



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 5 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
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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 the many whose life is a daily struggle of survival in places of violence, hunger and hardship, that their cries for help will bring the relief they so desperately need.

We pray for all Lenten donors to Project Compassion, that their generous support for the work of Caritas Australia will continue faithfully throughout the year.

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

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



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.”**



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



I cannot forget that there is a dear good God watching over us.

(3.4.1871)

Have courage (7.4.1870)

Sisters return to Queensland: to Clermont in the Rockhampton diocese at the request of Bishop Higgins, 1900.

He is RISEN

Easter celebrates Christ's resurrection and marks the end of Holy Week, Lent and the Easter Triduum, while beginning the Easter season. Rising on the third day after his crucifixion, Jesus' resurrection signifies the triumph of good over evil, sin and death, and the promise of new life for those who believe. While Gospel details vary slightly, they all agree on the essential truth, that the tomb was empty.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Change of heart

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

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.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who lead lives of quiet desperation in our midst, that the caring outreach of the community will lead them from loneliness to the companionship they need.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, this holy night/day is radiant with the glory of the risen Lord. Let us pray for the light of the Risen Lord to shine healing rays upon our wounded world.

READER: For the whole human family, that in this time of global turmoil nations will come together in a solidarity of hope, friendship and common purpose. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the church, that in every place lively communities of easter faith will display the joy of the gospel and radiate God's life-giving love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish 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)**

For Easter holidaymakers, that they will enjoy a refreshing break and return home safe and well. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For residents in aged care facilities, especially those with complex needs, that they will be looked after with understanding, kindness and compassion. 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: God of power and might, you raised your Son from the shame of the cross to the glory of heaven. Draw us ever more deeply into his victory over sin and death. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.
AMEN



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026**

**Happy Easter from all of us here
at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**

this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

HE IS RISEN
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



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1. Glory And Praise To Our God *Dan Schutte*

*Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways*

1. We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings
2. In His wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save

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 A New Song *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Sing A New Song Unto The Lord;
Let Your Song Be Sung From Mountains High.
Sing A New Song Unto The Lord, Singing
Alleluia.**

1. Yahweh's People Dance For Joy. O Come Before
The Lord, And Play For Him On Glad Tambourines,
And Let Your Trumpet Sound. **R**
2. Rise, O Children, From Your Sleep; Your Saviour
Now Has Come. He Has Turned Your Sorrow To
Joy
And Filled Your Soul With Song. **R**
3. Glad My Soul For I Have Seen, The Glory Of The
Lord. The Trumpet Sounds; The Dead Shall Be
Raised. I Know My Saviour Lives. **R**

LOOKING BACK 71 YEARS AGO

ST MARY'S PARISH RECORD - APRIL 1955

SAINT PATRICK was paid a becoming tribute this year at Delegate by the first Green Social being held there. A very large crowd ensured the financial success of the evening, over £62 (approx. \$2,700 in 2026) being cleared. Besides dancing, there was a musical programme provided by the Convent school children who sang four songs and by Mr Sharpe who played the piano accordion. Mrs C O'Hare was accompanist to the children and was later presented with a bouquet by Sonia Collins on their behalf. The Green Frock competition was won by Mrs Keith Wallis, the judge being Miss Jean Marks of Sydney. Congratulations to the organisers, Mrs JE Walker and Mrs E Watling.

THE NEW PARISH HALL at Bombala got a good try out when Fr Lohan and his C.Y.C. arranged a St Patrick's Night Concert in it. Two hundred adults and about fifty children were accommodated in comfort. Guest artists included Misses Judy and Lois Kimber, Ros. Ashmore on the drums, Reg Schultz with the piano accordion, Rex Elton, Mrs Travers and Miss Mary Williams. Club members were particularly good and the orchestra, especially in leading community singing, was most popular. A visitor, Mr Joe Love, was so appreciative that he left a donation of £5 towards Club funds. Thanks are also due to Glen Toms for use of his truck, Les Kerrison as the smooth M.C., and to Greg Wolfe for sound effects.

BOMBALA C.Y.C. President John Parkes was farewelled and presented with a Parker 51 pen prior to his departure for England. John, in a few years, by dint of brilliant study, had passed accountancy exams and built up an excellent business and now has decided to go to London for a degree in Economics. He will be much missed both in the life of the Church and in the town, where he has been Deputy Mayor. We are confident that Bombala will have further cause to be proud of him.

BOMBALA C.Y.C. elections: President, Tony Elliott; Treasurer, Miss Joan Dunn; Secretary, Miss Eileen Rayner.

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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.'

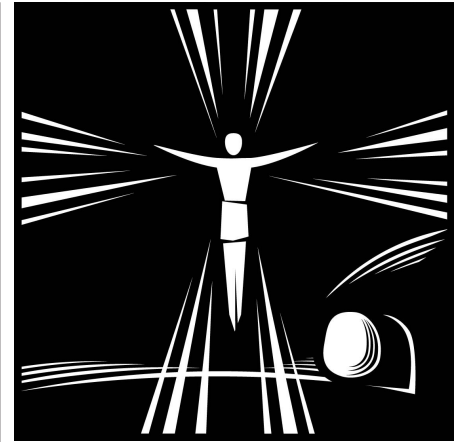
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, 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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