



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 27 FEBRUARY 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

We pray for Religious sisters and Consecrated women

We pray for these women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

We pray for PEACE in our World, especially in the Middle East and Russia/Ukraine.

We pray for those in our community who are quite unwell and others who we have been asked to pray for, especially 8-year-old Audrey Day and also for those afflicted with Coronavirus.

We pray for our deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed, may our prayers accompany them to the place that Jesus has prepared for them

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

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Audrey Day, Mike Spence, Nola White, Therese Rumph, 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: Ash Wednesday- see below

Thu:

Fri: Autumn Ember Day
Day of Prayer & Penance

Sat: Mass Delegate 6pm

Sun: Mass Bombala 8am
Mass Nimmitabel 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Heather Jones, Fr Laurie Blake,
Fr Henry Byrne,
Jimmy Peck, George Cotterill,
Peter Woelfle, Les Hite,
Jenny Hobson, John Verrell,
Sr Janet Mead rsm, Sue Robinson.

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear,
Ron Cowell, Jak Cuttle,
Penny Hassall, Brian Lock,
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir,
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes,
Daphne Smith, Sheila White.

***“We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death.”***

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*“The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns: in it I have always found comfort.”
St John Paul II*



**2022
Lenten Season
begins on
Ash Wednesday,
2nd March 2022**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Mass Bombala 9.30am
School Mass
Mass Delegate Midday
Day of Fast and Abstinence



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



*Find happiness in making others happy.
God loves courageous souls. 14.12.1890
To lack courage shows want of confidence in God and weak faith. 14.12.1890
Let us be entirely God's 14.12.1890*

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.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

The joy of social justice.

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

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all mediators and ambassadors of peace, that their work for reconciliation and mutual understanding will make the world a safer place.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for our threatened planet. May the whole human family agree to repair the harm our abuse of the earth has caused.

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 NSW & ACT Parishes

Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions by NSW and ACT Governments

1. Density Limits are terminated:
 - a. Please ensure all pews in Churches are now available.
 - b. Please ensure all signage on floors, indicating social distancing, is removed.
2. Check-In is terminated.
3. Masks are no longer mandatory for liturgical and parochial gatherings (beginning Friday 25 February 2022).
4. Masks are still required for hospital visitation, aged care visitation, home visitation to the sick, and some school settings (check with primary and high schools).
5. Choirs and singing recommence.
6. Reception of Holy Communion:
 - a. Sacred Host only, not the Precious Blood (to be reviewed in the coming months after feedback is received).
 - b. Communion in the hand and on the tongue (re-instated).
7. Holy Water fonts can be used.

Note: Masks can be burned and ashes used for Ash Wednesday!

Vicar General
23 February 2022

EMBER DAYS:

Friday, 4th March is a day of Prayer and Penance. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn and Spring (March & September) each year as special days of prayer and penance. Ember days seek God's blessing of favourable weather and a fruitful harvest from the land, interceding in times of drought or flood and giving thanks in better times. There is a strong impulse on these days towards the justice of God's kingdom, with attention given to those peoples who are devastated by famine and exploitation.

Prayer of the Faithful

LEADER: We have heard our Master teaching us about the state of the human heart. Let the words of our prayers together flow from what fills our hearts - sincerity and goodness.

READER: For the Church as she brings forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit. **We pray to the Lord.**

For world leaders: that all who govern tend to the needs of the poor and to PEACE. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray especially for Peace in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. **We pray to the Lord.**

For unity among Christians: that we may recognise our unity in Christ and break down the barriers that divide us. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for all in special need, for those sick in heart or mind or spirit, especially those afflicted by Covid. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for our health services, that the problems may be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned and all appropriate services retained. **We pray to the Lord.**

For Our Lady's intercession for our special intentions **We pray...Hail Mary...**

LEADER: Loving God, your Son Jesus established a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Help us to live according to his teaching, for he is Lord, forever and ever. **AMEN**



PROJECT COMPASSION boxes should be on your seats. There are also envelopes for a weekly contribution. These will be in the Church porches.

PAUSE FOR PEACE

Women are symbols of love. Mothers embody love and compassion. Sometimes I observe that if countries had more women leaders, we'd have a more peaceful world.

.....Dalai Lama



THE LORD TRIED!

A church was flooded out and as the preacher stood on the pews, parishioners came by in a boat. "No thanks" the preacher said, "I'll put my faith in the Lord." As waters rose, the preacher climbed on the roof of the church. When the boat passed by again the preacher said, "No thanks, I'll put my faith in the Lord." The waters rose and as the preacher clung to the steeple he refused a helicopter stating, "No thanks, I'll put my faith in the Lord." The preacher drowned and when he met the Lord he said, "Lord why did you forsake me?" The Lord said, "What are you talking about? I sent you two boats and a helicopter"!!!

1. Strong and Constant

Frank Andersen

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

2. Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

2. A New Heart for a New World

Trisha 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.

Remembering Sister Janet Mead rsm

Sister Janet Mead has been remembered as a much-loved musician, educator and Sister of Mercy who impacted the lives of many and was an advocate for the voiceless.

Sr Janet, 84, died peacefully at home on the morning of January 26, 17 years to the day that she became the first woman to be named South Australian of the Year. Recognised for her social justice work, she was actively involved in anti-war protests, support for refugees and First Nations people, and fundraising for those in need locally and overseas.

We recall the success of her rock version of "The Lord's Prayer" and her decision to shun the limelight and donate the proceeds of her chart-topping hit to charity. She was nominated for a Grammy in 1974 for best inspirational performance, but lost to Elvis Presley, who won the Grammy for his version of "How Great Thou Art."

The leader of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea, Sr Eveline Crotty, said Sr Janet was a "well-loved Sister of Mercy" and "loved by the many pupils taught by her".

A local relative of Sr Janet is Colin Tighe, husband of St Joey's School Principal Susan. It was lovely to hear that the Romero Community, with whom Sr Janet lived with in Adelaide, appreciated that our Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish has remembered her in our prayers and for the tributes to her music played at Mass in Delegate.



**NEWS FROM
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

The 2022 Year 6 Leaders were inducted into their roles at Mass last Wednesday week.

School Captains: Ashton Hurley & Mia Stone

Sports Leaders: Aspen Cameron & Scarlett Heward

Prefect Team: Oliver Bruce, Sarah Campbell, Molly McGuinness, Karina Perkins.

SENIOR SWIMMING: We have a group of students who have qualified for the Narooma Southern Region Carnival. We wish our swimmers all the very best at this next level of competition.

PANCAKE DAY: Tuesday is Pancake (shrove) Tuesday and students are asked to bring a Gold Coin for Project Compassion to enjoy a delicious pancake.

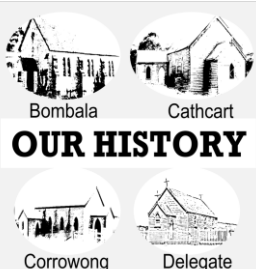
Delegate Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross have been moved to the school centre so as the rear of the frames can be replaced with new materials. Thank you to all those involved in these repairs. These beautiful pictures are now 80 years old and were donated in 1942. A plaque at the front of the church lists the benefactors as follows –

1. VH & Mrs Clear & Family
2. Mrs J Manning & Trixie
3. George & Mrs Alam & Family
4. TG & Mrs Wolfe
5. EM & Mrs Thornton & Family in Memory of Morgan & Lucy Thornton
6. WJ & Mrs Ingram
7. Ellen Deaney in Memory of Neal and Margaret Deaney
8. Delegate Convent School Children in Memory of Fr John McCusker Diocesan Inspector of Schools
9. Ron & Mrs Stewart & Family
10. Campbell Family in Memory of their Parents
11. JJ & Mrs Morrison & Family
12. Thomas & Mrs Wolfe & Madge
13. Mick & Mrs Smith & Family
14. HJ & Mrs Walker & Family



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 Baragy 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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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 February 2022

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

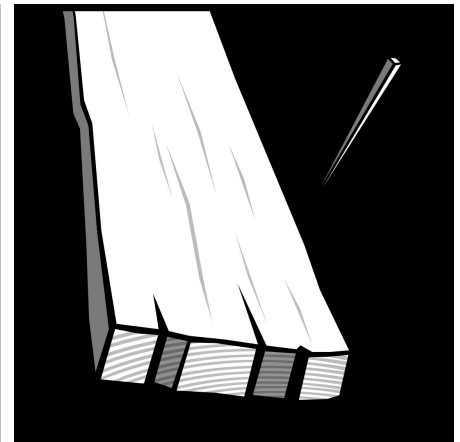
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts our vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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