



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A, 7 May 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 MAY

**For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

*Pope Francis' prayer intention for May is a reminder that our lives are a continual journey of finding, losing, and rediscovering God's call to us.*

**We pray** for our community rejoicing in our Easter life. We thank you for the gift of Easter. Enable each of us to blossom to our unique fullness in you.

**We pray** for all people living with a disability around the world, may they receive support and care to allow them to become independent.

**We pray** for all who have devoted their lives to the work of peace, that with God's help they will hasten the end of bloodshed in every theatre of war.



**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, 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



"There is no key to happiness, the door is always open."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Wed:** Saint John De Avila  
Mass Bombala 9.30am  
**Fri:** Saints Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras  
**Sat:** Our Lady of Fatima  
LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am

#### Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima



O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### May Anniversaries

Sr Dominica Bampton  
Kay Bedingfield, Kitch Cottrell  
Ena Crawford, Ted Crawford  
Mae Elliott, Harold Farrell  
Sr Bede Hintz, Winnie Ingram  
Don Knight, Betty Lomas  
Sr Irene McCormack  
Paul Peisley, Peter Perkins  
Kay Reed, Mary Smith  
Oscar Thompson  
Melrose Thornton, Daryl White



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

Quotes and Thoughts

**SAINT MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



God's will and glory and in these, the good of our Australian children, is alone what we seek. (4.5.1873)

When I want something very much I thank God beforehand for I feel God will certainly grant what He has been thanked for. (3.5.1874)

Keep young as long as you can. (3.5.1874)

*Father Woods draws up the first simple Josephite Rule. 1867*

## MAY – MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother."



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### *Be kind to yourself*

We need to cease highlighting our flaws and understand that God's love makes us perfect.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for King Charles, that he will serve the peoples for whom he is Sovereign with integrity, wisdom and courage.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who suffer discrimination and danger for the practice of their faith, that they will stay true to their sincere beliefs.



### Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** We are Jesus' disciples if we have love for one another, a love that embraces the entire world. We open our hearts in prayer for those most in need of God's healing, justice and peace.

**READER:** For Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they be full of love and compassion as they minister in your name. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our own parish community, that each of us will reflect the love of Christ by the way we live our lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For nurses around the world, that this week's International Nurses' Day (12 May) will deepen our appreciation of their knowledge, skill, compassion and care. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community. May we never forget those less fortunate than ourselves. 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 and especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** God of Mercy, receive these petitions today. Bring your love to bear on all that is unloving and broken in our world. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### CELEBRATING 70, 75 AND 80 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

Sisters from across Australia gathered at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney recently to acknowledge and celebrate their Tanzanite (80 years), Tourmaline (75 years) and Platinum (70 years) Jubilees. Seven of the Jubilarians from a group of 15 Sisters were able to gather where they were welcomed by Sisters of Saint Joseph Congregational Leader, Sr Monica Cavanagh, fellow Sisters, family and friends. The Most Reverend Terry Brady presided at the Mass and congratulated the Jubilarians on their vowed commitment. Now all aged over 90 years of age, this amazing group of Sisters shared and reflected on their significant years of service in so many ministries – education, social justice, parish pastoral care, religious leadership, and working with rural communities. Those Sisters who were not able to attend were remembered, particularly the Sisters from the profession groups now resting with God. "These Sisters have lived the spirit and charism entrusted to the Congregation by Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods. They have done it with commitment, generosity and faithfulness. We honour them for indeed God has done great things in them and it fills us with joy," said Sr Monica.

Amongst the group was Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan who resided at Nimmitabel for nine years, leaving in 2017. Sr Bernadette was a very active member of the Nimmitabel Community and was awarded a local Australia Day Award in 2017 for her contribution to the community. She devoted many hours researching and assisting the Delegate parishioners with their history booklet in 2015.



Sr Bernadette, 2nd from left in front row.

Source Mary MacKillop News April 2023

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.

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. Deep in the Spirit *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Refrain: If the Spirit of God lives in you...Sing to the Lord!  
Praise him for his goodness!  
Deep in the Spirit your song!(repeat)**

1. I will play for him... Joy filled is my song!  
My life is my melody! To him do I belong! **R**
2. Deep in Christ I live Faith in him my prayer!  
When my soul is torn and dry, faith to sense him there! **R**
3. Spirit in my heart... Sing for me my prayer!  
Deep within my heart I know you will always be there! **R**

## 3. Eucharist Song *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

This is My Body, take now and share!  
Deep in the memory of My own prayer.

This is My Blood, come drink and live!  
In all completeness this power I give.

You are My People, My chosen friends,  
Come share the Spirit My Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,  
My peaceful presence, gift of My heart!

## 2. Living Water *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Refrain: I will give you living water.  
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart.  
Grow deep within me...filled by my spirit;  
My burdens are easy; my life it is yours.**

1. We have been with the lonely...  
To the hungry we've given your bread...  
We now come with all our hopes and dreams  
To rest awhile with you. **R**
2. To the empty we've carried...  
Your word of hope and of life...  
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams  
'Til we live in you. **R**

## 4. The Fullness of God *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give.  
May your hidden self-grow strong and may you live,  
Strong in faith and built on love, until you know  
How high and long, how wide and deep,  
the fullness of God

2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve  
Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart  
What hope his call now holds for you,  
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,  
the fullness of God.

### Three Parishes Together - Mass/LWHC Schedule - From May 2023

WEEK	ADAMINABY	BERRIDALE	BOMBALA	COOMA	DELEGATE	JINDABYNE	NIMMITABEL	NUMERALLA
1	-	LWHC Sun 10am	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	
2	-	LWHC Sun 10am	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	LWHC Sun 5.30pm
3	-	Vigil Mass Sat 3.30pm	Mass Sun 10am	Mass Sun 10am	Mass Sun 8am	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	
4	-	LWHC Sun 10am	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 5.30pm
5	-	LWHC Sun 10am	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil LWHC Sat 5pm	Vigil Mass Sat 5pm	



Thank you for all your generosity with this year's Project Compassion. Could we please have all boxes/envelopes back by next weekend as we are required to send all funds off to the Archdiocese for forwarding to Project Compassion.

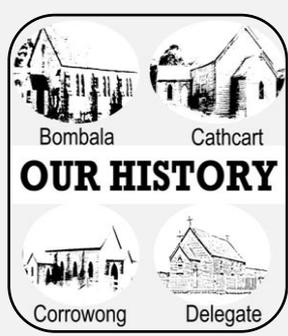
### COPIES OF ST MARY'S PARISH RECORD

**Does anybody have any copies of St Mary's Parish Record after May 1955?**

I have a bound copy of the parish record from April 1951 to May 1955 which was amongst the history items gathered for the Delegate Church Centenary. It is such a useful resource for the "Looking Back" items in the bulletin. I have an unbound front page only copy of the August 1956 edition, so I am unsure when it actually ceased being printed. Additionally, if anyone has any photos or newspaper clippings on the opening of the Delegate Presbytery in May 1957 that would be wonderful. Currently we are redoing the history display in the School Centre at Delegate in both visual and digital format. I am looking to just take copies of any of these items so if anyone can help could you please let me know on 0427 229 533 or email at joeydelegate@gmail.com or alternatively let Anna know. Much appreciated. *Greg Crotty*



### 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 1955-1973. 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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**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

**7 May 2023**

## First Reading Acts 6:1-7

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22**

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

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For 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.)
3. 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.)

## Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord;**

**no one comes to the Father, except  
through me.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 14:1-12

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

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