



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## Parish Bulletin Second Sunday of Lent Year A 5 March 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 MARCH For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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 your healing presence with all who are in trouble or distress especially those impacted by natural disasters and personal tragedies.



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Val Perkins, Samantha Deans, Anna Vincent, 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

#### Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program

Every Thursday at 1.30pm

At alternate venues including  
St Joseph's School Centre & St Philips Op Shop  
All are most welcome

Further info from Lorraine on 0427 781 756



*Carry Your Cross Through Lent*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour".  
*Elizabeth II*



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Tue: Saints Perpetua & Felicity**

**Wed: Saint John of God**

Mass Bombala 9.30am

**Thu: Saint Frances of Rome**

Lenten Program

Delegate 1.30pm

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

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



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Tony Brady, Kevin Crotty  
Kathy Fitness

#### March Anniversaries

Lorna Callaway, Patricia Casey  
Una Collins, John Coman  
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell  
Murray Garnock, Terrence Ingram  
John Jones, Ruth McKay  
Anne Moreing, Neville Murphy  
Chris Philbrick, George Reed  
Enid Stewart, Thelma Stewart  
Andre Teschke, Rita Thornton  
Myra Walker



"We have loved them in Life:  
Let us not forget them in death."



Envelopes are now available at both  
Bombala & Delegate churches.

Quotes and Thoughts  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE CROSS  
**MACKILLOP**



Let St Joseph's true children remember their mission and seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard. (6.3.1900)

Be faithful in the least as well as in the greatest. (3.3.1873)

When we remember all God has done for us, we simply cannot but turn gratefully to St Joseph and thank him for such marks of his watchful care. (11.3.1901)

Let us do the will of God, the beautiful, wise will of God. (5.3.1870)



## THE MONTH OF MARCH - DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

During his life on earth, St Joseph stayed in the background and served Mary and Jesus as their protector and provider. Aside from the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, little is known about St Joseph except that he was a carpenter/craftsman. Scholars say St Joseph probably died between the years of Jesus being found in the Temple and the start of his public ministry. While devotion to Mary flourished in the early Church, devotion to St Joseph did not really develop until the 17th and 18th centuries when religious congregations helped promote St Joseph as a patron and intercessor. *Schools and convents in Adaminaby, Bombala, Delegate & Nimmitabel, along with the church and presbytery at Delegate and the church at Berridale, were all dedicated to St Joseph.*



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### *From the ashes*

Ashes are a powerful symbol of humility and loss, but they do not hold the last word as we journey to the glory of Easter.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for the staff and volunteers of humanitarian agencies, that they will bring help and inspire hope wherever people are in crisis.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the flowering of a new humanity. May all members of the human family grow in the grace and wisdom of God.



### Prayer of the Faithful

*Response: (R)*  
*Lord, hear our prayer*



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Loving God, at the beginning of this Holy Season may we embrace the fullness of our life in Christ Jesus and pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

**READER:** For Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May Christians understand and put into practice the message of mercy they proclaim. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community. May our Lenten practices and works for Project Compassion be the living witness of our commitment to live by the Gospel. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For social advocates and those working for social justice, who risk imprisonment and harm for their efforts on behalf of the oppressed. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We commend to your love those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they now be in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

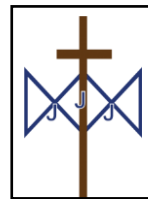
For a deeper awareness of life's goal: that we may allow God to change and transform us day by day so that we may come to the fullness of life with God in eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those devastated by family tragedies. Bring them consolation and comfort. 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:** Loving God may we come to know you through your Son Jesus Christ, who is the way the truth and the life. We make this prayer through Jesus or Lord. **Amen**

### Goodbye Gippsland



22 Sisters of St Joseph including Victoria-Tasmanian Regional Leader, Sr Sue McGuinness, made their way to St Joseph's in Warragul in late January for a farewell from the Diocese of Sale in Gippsland.

After 120 years of faithful, loving service, the sisters were farewelled from the Diocese, following Sr Madeleine White's move from Orbost (founded 1923) to Melbourne at the end of 2022, which marked the end of the Josephite presence in Gippsland. Bishop Greg Bennet has spoken fondly of the Sisters of St Joseph and thanked them for the many years of service. He particularly noted the support and friendship provided to the priests of the diocese in 16 towns which included Heyfield, Lakes Entrance, Maffra, Omeo and Orbost. Some of the towns were also remote and isolated.

The day was a great celebration and, although sad, it reminded all of the pioneering work of the Sisters of St Joseph and as Bishop Greg noted in his homily, Mary MacKillop's tomb reminds us that 'Remember, we are but travellers here'.



### Message from Our Lady, Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

Dear children!

Keep converting and clothe yourselves in penitential garments and in personal, deep prayer; and in humility, seek peace from the Most High. In this time of grace, Satan wants to seduce you; but you, little children, keep looking at my Son and follow Him towards Calvary in renunciation and fasting. I am with you because the Most High permits me to love you and lead you towards the joy of the heart, in faith which grows for all those who love God above all. Thank you for having responded to my call." (February 25, 2023)



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

## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

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

### 3. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.  
The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.  
This love can never be measured.  
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in God.
2. Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.  
The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.  
Whose love can never grow weary.  
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in God.

### 2. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of  
thirst, You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know  
the way, You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand, You shall see the face of God and  
live. **R**

**Refrain:** *Be not afraid, I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest*

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, You shall not  
drown, If you walk amid the burning flames, You shall not be  
harmed, If you stand before the power of hell, And death is at  
your side, Know that I am with you through it all. **R**

### 4. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see. **R**  
**Refrain:** *Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **R**

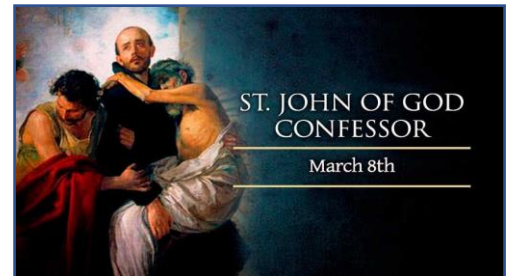
**As the Parish of Bombala-Delegate  
we acknowledge that we walk upon the  
traditional lands of First Nations peoples.  
We pay our respects to them and recognise  
the continuing gift of their culture  
to the life and spirit of Australia.**



*I asked Maud how she lost her husband. She told me her sad story. "Well, he needed a blood transfusion, but his blood type was not on record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was, as they urgently needed to know, in order to save my Norman's life. Tragically, I've never known his blood type, so I only had time to sit and say goodbye. I'll never forget how supportive my Norman was. Even as he was fading away, he kept on whispering to me, "Be positive, be positive!" That was my Norman! Always thinking of others."*

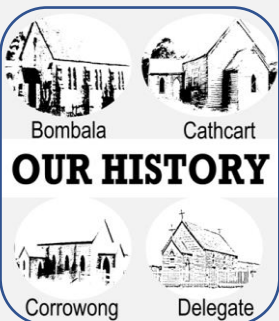
### Saint John of God is the Patron Saint of:

*Booksellers  
Firefighters  
Heart Patients  
Hospitals  
Nurses  
Printers  
Sick*



The utter humility of **St John of God**, which led to a totally selfless dedication to others, is most impressive. Here is a man who realised his nothingness in the face of God. The Lord blessed him with the gifts of prudence, patience, courage, enthusiasm, and the ability to influence and inspire others. He saw that in his early life he had turned away from the Lord, and, moved to receive his mercy, John began his new commitment to love others in openness to God's love.

### 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 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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**Second Sunday of Lent, Year A**

**5 March 2023**

## First Reading Gn 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:**

**this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel Mt 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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