

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year A 9 April



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 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.

We pray for peace throughout the world: that the Risen Lord will turn hearts from violence and open new paths to peace and justice.

We pray for our parish community in this 2023 Easter Season.

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



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

Natalie Lestone, Lisa Godfray, Eilie Elliott, Anna Vincent, Val Perkins, Samantha Deans, 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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence.”

Pope Francis



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am

Morning Tea to follow in
St Joseph's School Centre

Mass Bombala 10am



Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage



Saturday
19 August 2023
at 11am
Our Lady Star of the
Sea Church
Eden



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Dina Bowe, Wilf Giles

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**



See the protecting...hand of God in all that is happening. (9.4.1885)

Cling to God's love and grace. (10.4.1890)

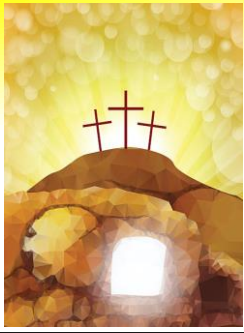
Try to make yourself happy and do not give way to
low spirits or anxiety of any kind. (12.4.1873)

Try always to be generous with God. (14.4.1882)

Sisters commence teaching in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, 14.4.1890.

EASTER SUNDAY – HE HAS RISEN. HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated today, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year. As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story. In fact, it is argued that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story all match. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Change of heart

A culture of disarmament begins with ourselves, and with how the world values human beings.



Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who conduct Christian funeral rites, that they will testify to the church's apostolic faith in the resurrection of the dead.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who live in the land of Jesus' birth, that the danger of deadly violence there will ease and communal leaders will choose the path of justice and peace.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: On this Easter Day, our hearts are full of gladness and hope. With confidence, we entrust to God our prayers of petition:

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops and priests of our Church. May the Spirit guide them in spreading the Easter message of peace and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray that the whole Church in this Easter season feel the enthusiasm of the first Christians spreading the good news. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for our faith community, may the graces we have received during this Easter season help and encourage us to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Saviour. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for all Church agencies and outreach programs. May their efforts be stimulated by the generosity of all who have contributed to Project Compassion. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised up to be with the Risen Lord. 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 life, hear these prayers of intercession. Let your mercy flow in abundance upon all who are in need. We make our prayers through Christ, the risen Lord. **Amen**

POPE FEELING BETTER, VISITS YOUNG PATIENTS AND BAPTISES BABY IN HOSPITAL



Pope Francis was released from hospital last week following a brief stay that involved scheduled tests and treatment for bronchitis. Pope Francis spent time with children who are being treated at the same Rome Hospital where he was receiving treatment for bronchitis.

A statement released by the Holy See Press Office Director, Matteo Bruni, said the Pope visited the children who are receiving treatment in the Gemelli Hospital's paediatric oncology ward. "He brought them rosaries, chocolate easter eggs and copies of an Italian book for children about *Jesus, born in Jerusalem of Judaea*," the statement said.

Bruni also said that during his visits, which lasted about half an hour, the Pope also baptised a little boy called Miguel Angel. Afterwards, the Holy Father encouraged the baby's mother to tell the parish where the Baptism will be registered to say, "the Pope baptised him!"

Source: Vatican News



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten Appeal.



Wishing you all a Blessed, Holy and Happy Easter



HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

2. 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)**

3. Open My Eyes, Lord *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see

2. Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear

3. Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love

4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you, Rest now in me

4. Sing to the Mountains *Bob Dufford*

**Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and song. **(R)**

2. Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of
your glory. **(R)**

3. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be
glad and rejoice. He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God. **(R)**

Looking Back 71 Years - April 1952 – Bombala Combined School Sports

At the Combined School Sports Bombala Convent School won the cup for the greatest number of points scored. Eleven schools competed. Delegate Convent were present this time and scored a creditable 15 points. Watch out for Delegate in the jumping events next year. Those to win events included Bruce Gardner, Kevin Helmers, Nola Helmers, Nancy Caldwell, Dan Bedingfield, Eric Newport, Joan Elliott, Claudette Elliott, Viv Rayner, Dan Moriarty, Kevin Brownlie and the lightweights John Byrne, Garth Bartlett, Kevin Douch and Johnnie Cuthel. The school auxiliary ladies dispensed drinks and ice creams till they were in a state of collapse.

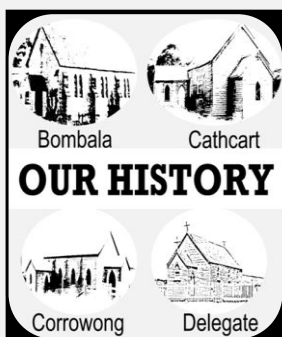


A parishioner was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the Pastor was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed the parishioner by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

The parishioner replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

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.

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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First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

or: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

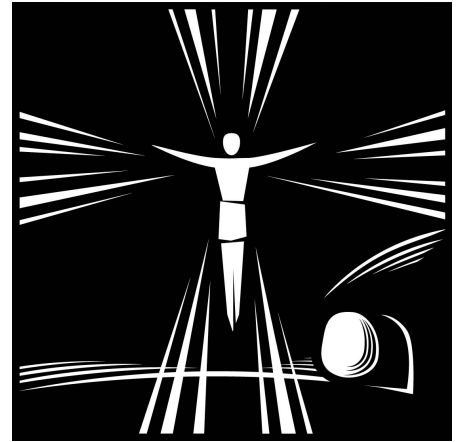
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

or Mt 28:1-10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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