



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



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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 Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

We pray for our parish community; may 2023 bring us many graces and blessings.

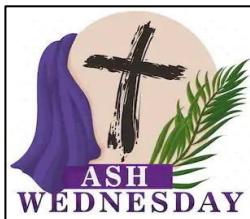
We pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria after the terrible earthquake and we pray for the thousands of deceased after this tragedy.



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

Eilie Elliott, Merylyn Knight, Tom Kennedy, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Christine Cowell, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham



2023
Lenten Season
begins on
Ash Wednesday
22 February 2023



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:
Tue: Saint Peter Damian
Wed: Ash Wednesday
Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu: Saint Polycarp
Fri:
Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Father Neville Drinkwater
February Anniversaries
Val Buckley, Sonia Clear
Ron Cowell, Jak Cuttle
Penny Hassall, Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Jean Muir, 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."*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"In my life I want to become better and do a little good."
Frederic Ozanam
Founder of St Vincent de Paul

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Project Compassion envelopes are now available at both Bombala & Delegate churches.

Quotes and Thoughts SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



Everything God blesses will prosper. 14.12.1890
What a Father we have in God-What a lover in Jesus Christ. 14.12.1890
Our courage should rise with difficulties and obstacles. 14.12.1890
Try always to be generous with God. 14.1.1882



FEBRUARY – MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. St John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self". We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes - and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognising this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

The joy of social justice.

A passion for social justice grows when we recognise the value of each human being and find delight in reaching out to others.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for scholars, preachers and lovers of God's Word, that they will sow seeds of the kingdom in a multitude of hearts.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have been baptised in Christ and graced with the Spirit of wisdom, that they will use their gifts to create a truly synodal church.



Prayer of the Faithful



Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: In Christ we see the generosity of God's love and compassion. Let us pray to be filled with the same generous spirit.

READER: May the Church carry blessing to the world's hungry regardless of race or creed and may Church leaders denounce injustice that exploits the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for the relief of all who are in need or distress, for the lonely and those who grieve the loss of loved ones, for the sick and the dying and all who care for them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those called to public office: that they may work for the coming of the kingdom of God. We pray to the Lord **(R)**

For Pope Francis and all Church leaders: that they may seek to know the will of God for the Church and do it. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who are persecuted for their faith: may they be set free by the Spirit of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have died: may they live forever in God's love. 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: Loving God, grant that the Holy Spirit may enlighten our minds, purify our hearts and strengthen our wills so that we may be recognised as true followers of Christ in whose name we make this prayer. **AMEN**



Looking Back 70 Years ago February 1953 Around the Parish

Back to school again and welcome to the new Sisters in our midst. Three new faces at Bombala and one at Nimmitabel. All are pleased with the state of our schools and say what good Auxiliaries we must have. At present the number of Sisters is unable to keep pace with the growth of our schools so Delegate Convent remains with a community of two at this stage. Not so easy to teach all day and then come home to the cooking and housework. Who will be the first girl from Delegate to offer her life's work to bringing little ones to God?

Congratulations to Sisters and pupils on the excellent passes in the Intermediate. In the parish six candidates were presented and six passed. Teaching religion can't take up so much time after all. The successful scholars were Bernard Crotty (Delegate), Eileen Rayner, Claudette Elliott and Barbara Perkins (Bombala), and Len James and Moya Buckley (Nimmitabel).

The Sisters wish to express their thanks for the stocking of pantries on their return. At Delegate Mrs George Reed and Mrs Keith Cottrell and Mrs K Miller of Corrowong collected many groceries and £23/5/- (\$924 in 2023) in cash. At Bombala Mrs J Parkes was in charge and received groceries and £14/18/- (\$592 in 2023). At Nimmitabel well filled boxes of groceries came from the stores of Miss V McDonald and Edgar Mack.



Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF by Susan Good

Yes, we are called to love others, but you cannot stop there – we are to love others in the same way we love ourselves. Loving our neighbour will not always be easy because our neighbours are imperfect people, as are we.

God is the connector that loves through us.

We love because He has first loved us.

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1. 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**

2. MICAH'S THEME *Sr Anne Kelly IBVM*
Refrain: Hear what the Lord God asks of you
To live justly, To love tenderly
And to walk humbly with your God.

1. I have come that you may have life
And have it to the full. **R**
2. Ask and you shall receive
Knock and it shall be yours. **R**
3. Father, your Kingdom come
May your will be done. **R**

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. COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY *Carey Landry*

Refrain: We are companions on the journey,
breaking bread and sharing life; and in the love we
bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love
of our God, we believe in the love of our God.

1. No longer strangers to each other, no longer
strangers in God's house; we are fed and we are
nourished by the strength of those who care, by the
strength of those who care. **R**
2. We have been gifted with each other, and we are
called by the Word of the Lord: to act with justice, to
love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God, to walk
humbly with our God. **R**



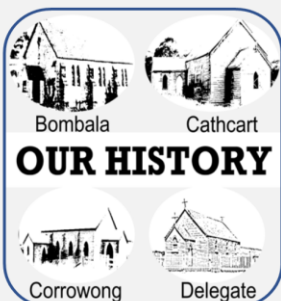
We want this Church to be here for
our kids and grandkids and their kids
thereafter.



A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding... Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace... Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt....

**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.**

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 1954-1972. 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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 February 2023

First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The

Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-lessness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

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