



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A 2 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.



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.

In this Holy Week let us fully immerse ourselves in the wonder and glory of the feast days, from Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his agony and finally joyful resurrection.

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

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



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

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



PALM SUNDAY ENTERING HOLY WEEK

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



PARISH CALENDAR

HOLY WEEK



Wed: School Easter Mass & Awards
Bombala 9.30am

Thu: Holy Thursday

Lenten Program

Delegate 1.30pm

Mass Bombala 6pm

Fri: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Bombala 9.30am Leader

Delegate 12 noon Leader

Sat: Easter Saturday Vigil

LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Sun: Easter Sunday

Mass Nimmitabel 8am

Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Dina Bowe, Wilf Giles

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 cannot forget that there is a dear good God watching over us. (3.4.1871)

Have courage, trust in God, St Joseph and our Blessed Mother, and you need have no fear. (4.4.1905)

There where you are, you will find God. (5.4.1871)

Sisters return to Queensland: to Clermont in the Rockhampton diocese at the request of Bishop Higgins. 7.4.1900



The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Matthew 21



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

A fire in people's hearts

It's the Gospel stories underpinned by God's fathomless love that inspire great acts of compassion, love and charity.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for journalists who risk retribution for their reporting, that they will be courageous in their determination to bring the truth to light.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for Caritas Australia's partners in Vietnam, that their work of empowering people with disabilities will grow through our generous support for Project Compassion.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: United with Christ, in this Holy Week, we call out to God for harmony, reconciliation and healing of the world's wounds:

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they be inspired by the example of the Suffering Servant in their mission to call Christians to a sense of service to others. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for Project Compassion and the work of Caritas. May our contributions help to lighten the load of communities struggling to make their way in the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For believers and non-believers everywhere, and for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world, that the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ may lead us to the joy of rising again. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for our faith community as we journey with Jesus through his passion and death. May we all come to a deeper understanding and acceptance of what this means to us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick and the suffering, the elderly and infirm, that they will experience the healing touch of Christ. 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 of mercy and compassion, speak to those whose needs we entrust to you today. We pray this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever. **Amen**



Pope urges renewed consecration of Ukraine and Russia to Mary

A year after he consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pope Francis urges believers to never tire of "consecrating the cause of peace to the Queen of Peace." Speaking during his weekly General Audience in St Peter's Square recently, Pope Francis urged believers to renew the consecration of humanity - especially Russia and Ukraine - to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Father's appeal came almost a year after he first prayed the Act of Consecration, at the annual "24 Hours for the Lord" Lenten penitential service in the Vatican on the 25 March 2022.

"AN ACT OF COMPLETE TRUST"

Pope Francis' initial consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Mary's Immaculate Heart was a response, he said, to the war between the two countries. "This is no magic formula," he explained at the time, "but a spiritual act. It is an act of complete trust on the part of children who, amid the tribulation of this cruel and senseless war that threatens our world, turn to their Mother, reposing all their fears and pain in her heart and abandoning themselves to her." *Source: Vatican News*



Message from Our Lady, Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

"DEAR CHILDREN,
DEAR CHILDREN! MAY THIS TIME BE A TIME OF PRAYER FOR YOU. I AM CALLING YOU, THROUGH PRAYER AND MERCY, TO COME TO KNOW MY SON ALL THE BETTER; TO LEARN TO LISTEN WITH A PURE AND OPEN HEART; TO LISTEN TO WHAT MY SON IS SAYING TO YOU IN ORDER TO COME TO SEE SPIRITUALLY. THAT, AS ONE PEOPLE OF GOD IN COMMUNION WITH MY SON, YOU MAY BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH WITH YOUR LIFE. PRAY, MY CHILDREN, THAT, TOGETHER WITH MY SON, YOU CAN BRING ONLY PEACE, JOY AND LOVE TO ALL YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I AM WITH YOU AND AM BLESSING YOU WITH A MOTHERLY BLESSING." (MARCH 2023)



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

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1. Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *Ignace Franz*

1. Holy God, we praise thy name.
 God of all, we bow before thee.
 All on earth your scepter claim;
 all in heav'n above adore thee.
 Infinite thy vast domain,
 everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
 angel choirs above are raising.
 Cherubim and seraphim,
 in unceasing chorus praising,
 fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord.

2. My People *Frank Andersen*

Refrain: My people... my people! What have I done to you? or in what way have I offended you?
Answer me: answer me!

1. I led you safely out of Egypt.
 I led you safely through the sea.
 I led you safely into freedom,
 but you have nailed Me to a tree. **R**

2. I opened up the sea before you.
 I opened up this Promised land.
 I opened up my arms to hold you,
 but you have nailed them to a tree. **R**

3. Jesus, Remember Me *Jacques Berthier*

Jesus, remember me
 when you come into your kingdom.
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 when you come into your kingdom.

4. Glory And Praise *Dan Schutte*

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessing he bears to those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings. **R**

2. In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. **R**

3. God has watered our barren land and spent his merciful rain. Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink. **R**

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

We praise you, O God,
 for your redemption of the world through your Son.
 He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
 and was proclaimed Messiah and king
 by those who spread garments and
 branches along his way.
 Just as we carry these branches,
 may we follow Christ in the way of the cross that,
 dying and rising with him,
 we may enter into your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
 with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen. *Source:columban.org*

Looking Back 71 Years - March 1952 Catholic Tennis Courts for Delegate

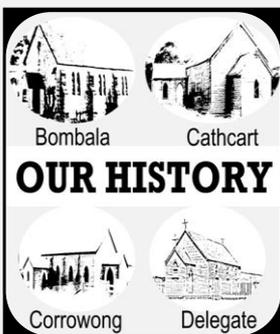
A start has been made on the new tennis courts for the recently formed Catholic Club at Delegate. At a general meeting the following committee was elected: President: Jack Cotterill, Secretary: Rita Thornton, Treasurer: Father Bartley, Members: Thomas Wolfe, John Crotty and Madge Wolfe. It was decided to prepare two courts and to do as much as possible by volunteer labour. Already 10 pound is in hand given by Tom Walker last year, and the fence posts have been promised by Kitch Cottrell and Tom Wolfe. Jack Cotterill has broken the ground with a rotary hoe, donating this labour. The next step is for the grader to commence levelling. Intending members can start tightening up the loose strings in those racquets. The courts will face Stewart Street opposite the school.



A bank robber pulls out a gun and points it at the teller, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!" The puzzled teller replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'" The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

**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 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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2 April 2023

Gospel Mt 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.'

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel shorter form Mt 27:11-54

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stared there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some weeping women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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