



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A, 30 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.

World Day of PRAYER for Vocations

“Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say ‘yes’ to God.” ~ Pope Francis



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.

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

We pray for all in our community of Bombala-Delegate who are suffering or lonely, and for those who care for them.

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



We pray that the Risen Christ may heal the sick and comfort all who are afflicted in any way, particularly in our own families and parish:

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“Vocations aren’t the result of planning, but an encounter with God that changes your life.”



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint Joseph the Worker
Tue: Saint Athanasius
Wed: Saints Phillip & James
Mass Bombala 9.30am
Sat: Mass Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sat. Vigil Mass & LW&HC Time Change

Commencing 1 May -
all 6pm Saturday
Vigil Mass and
LW&HC will move to
5pm at all centres in
the Monaro Mission.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Lisa Godfrey

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



Lean upon God. (25.4.1873)

I can only say I am most happy. I have my little annoyances and humiliations, it is true, but these only make me more happy. (26.4.1873)

Hoping that you will be happy and full of courage (27.4.1875)

Birth of Donald MacKillop, Mary’s brother, 27.4.1853.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: No prayer goes unheeded, no tear unnoticed. We ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to bring our prayers of petition to our heavenly Father.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops and priests of the Church. May they be strengthened and enlightened to care for their flock as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has showed them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that today's generation of young people may be inspired to reach out and serve God's people. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for all who have responded to the Lord's call, whether married, single, ordained to the priesthood or in religious life. May they grow in the grace of their vocations. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for our faith community. May we always be ready to hold out a helping hand to those in need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at his time. May they share the fullness of God's life promised by the Good Shepherd, who leads them home. 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: O God, our Good Shepherd, we fear no evil, for you are at our side. Hear our prayers for those who seek your justice and healing, through Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

READINGS

FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: THE 1ST LETTER OF ST PETER

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

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1. Come To The Water Fr Frank Andersen MSC
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**

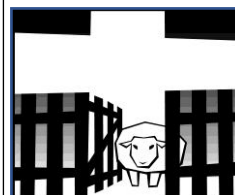
2. Renewal Song Fr Frank Andersen MSC

Refrain: Father I thank you for your goodness. You show yourself to children. And in my life I see you leading me Into my childhood once again.

1. Under the shadow of your guiding hand, I walk the journey of my life. Across the years I see you leading me; And I am young again. **R**

2. I feel the waters of your life in me; They come from deep within my heart. Into your peacefulness you're calling me. And I am born again. **R**

3. Beside your waters I am growing still. Your spirit rises in my heart. Renewing every fibre of my life; And I am strong again. **R**



REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture.

Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'. In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force. Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem. So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence. In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'. We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly. Alleluia!

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