



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 15 JANUARY 2023



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

Welcome Father Mark



We extend a very warm Bombala-Delegate and district welcome to Father Mark Croker and his kelpie 'Moe'. Fr Mark is excited to be back in the country after 14.5 years in his previous parish. Fr Mark has a country background and growing up in a country town he relates to the country people, he finds the spirituality very genuine and down to earth. Fr Mark loves working with people from varying backgrounds and looks forward to meeting all communities during the next month. May God bless and care for him.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



POPES INTENTION For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

We pray for our parish community; may 2023 bring us many graces and blessings.

We pray for the residents of Kununurra where they felt the earthquake and for the Kimberley region where many homes have been destroyed.

We pray for the Indonesian people where there is much loss and damage following the Earthquake

We pray for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.

We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Christine Cowell, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:
Tue: St Anthony
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am TBC
Thu:
Fri: St's Fabian & Sebastian
Sat: LW & HC Delegate 6pm
Sun: LW & HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Pope Benedict XVI,
Cardinal George Pell,
Cheryl Knox, Carmel Croker,
Peter Payten, Dot Mead, Ron Reed

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Tony Clear
Elaine Clear. Madge Crotty
Pauline Crouch, Tony Elliott
Jono Kidman, Shirley Ladmore
Sr Janet Mead, Molly Mustard
Kitty Peisley, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg
Ruth Walker, Marty Williams



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



SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP

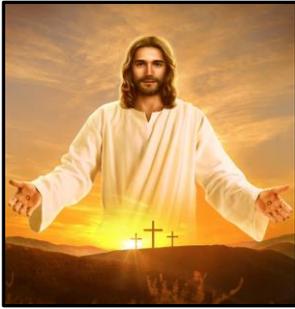


Do not, for the sake of defending one or two, shrink from speaking the plain, open truth. 21.11.1871

The love of Jesus is too strong for me not to cling to. 1873

Be calm and full of confidence in God. 11.10.1871

Let not your cross make you unhappy. 28.2.1890



JANUARY – MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvellous implications, for it means "saviour." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Make me a channel of your peace

A couple of examples from popular culture provide clues on where and how to find peace.

Think about it.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for Pope Francis, that his dream of a missionary church will come to fruition.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the tyrants of the world, that they will be converted from their brutal ambitions and become agents of peace and justice for their people.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT: Let us bring our petitions for the needs of the Church and the world to the Father through Jesus, the Lamb of God.

READER: For Pope Francis and all Church leaders: inspire them with Gospel vision. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those entrusted with worldly power and authority: may they use it to promote justice and peace for those whom they serve. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For peace among nations, especially those in war zones and within our cities, communities and families. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those engaged in work to assure the safety of others, fire fighters, police, paramedics. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are sick or face serious illness: may they know God's comfort and peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have died: especially Cardinal George Pell, Cheryl Knox and Carmel Croker, may our prayers accompany them to the place that Jesus has prepared for them. 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: Loving God, hear our prayers and grant our petitions through Jesus, your Son, the Lamb of God. **AMEN**



**Pope
Benedict
XVI**

Pope Benedict XVI, original name Joseph Alois Ratzinger, born April 16, 1927, Germany, died December 31, 2022, Vatican City, bishop of Rome and head of the Roman Catholic Church (2005–13). Prior to his election as pope, Benedict led a distinguished career as a theologian and as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Citing his old age, in 2013 he became the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415.

For the first time in modern history, the funeral proceedings were led by a sitting pope, Francis. The last time a pope presided over the funeral of his predecessor was in 1802, when Pius VII led the ceremony for Pius VI - but the circumstances were very different. Pius VI died in 1799 in exile, a prisoner of France, and was buried in Valence. His successor had his remains exhumed and brought back to Italy before he was treated to a papal funeral at St Peter's.

Pope Benedict's connection to Australia was strengthened in 2010, when he canonised Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as Australia's first recognised saint.

Like Mary MacKillop, Benedict XVI led many people to Christ by his teaching and example.

SAINTLY WISDOM FOR JANUARY

**God has no need of our worship.
It is WE who need to show our
gratitude for what
we have received.**

Saint Thomas Aquinas

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Perhaps we could turn off all our gadgets even for a short time and truly listen to each other.

Bishop Robert McGukin, Toowoomba

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1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?, Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **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

2. Come To The Water *Frank Andersen*

**Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.**

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **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**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER (Howard Thurman)

When the song of the angel is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes go home, When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among others, To make music in the heart.



MEDJUGORJE IS THE SPIRITUAL CENTRE OF THE WORLD

St John Paul II

“Dear children! Today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, that you may be His peace and a reflection of [the] clarity and joy of Heaven. Pray, little children, to be open to receive peace because many hearts are closed to the call of the light which changes hearts. I am with you and am praying for you to open yourselves to receive the King of peace, Who fills your hearts with warmth and blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (December 25, 2022)



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 St 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 1954-1972. 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.



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 January 2023

First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

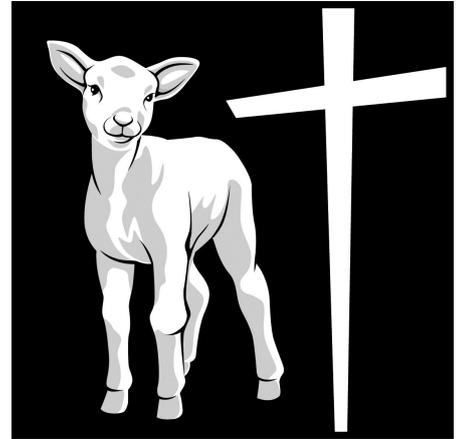
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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