



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 19 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

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

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 diplomats, negotiators and consultors, that their efforts to broker peace in fields of war will bear lasting fruit.

We pray for all who have responsibility for prison policies and practice. May they do all in their power to promote prisoners' wellbeing and ready them for new life.

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

PARISH CALENDAR

TUE *Saint Anselm*
WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
THU Ecumenical Prayer Group Delegate 2pm
Saint George
Saint Adalbert
FRI *Saint Fedilis*
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
ANZAC DAY



SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Marlene Kennedy

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."



Each time we turn away from you, Lord, we deepen the wounds of your suffering; and each time we choose our own way, we forget the love you freely give. When faith grows weak, temptation rises, and courage falters, forgive us, Lord, and renew within us the living presence of your risen life. AMEN



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



We may feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them. (14.4.1882)
It is not those who can pay us well that we should first seek, but rather the poor and neglected where we can find the means of supporting them. (25.5.1875)

He is RISEN

In the Third Week of Easter, we are reminded that the risen Jesus is not distant, but present among us. The resurrection is not just something that happened, it is something we are invited to live each day. In quiet moments and simple acts of kindness, Christ makes himself known. The early disciples came to understand this in different ways, yet all were drawn to the same truth, Jesus was alive. This same hope continues to shape our lives today.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Recognising His presence

In this Easter season, we are invited to see the risen Christ in the ordinary moments of daily life and in one another.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the human family. May this week's International Mother Earth Day (22 April) summon everyone to work for the health and safety of the planet.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for world's writers, publishers and readers. May this week's World Book and Copyright Day (23 April) highlight the creative gift of writing and uphold every child's right to read.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, as he did for the two disciples on their way to Emmaus, Jesus reveals himself to us in the word of God and the breaking of bread. Let us now hasten to pray for the world.

READER: For church leaders. Like Peter on Pentecost Day, may they testify to the good news with the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For high-ranking advisers close to world leaders. May they speak truth to power and use their influence to promote peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the ultra-wealthy of the world. May they become champions of justice for the earth and for the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Australia in this time of global upheaval. May Anzac Day call the nation together in the service of peace, unity and justice for all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For one another. May each of us constantly plant seeds of hope and nurture them with patience. 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: Giver of life, Lord God, you raised your Son out of death and redeemed us with his blood. Send us forth as messengers of mercy. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN**

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

BOMBALA

6.00am Dawn Service at Cenotaph
10.45am Commemoration Service
March - Assemble at Club Bombala

DELEGATE

6am Dawn Service at Cenotaph
10.45am Commemoration Service
March from Cenotaph to Memorial Gates
Luncheon at Delegate Country Club

DELEGATE ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP

"Where hearts meet in prayer"

**Meets: Every 4th Thursday of the month
at 2.00 pm**

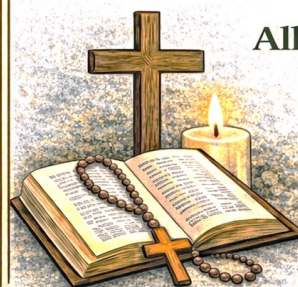
Venue: St Joseph's School Centre, Delegate

A warm and welcoming time of prayer, reflection and fellowship for people of all denominations.

All are most welcome.

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Next date: 23 April



HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
The God of mercy, the God who saves
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day**

1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure. *R*

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul. *R*

2. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

3. One Bread One Body *John Michael Talbot*

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man, No more *R*

2. Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord, Of all. *R*

4. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Refrain: 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! *R*

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. *R*



A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone and left a note on the windscreen: "I've circled this block ten times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, there was a ticket and another note: "I've been patrolling this area for ten years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

LOOKING BACK 75 YEARS AGO

Delegate Talent Quest - May 1951

OUR HIGH HOPES for Mrs Jean Manning's Talent Quest at Delegate were more than fulfilled. Constable Gray said that he had never seen such a number of cars around the School of Arts Hall before. Inside, there was standing room only, except for the more athletic patrons who occupied window sills and stair railings. Local girls, Heather Morrison, Madge Stewart and Carmel Stokes, with Bombala's Sandy Sivewright topped the poll with 648 votes for their "Shoeshine" act. Mrs Belle Morrison was a very popular second. Trixie Manning won the Juvenile Division and Roswald Ashmore the best Instrumentalist. Profit of £105 (approx. \$5,800 in 2026) must be an all time record. Thanks to Mrs Manning and the compere, Mr Osborne.



MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE OF MEDJUGORJE



Little children: be love and my extended hands...

"Dear children! The poison of selfishness and hatred rules human hearts and that is why you do not have peace. I am calling you, little children: be love and my extended hands to all those whom you meet. In humility, pray for peace and work on reconciliation among people, so that it may be good for every person on earth. Thank you for having responded to my call." (With ecclesiastical approval 25/03/2026)

Thank you, dearest Mother, for giving us this message.
We thank you for your motherly care for us!!

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.



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

19 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

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