



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN PALM SUNDAY, YEAR B, 24 MARCH 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 MARCH

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



We pray for all victims of betrayal, imprisonment, torture and execution, that the injustice of their suffering will summon the world to repentance and conversion.

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 gathered here to celebrate this Liturgy, that we may keep Holy Week well and so be drawn more deeply into the saving mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection.



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, Barry Reed, Jane Nash, Val Perkins, Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurlley, John & Anna Vincent, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu: Lenten Program Delegate 1.30pm

Holy Thursday
Mass Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 7pm

Fri: **Good Friday**
Stations of the Cross
Bombala 9.30am
Delegate 12 noon

Holy Saturday
Sat: Vigil Mass Bombala 6pm
Vigil LW&HC Delegate 6pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Keith Brownlie, Lawrence Tighe
Archbishop Francis Carroll

March Anniversaries

June Beileiter
Lorna Callaway, Patricia Casey
Una Collins, John Coman
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell
Murray Garnock, Terrence Ingram
John Jones, Ruth McKay
Neville Murphy, George Reed
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."



Mother Teresa, when interviewed on TV was asked about how she'd handle the accolades that came with winning the Nobel Peace prize: "Do you think, for one moment, that that little donkey on Palm Sunday thought the crowd was giving him the praise and glory instead of Jesus?"



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



God's love for us is best shown in times of aridity. (25.3.1870)
May God bless and strengthen you. Confide all to God.
See how God carries us through the storms. (27.3.1872)
God's presence seems to follow me everywhere and makes everything
I do or wish to do a prayer. (28.3.1870)



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. An exceptionally 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 is the Gospel stories underpinned by God’s fathomless love that inspire great acts of compassion, love and charity.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who are engaged in negotiations for peace in places of war, that their patient persistence will bring an end to bloodshed and open the way to a just future.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for God’s faithful people, that in company with Jesus they will be as grains of wheat that die and yield a rich harvest of life.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus chose the way of the cross, not the path of glory, that he might lead us to life. Let us pray for the whole of creation to become fully alive in him.

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 the whole human family, that the example of Jesus’ non-violence will call everyone to work untiringly for peace and reconciliation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Christian communities around the world, that this week’s solemn celebrations of the paschal mystery will reinvigorate their faith and discipleship. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For donors to Project Compassion, that our support for the work of Caritas Australia and its partners will not be confined to Lent but will continue throughout the year. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community, that these days of Holy Week will inspire us to follow ever more closely in the footsteps of Jesus, our way, our truth and our life. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for those who care for them. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their faith be rewarded now in the fullness of Christ’s new creation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Holy God and Father of Jesus, you sent your Son among us to break the bonds of sin and death. Give us the courage to follow him always. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

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 nonviolent 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 wailing 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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1. 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**

2. My People *Frank Andersen*

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.
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.
3. I raised you to the heights of glory.
I raised your head and held you high.
I raised a vine that would be fruitful,
but you have raised Me up to die.



Palm Sunday: 24 March

Berridale: Vigil Mass Saturday 3.30pm
Jindabyne: Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm
Nimmitabel: Vigil LW&HC Saturday 5pm
Delegate: Vigil LW&HC Saturday 6pm
Bombala: LW&HC Sunday 9am
Cooma: Mass Sunday 10am
Numeralla: Mass Sunday 5pm

Holy Thursday: 28 March

Delegate: Mass 5pm
Cooma: Mass 6pm
Bombala: Mass 7pm

Good Friday: 29 March

Stations of the Cross

Bombala: 9.30am (Leader)
Cooma: 10am
Jindabyne: 10am (Leader)
Berridale: 10am (Leader)
Delegate: 12 noon (Leader)
Nimmitabel: 12 noon (Leader)

Passion

Cooma: 3pm
Jindabyne: 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 30 March

Bombala: Mass 6pm
Cooma: Mass 6pm
Delegate: LW&HC 6pm
Nimmitabel: LW&HC 6pm

Easter Sunday: 31 March

Adaminaby: Mass 8am
Berridale: Mass 8am
Cooma: Mass 10am
Jindabyne: Mass 10am



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. **Ronita** from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies. **Leaia** and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions. **Memory** completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community. It is through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

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



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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24 March 2024

Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

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 Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus

to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'