



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, 16 July 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

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



PRAYER INTENTIONS



POPES INTENTION JULY FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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 all ambassadors of peace. May they rid the world of weapons of war and draw nations together in friendship, respect and care for the earth.



We pray for the sick and hospitalised: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence.

Wendy White, Anna Vincent, Barry Reed, Marlene Kennedy, Bill McIntosh, Jenny Ingram, Kim Peisley, Natalie Lestone, Val Perkins, Jim Parkes, John Caldwell, Marilyn Knight, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Joyce Cotterill, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika Birmingham, Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun: Delegate morning tea after Mass
Mon:
Tue:
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu: Saint Apollinaris
Fri: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi
Sat: Feast Saint Mary Magdalene
LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Irene Iles

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams,
Kevin Bedingfield, Shirley Bedingfield,
Brian Callaghan, Vince Clear,
Stan Collins, Claude Elliott
Jack Eppelstun, Kevin Ingram,
Lou Joseph, Val Lasker
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan
Sr Bridget O'Halloran
Bryan O'Hehir, Martin Page
Janie Roberts, Graham Rumph,
Bert Smith, Peter Stewart,
Jean Talbot, Jim Walker



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

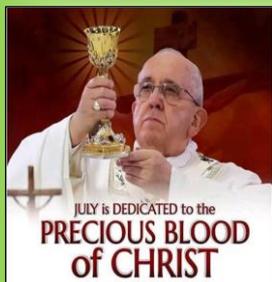


"The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us of all of a fundamental truth. A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death." *Pope Benedict XVI, July 23, 2006.*

It is by love that God has always led me, by love that God reproves me,
by love that God lets me see love in all. (15.7.1873)
God knows what is best for us all. (12.7.1898)
My heart is filled with a peace and joy that I cannot describe. (20.7.1870)
Foundation in Perthville, Bathurst, New South Wales, 1872.
Pope Benedict XVI prays at Mary MacKillop's Tomb, North Sydney, 17.7.2008.

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP





JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Golden Years

Age may bring losses in physical attributes but it can bring gains in our ability to be with and really listen to others.



Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the people of God in every land, that they will answer Jesus' call to take up their cross and find life in his name.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for a conversion to hospitality within hearts, homes and nations, that room be made on earth for every member of the human family.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls us to be welcoming and hospitable people. With hearts open to the world, let us pray for all our sisters and brothers in their need.

READER: For Pope Francis, all bishops and priests of our Church who proclaim the Gospel of life. May their positive affirmation of the dignity of each person give us confidence that we are all welcome in God's house. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the pastoral role of the Church. May it always and everywhere be a house of welcome to all people, irrespective of race, beliefs, skin colour, sexual orientation or religion. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are homeless this winter, that they will find the services they need to cope with their trauma. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

As we begin a new school term, we pray for all teachers that they may be blessed in dealing with our young people, encouraging them to work to the best of their abilities and to enjoy success in their studies. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries we recall 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: God of eternal glory, you have called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. Help us walk by that light in the footsteps of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Looking Back 152 Years – 16 October 1871 St Mary's Catholic School Bombala

On Monday 16th October, a meeting was held in St Mary's Church, for the purpose of considering school matters in connection therewith and although the notice of such meeting was very brief there was a fair attendance of parents and others interested. After prayer, the Reverend Father Barrett took the chair and in a very lucid address explained to his audience all the matters relating to the affairs of the school. These were satisfactory to those present, all concurring that the interests most had at heart was the permanent establishment of St Mary's Catholic School at Bombala and it could not be in better hands than that of their Reverend Pastor. As some small sum was due for rent of the schoolhouse, it was unanimously resolved that steps should be taken to clear that debt off at once, and measures also be taken for the erection, within the church enclosure, of a schoolhouse of their own. Mr Edward Hart very handsomely heading the list with £2 (approx. \$373 in 2023) for that purpose, others following for lesser sums. After some excellent business-like remarks from Mr Curran, which echoed the feelings of all present, Messrs. Hart, Curran, and Gleeson were appointed as the committee for carrying out the above projects. The reverend chairman, in thanking those present for their attendance, said that as he had had no time to call a formal meeting, he considered this as a mere preliminary step to be highly successful. He had no doubt that with energy and union all that they desired would soon be accomplished and that on his return to Bombala in a fortnight he would have the great pleasure of congratulating them upon the success of their efforts.

Source: Trove The Manaro Mercury, and Cooma and Bombala Advertiser

MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE



"Dear children!
The Most High permits me to be among you - to pray for you, to be a Mother to you and to be your refuge. Little children, I am calling you: return to God and to prayer and God will bless you abundantly. Thank you for having responded to my call."

(June 2023)

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. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavour of
life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

2. Morning Has Broken *Various*

1. Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

2. Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

3. Lose Yourself in Me *Carey Landry*

**Refrain: Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself
Lose yourself in me and you will find new life
Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself
And you will live, yes you will live in my heart.**

1. Unless a grain of wheat, falls into the ground
It still remains but a grain of wheat
But if it falls and dies, then it bears much fruit
So it is with those who lose themselves in me. **(R)**

2. Though foxes have their holes, birds a little nest
The Son of man, no place to rest
Whoever loves his life or strives the world to gain
Will only find that life was lived in vain. **(R)**

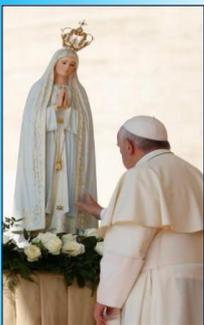
4. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

**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)**

POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT FATIMA TO IMPLORE PEACE FOR UKRAINE, ENTIRE WORLD



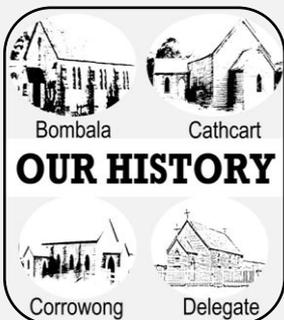
Pope Francis is set to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima for the second time of his pontificate, where three shepherd children received a message in May 1917 from the Blessed Virgin Mary about the future of humanity. The brief visit to Fatima, which will take place on Saturday, 5 August, via helicopter, was added to the papal pilgrimage to Portugal, which originally included only events in Lisbon for World Youth Day. In May 2017, Pope Francis had already travelled to the renowned Marian shrine to canonise Francisco and Jacinta Marto, the two young visionaries, on the occasion of the apparitions' centenary. The fact that he has decided to return to the feet of Our Lady of Fatima holds significance and reflects the Pope's intention to address the tragic war afflicting "martyred Ukraine", attacked by the Russian army, as well as the numerous forgotten conflicts around the world. This gesture by the Bishop of Rome can be directly linked to another significant act he made just over a month after the outbreak of war: the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, celebrated in St Peter's Basilica on 25 March 2022. The apparition at Fatima had specifically requested the Consecration of Russia in its message to the shepherd children. Sixteen months ago, Pope Francis fervently prayed, "We have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young... Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war... Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons."

Source: Vatican News



We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with her priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read "Are you entering this marriage at your own will?" he looked over at his fiancée. "Put down 'yes,'" she said.

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 have 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 **Is 55:10-11**

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 8:18-23**

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,

Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 13:1-23**

(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

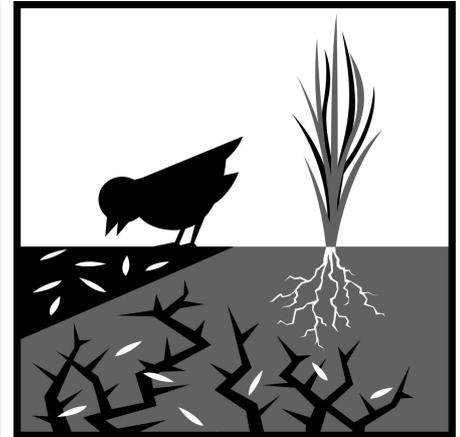
He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

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