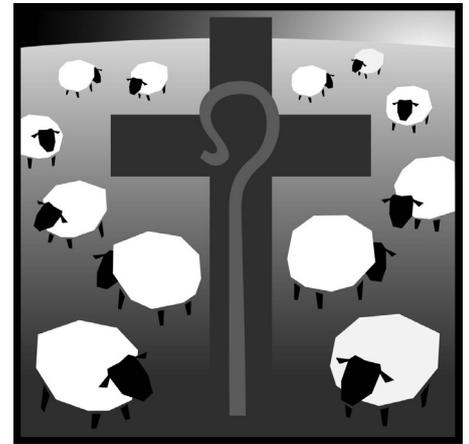
He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

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