



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN Third Sunday of Lent, Year C 20 March 2022**



*"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." Parish Vision Statement, 2004*



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



**Popes Intention**  
For a Christian response to  
bioethical challenges.

**We pray** for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**We pray** for peace in our world, especially for the people of Ukraine.

**We pray** for Lily Sato (teacher St Joey's School) and Troy Jamieson who are to be married on 26 March at Eden. May God Bless and care for them.

**We pray** for the sick in our community, and others who we have been asked to pray for, especially Jack Ventry who has commenced treatment in Canberra.

**We pray** for our deceased relatives and friends that they are in the place which Jesus prepared for them.

**We pray**, especially, for our health services in our local area that the situation may be resolved satisfactorily.

**For the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:**

Jack Ventry, Audrey Day,  
Nola White, Therese Rump,  
Judy Periera, Michael Platts,  
Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale,  
Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill,  
Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker,  
Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield,  
Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

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*Please assist the team by having items  
in by Wednesday pm. Items may come  
in by phone, note or email.*



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:**

**Tue:**

**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30am

**Thu:**

**Fri:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**Sat:** LW&HC Delegate 6pm

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



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Chris Philbrick, Heather Jones,  
Fr Laurie Blake,  
Fr Henry Byrne, Jenny Hobson.

### March Anniversaries

June Beileiter, Lorna Callaway,  
Patricia Casey, Una Collins,  
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell,  
Mark Gaunson, Terrence Ingram,  
John Jones, Marion Lister,  
Anne Maslin, Ruth McKay,  
Sam Monk, Neville Murphy,  
George Reed, Joan Ryan,  
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."***



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*The disciples ask Jesus  
"Where do you live?"  
He replies with an invitation  
"Come and see", so they tagged along.*

We are now in our  
2022 Lenten Season.

A time of Fasting and Abstinence.



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*Love one another, bear with one another and let charity guide you in all your life. 12.1.1909  
Try at least to excuse what you cannot understand. 21.5.1877  
God is merciful because He knows how weak we are. 21.5.1877  
Bear in mind that you have only to answer for your own faults. 21.5.1874*



**"If you want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it".**

**Mother Teresa - Saint Teresa of Calcutta**



**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.

**Weekly Prayer Intention**

We pray for the countless people displaced around the world by war, oppression or hunger, that nations of peace and prosperity will come to their aid.

**Daily Prayer Intention**

We pray for all who have lost loved ones, homes or livelihoods in the floods along Australia's east coast, that they will get the short and long-term support they need to recover.



**UKRAINE WAR:  
'IN THE NAME OF GOD STOP THIS MASSACRE'  
POPE'S MESSAGE TO VLADIMIR PUTIN**

Speaking to thousands of people in St Peter's Square for his Sunday blessing, the pontiff described Russian strikes on children's hospitals and civilians as "barbaric".

Pope Francis has called on Vladimir Putin to stop the "massacre" in Ukraine, warning cities risk being "reduced to cemeteries".

He said that "this unacceptable armed aggression" against Ukraine must stop.

Speaking to thousands of people in St Peter's Square for his Sunday blessing, the pontiff described Russian strikes on children's hospitals and civilians as "barbaric" and said they have no "valid strategic reason".

He said Mariupol - the southern Ukrainian city which "bears the name" of the Virgin Mary - had "become a city martyred by the heartbreaking war".

"In the name of God, I ask: 'Stop this massacre.'"

He prayed for an end of the bombings and other attacks and for ensuring that humanitarian corridors "are safe and secure".

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**LEADER:** As Lent draws us more deeply into the mystery of Christ with us, let our hearts embrace the needs of the Church and the world in our prayers.

**READER:** For the Church, may we all take Lent seriously as our God-given opportunity to renew our commitment to living the Christ life.

We pray to the Lord.

For our sisters and brothers around the world experiencing extreme poverty and injustice: For our near neighbours that our gifts will support the education of leaders who can foster and sustain peace and harmony in local communities; We pray to the Lord.

For the sick and those who are dying; may they know the consolation of your healing presence.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died, especially Chris Philbrick, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they know eternal love and peace. We pray to the Lord.

For our own intentions..... We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for peace and for the people of Ukraine. **We pray...Hail Mary.....**

**LEADER:** In these and all our prayers, we thank you, our God, for the goodness you have shown us through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**Looking Back - June 1953**

**Around the Parish - Children of Mary, Bombala**

The following only are members of the Sodality of Our Lady in Bombala

Joan Dunn - President

Betty Healey - Secretary

Pauline Williams - Treasurer

Moira Rayner, Portia Trad, Thelma Stewart, Pattie Stewart, Betty Ferry, Nola Williams, Claudette Elliott & Del Crotty.

Marj. Trad and Eileen Rayner (temporary absent).

Aspirants: Val Brownlie, Ann Bedingfield & Nola Helmers.



**Free Advice** - A doctor and a lawyer are talking at a party. Their conversation is constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice. After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asks the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?"

"I give it to them," replies the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill."

The doctor is shocked but agrees to give it a try. The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepares the bills. When he goes to place them in his mailbox, he finds a bill from the lawyer.

**1. Come as You Are** *Sr Diedre Brown IBVM*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you  
Come as you are, feel quite at home  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven  
Come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits  
No need to fear, love never ends  
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened  
Rest in my love, trust me again

**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. A New Heart for a New** *Trish Watts/Monica O'Brien*

**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.

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



**NEWS FROM  
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

**Caritas K's: Kilometres for Compassion**

Fundraising Target \$500.00

Caritas Ks provides an opportunity for the St Joseph's school community to reflect on the things we can so easily take for granted in a country such as Australia and make a difference to the lives of many people in need around the world.

**When:** Wednesday 6th April

**Where:** Bombala River Track (Gunnago Park end)

**Time:** 11 am

**Who:** K-6 & the St Joseph's school community (parents, grandparents, friends, parishioners)

You can use the link below to donate and sponsor our walkers.

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/t/st-joe-y-team>

**The School Counsellor** has been giving tips and hints on how to Talk to kids about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. One tip is 'to let the children know that they're safe and the conflict is happening far away (perhaps show them where Ukraine is in relation to Australia on a map). Also acknowledge sadness for those who are being directly affected and suggest finding out ways to help.

**A Mini-Vinnies workshop** will be held on Wednesday 23rd March.

**Easter Raffle:** The School Community Council will be having an Easter Raffle and tickets should be available soon.



**"Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home."  
Pope Francis**

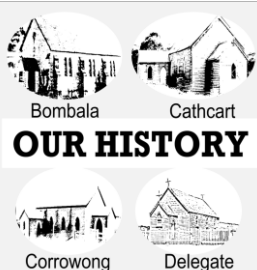
We pray for all those who live with disability, especially those who are stigmatized in any way. May we do all we can to support their flourishing as truly equal participants in the human family.  
Laudato Si

Your generous support can help to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people. Join us this Lent to raise much-needed funds for people living in poverty.

Together, we can make a difference now, and for all future generations.



**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 came 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 St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have provided continuous ministry for 134 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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**Third Sunday of Lent, Year C**

**20 March 2022**

## First Reading Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

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

**Repent, says the Lord;**

**the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

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

## Gospel Lk 13:1-9

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything they did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now,

but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished

so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by:

watering us with the waters of baptism;

pruning us, especially during Lent;

nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.