



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 1 October 2023



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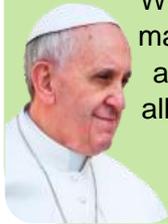
“Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve.”

**St Mary's Bombala
St Joseph's Delegate
St Peter's Corrowong**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION OCTOBER For the Synod



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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 the people of Morocco and Libya and all places laid low by natural disasters. May the international community be generous and resolute in providing aid.



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

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Sue Minchin, Jane Nash, Keith Brownlie, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, Barry & Alma Reed, Wendy White, John & Anna Vincent, Jim Parkes, Marlene Kennedy, Bill McIntosh, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Merylyn Knight, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Joyce Cotterill, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun: Daylight Saving commences
Mon: Guardian Angels
Tue:
Wed: No Mass Bombala
Saint Francis of Assisi
Thu:
Fri: Saint Bruno
Sat: Our Lady of the Rosary
LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

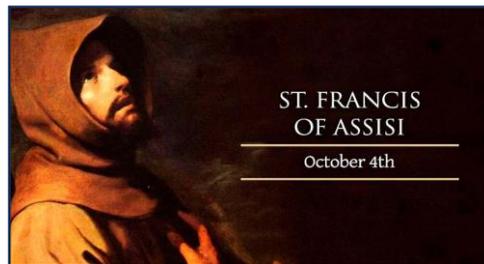
Recently Deceased
Carmel Thompson

October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj
David Cottrell, Carol de Jonge
Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy
Ina McGrath, John Morgan
Yvonne Murphy, Therese Rumph
Louise Stevens, Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton, Dawn Walker



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



ST. FRANCIS
OF ASSISI
October 4th

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*“Start by doing what is necessary,
then what is possible, and suddenly
you are doing the impossible.”*

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Never correct when you are angry and do not suspect too easily. (9.3.1890)
Time, charity and patience will make all things right. (2.6.1890)
The cause of right will triumph in the end. (26.9.1884)
Death of Alick MacKillop, Mary's brother, 7.10.1847
Death of Father Julian Tenison Woods, Sydney, 7.10.1889

October,
The month of the
Holy
Rosary



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Time for Angels

Reflections on angels help us to reflect on God's relationship to human beings and on the dignity of human beings.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for judges, magistrates, lawyers, police officers and all who administer the law, that they will seek true justice with unflinching integrity.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for people of all religious faiths. May they, like the prophet Jeremiah, have hearts on fire with a passion for God's saving justice.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Sisters and brothers, we are on the brink of the Synod of Bishops, which will include priests, religious and lay faithful, who will explore with Pope Francis how to be a Church which walks together with listening hearts.

READER: For Pope Francis and all the participants in the Synod as they begin a three-day retreat today in preparation for its start next Thursday, that they will be open to the presence, grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who live in places of war and violence, persecution and desperate poverty, that the peoples of this world will have a concern for justice and work for peace in every place and way possible. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who died in the Second Bali Bombing, this day in 2005 and for all the victims of terrorism. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For rain in due abundance, so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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 God welcome them into the eternal kingdom and give them the reward of their faithful service. 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: Receive our prayers of petition, merciful God, so that all people may live their lives in peace and tranquillity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

LOOKING BACK 93 YEARS AGO Thompson - Mustard Wedding October 1930

A very pretty wedding was solemnised in St Mary's Church, Bombala, on Wednesday 1st of October by Father John A Roche, PP, when Oscar Neville Thompson was married to Sylvia Doris Mustard, both residents of Delegate. The bride, who was led to the altar by her father, wore a handsome frock of rich ivory satin Royale, which had a fitting bodice, long sleeves, a square cut corsage, and a long skirt which fell in full flares and extended as a train. Very beautiful was the veil of antique Lime rick lace, which fell in graceful flowing lines after being caught at either side of the head with clusters of real orange blossom. A trail of orange blossom was set on the train, and a bouquet of white azaleas, hyacinths and lily of the valley was carried. Miss Joyce Syble Mustard (sister of the bride) acted as bridesmaid and wore a charming frock of bud-green tulle, the full long skirt showing lines of tucks. The normal waist was marked with a band of ribbon velvet, which terminated at one side in long streamers, and the bodice had a fichu finish. On her head she wore primroses arranged in wreath form and carried a bouquet of similar flowers and ivy leaves. Mr Desmond Leslie Thompson (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. A reception was afterwards at the home of the bride, where the usual toasts were honoured. Mrs Thompson, mother, of the bridegroom, wore a wine-colored chiffon velvet frock, and a fancy, woven gold lame toque; her bouquet was of damask roses. Miss Ena Thompson was also a bridesmaid and little Beth Armstrong was flower girl.



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.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. 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**

2. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
This love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God.

2. Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
Whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God.

3. One Bread, One Body *John Michael Talbot*

**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

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

4. Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name.
God of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE



"Dear Children! I am calling you to strong prayer. Modernism wants to enter into your thoughts and steal from you the joy of prayer and of meeting with Jesus. That is why, my dear little children, renew prayer in your families, so that my motherly heart may be joyful as in the first days, when I had chosen you, and day and night prayer resounded - and Heaven was not silent but abundantly bestowed peace and blessing on this place of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

September 25, 2023)

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our falling crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life; Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians Pray for us.
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Pray for us.
AMEN

Upcoming Events

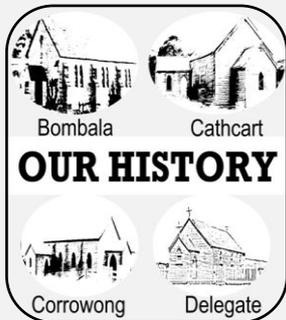


**2023 Debutante Spring Ball Bombala
Saturday 7 October 2023
Doors Open 7pm and close 7.45pm sharp
for the presentation of the debs and
their partners. \$40**



**Blessing of the Flock
St Joseph's Delegate
In conjunction with Heritage Weekend
Sunday 29 October 2023 at 11am**

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 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 Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**

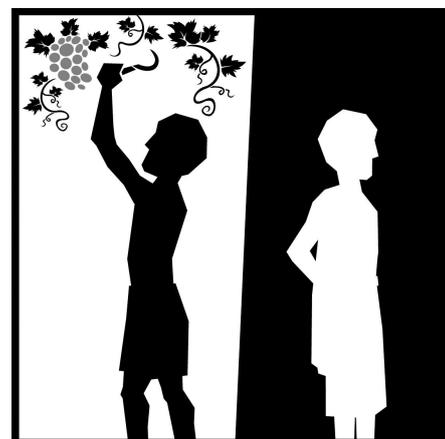
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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