



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: Second Sunday of Lent, Year A, 1 March 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 MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



We pray for all who are burdened by guilt, that they will take steps this Lent to seek and accept God's assurance of boundless mercy.

We pray for home gardeners, park rangers and indigenous custodians of the land. May their loving care of nature move us all to cherish creation and protect it from global heat.

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 those who are sick in our family & 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
TUE *Saint Casimir*
WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
THU **Ecumenical Lenten Prog Delegate 2pm**
FRI *Autumn Ember Day*
SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
Ss Perpetua & Felicity
SUN **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

March Anniversaries

June Beileiter, Keith Brownlie
Lorna Callaway
Archbishop Francis Carroll
Patricia Casey, Una Collins
John Coman, Olga Cotton
Edna Cottrell, Murray Garnock
Terrence Ingram, John Jones
Ruth McKay, Neville Murphy
George Reed, Enid Stewart
Thelma Stewart, Andre Teschke
Rita Thornton, Lawrence Tighe
Don Tindale, Betty Twigg
Myra Walker



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



"God is too great, he deserves too much from us for us to be able to throw to him, as to a poor Lazarus, a few crumbs of our time and our heart."

Pope John Paul I



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



I am sorry sometimes to see a kind of little mindedness where there ought to be more generosity and simple trust. (3.3.1882)*Mary MacKillop governess to Camerons, Penola Station, SA, where Mary first met Father Julian Tenison Woods. (1860-1862)*



Second Sunday of Lent (Theme: Transfiguration)


Lord Jesus, on the mountain you revealed your glory to Peter, James and John, strengthening them for the journey to the cross. In moments of doubt and weariness, lift our eyes to behold your radiant face. Transform our hearts by your grace, that we may listen to you, follow you faithfully and reflect your light in our daily lives. As we continue our Lenten journey, lead us from fear to trust, from darkness to light and from hesitation to wholehearted discipleship. **AMEN**



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

We pray for global renewal.
May all people turn from violence, greed and hatred, and work together in justice and peace for the good of all.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the Catholic community in Australia. May the bishops' Social Justice statement on the cost-of-living crisis bear fruit in a common commitment to a fair economy for all.
Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the water-poor schoolchildren and villagers of northern Tanzania. May our generous support for Project Compassion help them secure access to safe water and sanitation.

Prayer of the Faithful 

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, in company with the apostles we see the glory of Jesus and hear the voice of God. Blest with this grace, let us open our eyes and our hearts to the needs of the world.

READER: For the church. May all the baptised pray ever more deeply this Lent and know God's saving presence in their lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who bear hardship for the sake of the good news. May the mighty faith of Paul the apostle be a constant inspiration for them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For international leaders and all whose wealth and status gives them unchecked power over others. May they renounce the idol of tyranny and become agents of God's new world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community as we journey through Lent. May this season draw us closer to Christ through prayer, sacrifice and acts of charity. 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 Loving God and Father of Jesus, you bid us listen to your Beloved Son. Open our ears to hear him and our eyes to see him. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN



SECOND SUNDAY of LENT – 1 March SISILIA from TANZANIA



Sisilia, aged 13, lives with her mother and siblings in a remote village in northern Tanzania. Life has been difficult since her father passed away when she was a baby. "My mother does small farming and sometimes sells vegetables to get money.

She supports the family on her own. We don't have a regular income because my father passed away many years ago. Life is hard, but we try our best," Sisilia said. She had to walk up to 30 minutes, three times a day, to fetch water from a dirty canal. The water was unsafe, causing frequent illness, and the long walks left Sisilia exhausted, fearful of wild animals and struggling to focus on her studies. "I get very tired. Carrying heavy water containers every day after walking long distances is not easy. I was also getting piercing back pains. Sometimes I get home late and tired, and it's hard to focus on my homework or revise for exams." she said. Lack of clean water is a major issue in Tanzania, where nearly 40% of people don't have access to basic drinking water services and 75% don't have access to basic sanitation services. (World Bank 2022). With support from the A+ Successor Project, her school and village now have clean water taps. This means it takes Sisilia just two minutes to collect water from her house, reducing the risks she faced and giving her more time for learning. Access to safe water has also improved health, hygiene and nutrition for her school community. Teachers and students can drink clean water, maintain hygiene, and grow food in the school garden. Sisilia has also joined a SWASH Club, where she learned about hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and child rights. She now confidently shares this knowledge with peers, parents and community members, even performing songs and demonstrations to promote good practices. This leadership has empowered her to advocate for children's education and wellbeing in her community. Despite many hardships, Sisilia remains determined to succeed. Her favourite subjects are Science, English and Maths, and she dreams of becoming a pilot. With the support of Caritas Australia, local communities are finding ways to respond to challenges with resilience and courage. Your generosity makes it possible to stand with them on this journey.



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's began Lent with our Ash Wednesday service led by Fr Mark, a special time of reflection and prayer for our school community. Earlier in the week, students celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes while learning about its significance and donated a gold coin to Project Compassion to support those in need. We are proud of the way our students live out their faith through prayer, generosity and compassion.

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1. 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**

2. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live. **R**

**Refrain: Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all. **R**

3. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. His love can never be measured. His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen, so let us place our trust in him. **R**
2. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God. His love can never grow weary. His mercy is as though our sins have never been, if we can place our trust in him. **R**
3. The word of the Lord is fire burning strong His love can never grow weary. He will seek and save the lost until we all return, so let us place our trust in him. **R**

4. 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**

Father Daniel Ukpong will be guest speaker at

World Day of Prayer St Joseph's Catholic Church Berridale

Friday 6 March at 10am

This year's host country is Nigeria

Morning tea to follow. All welcome

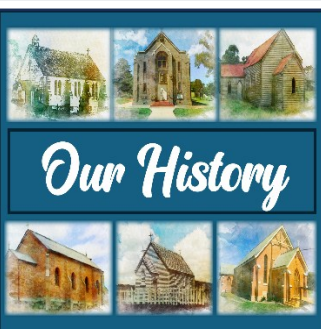


NIGERIA



Notice found in a French church: *It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him. if you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.*

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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First Reading Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

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

1. 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.)*
2. 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.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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