



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 17 AUGUST 2025



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 AUGUST

For mutual coexistence



Let us pray that that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

We pray for all who have been rejected or disowned for their conversion to Christ, that they will draw strength from the companionship and support of their fellow believers.

We pray for the staff and volunteers of humanitarian agencies, that this week's United Nations observance will encourage them in their compassionate service of victims of violence, poverty and social upheaval (World Humanitarian Day, 19 August).

We pray for today's children, women and men trapped in economic or sexual servitude, that campaigners against modern slavery will succeed in setting them free.



We pray for all who are unwell, both within our community and beyond. May they be granted strength, comfort, and healing, and may they feel the loving presence of Christ with them in their time of need.

Alice O'Hare, Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty, John & Margaret Liston, Roma Brownlie, Jenny & Ron Chaplin, John Caldwell, Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley, Noah Ingram, Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon, Sr Margaret Maloney, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON

TUE

Saint John Eudes



WED

Mass Bombala 9.30am

Saint Bernard

THU

Saint Pius X

FRI

Queenship of Mary

SAT

LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Saint Rose of Lima

SUN

LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Fr Chris Riley
Barbara Brownlie

August Anniversaries

Lou Black, Pam Clear
Ron Collins, Kay Cuthel
Athol Duffell, Laura Elton
Pat Elton, Fr Peter Gannon
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram
Vincent Jones, Eileen Keane
Joshua Lovegrove, Peter Martin
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard
Sr Kathleen Price, Margaret Ralphs
Nick Spoljaric, Ellen Stewart
Jack Stewart, John Thompson
Dick Walker, Tom Walker



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



I beg that He will guard and comfort you all. (21.8.1867)

St Joseph's humility was of the silent kind...

we must be like him in this. (19.3.1893)

Do what you can with the means at your disposal and
leave all the rest calmly to God. (7.8.1888)

August - The Month of the Sacred Heart



Pope Paul VI, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. He said that his thoughts turned to the whole world "which our venerated predecessor Pius XII . . . not without inspiration from on high, solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. . . . O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Council, to you we recommend the entire Church." When he visited Fatima on May 13, 1967, the same Pope recalled this "consecration which we ourselves have renewed on November 21, 1964 - we exhort all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church and to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life ever more in accord with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service and of devout imitation of their heavenly Queen."

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Embracing God's unconditional love.

If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the families of prisoners who have died in custody in Australia, especially Indigenous detainees, that their grief will hasten effective reform in the administration of justice.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all whose loving service and steadfast faith bear witness to God's reign, that their example will inspire us to live with gratitude and generosity.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls us to make his costly passion for God's reign our own. As his faithful followers, let us pray with undivided hearts for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER: For the church local and global, that like Jeremiah and Jesus it will dare to announce unwelcome truths boldly for salvation's sake. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the baptised faithful, that no believer will lose sight of Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to fulfilment. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For workers facing job losses or workplace disruption because of artificial intelligence, that their right to a secure livelihood will be justly upheld. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For families bitterly divided by hurt or hate, that they will find the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Australia's children, that this year's Children's Book Week (16-23 August) will thrill them with the adventure of reading. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick within our parish community and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing. For those who have recently departed this life, and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they be welcomed into 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 unfailing mercy, by the power of the Holy Spirit you free us to follow your Son. Give us the courage to be true to him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK – 60 YEARS AGO VATICAN II

The Holy Ghost becomes The Holy Spirit

For centuries, English-speaking Catholics prayed to the Holy Ghost. Early Bibles like the Douay-Rheims (1609) used this term because, in old English, ghost simply meant "spirit" or "soul." At that time, it carried no spooky overtones it was a perfectly accurate and familiar way to speak of the Third Person of the Trinity. Over the centuries, however, the English language evolved. By the 20th century, "ghost" had become almost entirely associated with apparitions or frightening figures, while "spirit" retained the wider meaning closer to the Latin Spiritus Sanctus and the Greek pneuma. As a result, the traditional wording began to risk misunderstanding among modern listeners. During the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the Catholic Church undertook a major renewal of liturgy, introducing the Mass and other rites in the vernacular. When English translations were prepared, the translators chose "Holy Spirit" to reflect the original meaning more clearly. From the 1970s onward, new Catholic Bibles, missals, hymnals, and catechisms adopted this change. It's important to note that this was not a change in teaching or doctrine. The "Holy Spirit" and the "Holy Ghost" are one and the same, the eternal Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The update was simply about speaking in a way that would be immediately understood by modern Catholics, especially younger generations unfamiliar with the older use of "ghost." Today, "Holy Spirit" is the universal standard in Catholic worship. However, "Holy Ghost" still appears in older hymns, such as *Come Holy Ghost Creator Come*, in traditional prayer books and in Catholic communities who celebrate the pre-Vatican II Latin Mass. Some Protestant and Anglican churches, especially those using the historic 1662 Book of Common Prayer, also continue to use "Holy Ghost" in their services. Both terms remind us of the same beautiful truth: that God's Spirit is alive and active in the Church and in our lives. Whether we say, "Holy Ghost" or "Holy Spirit," we are calling on the same divine Person who guides, sanctifies and strengthens us.

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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. Living Water *Fr Frank Andersen MSC* *Refrain: I will give you living water. Shade to rest under; strength to your heart. Grow deep within me...filled by my spirit; My burdens are easy; my life it is yours.*

1. We have been with the lonely.
To the hungry we've given your bread.
We now come with all our hopes and dreams
To rest awhile with you.
2. To the empty we've carried.
Your word of hope and of life.
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams
'Til we live in you.

3. We Remember *Marty Haugen* *We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.*

- We remember, we celebrate, we believe.***
1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
 2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

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*



Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

25 July 2025

Message to Marija

"Dear children, In this time of grace, when the Most High permits me to love you and lead you on the way of holiness, Satan wants to entangle you with the cord of peacelessness and hatred. Do not permit him to prevail, but, little children, fight for the holiness of every life. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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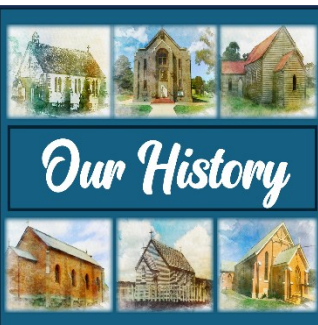
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Joe knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, are with him. So, he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Avenue Road houses, Sybil, take the apartments over in Rosedale, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre Mall and Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the Shelly River. The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Joe slips away, she says, "Mrs Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property." Sarah replies, "Property? he had a newspaper route!"

A local Pastor joined a community Service Club, and the members thought they would have a little fun with him. Under his name badge they printed, "Hog Caller" as his occupation. Everyone made a big fanfare as the badge was presented. The Pastor responded by saying, "I usually am called the "Shepherd of the sheep"... but I guess you know your people better than I do."

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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

17 August 2025

First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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 Lk 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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