



PENTECOST SUNDAY



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR C, 8 JUNE 2025



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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion



Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

We pray for the church at large, that it be a loving home where all ‘the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties’ of humankind are welcomed and shared.

We pray all who dwell in this great land of the Holy Spirit, Australia, that they will gladly work together for the sake of peace, justice and the common good.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.



We pray for all those in our community who are unwell. May they find strength, comfort, and healing, and may they recognise the loving presence of Christ beside them in their time of need.

Clive Cottrell, Bernie Crotty, John & Margaret Liston, Roma Brownlie, Jenny & Ron Chaplin, John Caldwell, Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley, Noah Ingram, Barbara Brownlie, Sr Margaret Maloney, Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.

PARISH CALENDAR

- MON *Mary, Mother of the Church*
- TUE
- WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Mass Delegate MPS 11am
Saint Barnabas
- THU
- FRI *Saint Anthony of Padua*
- SAT **Mass Delegate 3pm**
Afternoon tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 5pm

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE



Recently Deceased

Rosie Jones (formerly Delegate)

June Anniversaries

- Sr Mary Agnes
- Shirley Baker, Jessie Bedingfield
- Eric Cuthel, Mark Ingram
- Wilga Ingram, Peter Kimber
- Terry Mulligan
- Moira Tindale
- Norma Toms
- Gordon Walker, Madge Walker



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

THANK YOU!

PARISH STREET STALL

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who cooked, volunteered, donated or lent a hand at yesterday's street stall. Your support and generosity are truly appreciated. More details to come in the next bulletin!



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Go on then, all of you, faithfully in your duties-go on, and pray for me. (10.6.1875)
Remember, there is, even on this earth, a day of bright reward for all your prayers and faithful perseverance. (5.6.1874)
Birth of Flora MacDonald, Mary's mother, 11.6.1816.



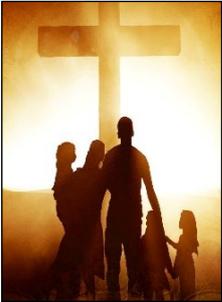
PENTECOST SUNDAY

On this Pentecost day of mission and in the face of increasingly divisive populism, it's worth remembering Francis's words in Fratelli tutti: 'The Church is a home with open doors, because she is a mother. And in imitation of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, we want to be a Church that serves, that leaves home and goes forth from its places of worship, goes forth from its sacristies, in order to accompany life, to sustain hope, to be the sign of unity . . . to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation'.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Serenity: Finding peace in God's presence, even amidst difficulties.

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness.



Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for families in this Jubilee Year of Hope, that they will be united lovingly across the generations from the new-born to the advanced in age.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the hungry and fearful in theatres of war, refugee camps and places of natural disaster, that the world community will respond humanely and generously to their needs.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, stirred by the fire and love of the Holy Spirit, let us pray together for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER: For the world-wide Christian family, that all who walk in the way of Christ will spread the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth. **(R)**

For all who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation, that the seven-fold gifts they have received will bear much fruit for the life of the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many peoples who dwell on earth, that in all their rich diversity they will speak the one divine language of love to one another. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For communities across the land overwhelmed by flood or drought, that they will stay strong and united in the face of adversity and be given the prompt and ongoing support they need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the parents and teachers of young adults, that they will be blessed with wisdom, patience and love as they guide them through adolescence to adulthood. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Mighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, you have bestowed on us your life-giving Spirit. Free us from fear and kindle in us the fire of your love. We ask this through Christ who is Lord of glory for ever and ever. **AMEN**



Saint Anthony of Padua Saint of the Day for June 13

Was born at Lisbon, Portugal in c. 1193. He joined the Franciscan friars around the age of 25 and worked as a missionary among the Muslims in Morocco. Returning to Europe due to ill health, Anthony spent time at an Italian hermitage, where his gift for preaching was soon discovered. Due to his reputation as a biblical scholar, he spent the remaining nine years of his life teaching in France and Italy before dying at Padua, around 1232. Many miracles were attributed to his intercession and to this day Saint Anthony is regularly invoked by many as a finder of lost items. He is named as one of the doctors of the Roman Catholic Church.

We pray for rural and regional communities experiencing severe drought, that they will stay strong together and have their hardship eased by just and fair assistance.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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1. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*
Antiphon: I have carried you on eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!

1. My heart is full of peace;
 You have been within my life!
 Your guiding hand has always covered me,
 I am full of confidence in You! *Antiphon*

2. My soul is like a child,
 Cradled safe within your arms!
 You have carried me across my years!
 Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. *Antiphon*

2. 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**

Envelope Number Changes from 1 July

Just a heads-up that from 1 July, we'll be updating our envelope collection numbers. Some of the numbers will be changing completely, so please make sure not to use any of the old envelopes after this date.



We're making this change to reduce the number of envelopes from 50 to 40, as each packet costs \$20. It's a small step to help us manage resources more effectively. Thank you for your understanding and support!



Please note that the **St Vincent de Paul bins** at St Mary's Church have now been closed and will be removed shortly. Items should be left at either the Merimbula, Bega or Cooma stores.

Delegate Mass Saturday 14 June 3pm

(3rd Sunday)



Please join us for Mass at **3:00pm** on Saturday 14 June, which will be **Fr Kose's final visit to Delegate** under the **Monaro Mission** before he takes up his new appointment in the Pambula Parish.

To thank Father for all he has done for our community during his time with us, we will be holding afternoon tea in St Joseph's School Centre immediately after Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. Contributions of cakes, slices or other treats would be most welcome.



LOOKING BACK 109 YEARS AGO

Church Services.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

OCTOBER

- 1—Nimmitabel 11.
 - 2—Nimmitabel 8.
 - Archbishop's Visitation :—
 - 5—Bombala, 7.30 p.m.
 - 6—Bombala, 7 and 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m
 - 7—Bombala, 7 and 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m
 - 8—Bombala, 8.30 and 11, Confirmation 3
 - 10—Official opening of new Church, Delegate, 3.30.
 - 12—Confirmation, Delegate, 2.30.
 - 15—Nimmitabel 8 and 11, Confirmation 3.
- REV. J. MCCORMACK.

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



Our History



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 Baragy, 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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Pentecost Sunday, Year C

8 June 2025

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**
or

R. Alleluia.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R).
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R).
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R).

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

or Rom 8:17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless

you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

or

Gospel Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I have said to you.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

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