



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 12 APRIL 2026



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 APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



We pray for leaders in church and society, that they will awaken a new spirit of hope in the many who are downcast and anxious.

We pray for the masses of people facing famine in parts of Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean. May the heroic efforts of humanitarian agencies save them from collapse.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.



We pray for those who are sick in our family and community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

Adam Crotty, John Elliott, Christine Cowell
Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell
Joyce Crotty, John Liston
Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin
Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley
Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, Jen Farrell
Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon
Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins
Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby
Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saint Martin
WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
Mass Delegate MPS 11.30am
SAT Mass Delegate 3pm
Afternoon tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 5pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Tony Ingram

April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Larry Bedingfield
Bob Cahill, Maria Callaway
Arthur Collins, Keith Cottrell
Myreen Eppelstun, Neil Ingram
Joanne Joseph, Jill Knight
Fletcher Lee, Kerry Letts
Pope Francis
Barry Reed, Edna Reed
Wallace Roberts, Ilma Stewart
Raymond Thornton, Kate Vincent



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

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



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Easter reminds us that each time we deny you, Lord, another nail is sharpened; and each time we defy you, Lord, into your hand it's hammered. When faith is weak, temptation strong and courage fails, forgive us, Lord and once again become that risen presence within our hearts. Amen



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Cling to God's love and grace. (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.

He is RISEN

On the Sunday after Easter, the story of the risen Christ continues. The disciples were still unsure and afraid, unsure of what had really happened, when Jesus came among them and brought them peace. He showed them that he was truly alive, not just in spirit, but in body and their fear began to turn into faith. Even those who doubted came to believe. Though the Gospel stories tell it in slightly different ways, they all point to the same truth, the tomb was empty, Christ had risen, and he was now present among his people.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Walking in hope

Even in uncertain times, God is still present, calling us to be people of kindness, courage and hope.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for residents in aged care facilities. May they be respected, well-nourished, comforted and cared for as their human dignity demands.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for priests who have retired after a lifetime of service and for students setting out towards ordained ministry. May they be good companions for one another.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, the Risen One greets his disciples with peace and send them forth in the power of his Spirit. In company with them, let us pray for the world to be set free from the power of sin.

READER: For weapons of war to fall silent and greetings of peace to resound across the face of the earth. May pitiless cruelty be swept away by a tide of compassion. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the international solidarity as the world reels from one crisis after another. May the magnitude of the challenge be matched by the depth of the response. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Pope Leo as he journeys to four nations in West Africa. May his visit affirm the rich diversity of the church there along with its overarching unity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Australian community. May the ill spirit of grievance, wherever it may arise, give way to the good spirit of generosity. 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: Bountiful God, you bring us to birth, make us new in Christ, and guide us to your glory. Help us spread the joy of your Spirit. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN**



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If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Peace Is Flowing Like a River *Carey Landry*

1. Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.

2. Joy is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.

3. Faith is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.

2. Let There Be Peace on Earth *Sy Miller & Jill Jackson*

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father, Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment
now. With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn
vow

To take each moment and live,
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Parish of Bombala-Delegate,
acknowledge with deep respect that we stand upon
the traditional lands of
the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.
We recognise the enduring legacy of their culture,
which continues to enrich
the life and spirit of Australia.



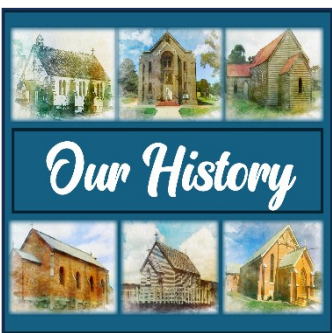
Why is it so much easier to accidentally fall asleep on the lounge than to purposely fall asleep in bed ?

Why is it easier to wake up early on a day off than on a workday?

Why do we remember embarrassing moments from 10 years ago perfectly, but forget why we walked into a room?

Why does the alarm sound so offensive in the morning, but the same sound as a ringtone feels fine?

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



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 Baragry, 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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Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

12 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (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.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then

you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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