



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 17 November 2024



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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION NOVEMBER

For anyone who has lost a child



We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

We pray for all practitioners of conflict resolution, that they will succeed in defusing disputes, whether local or global, and bring the discord to peaceful conclusion.

We pray for the prophets who read the signs of the times through the lens of faith, that they will persuade us to work together for a new heaven and a new earth.

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 community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Joanne Jamieson, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, John Elliott, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul

TUE

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am

THU Presentation of Mary



FRI Saint Cecilia

SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm

SUN Mass Bombala 9am

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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

John Vincent, Kay Pagden

November Anniversaries

Rita Black, Jenny Moser-McCarron

Terry Peisley, Bert Rayner

Charlie Reed, Geoff Stewart

Margaret Sutor,

Sheila Tiernan, Christine Walker



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



"God does not ask us to do great things.
He asks us to do small things with great love."



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



God will carry you safely through every struggle. (20.11.1870)

Do not, for the sake of defending one or two,

shrink from speaking the plain, open truth. (21.11.1871)

It is far harder to have to think ill of others than to be the one thought ill of. (22.11.1871)

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 21st



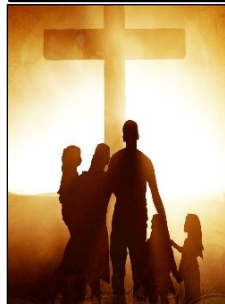
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY

On 21 November honours Mary's early dedication to God and recalls the many women who left their homelands to serve in Australian Catholic convents. Though not found in the New Testament, this story appears in the Gospel of James, reflecting early Christian interest in Mary's origins and purity. The feast highlights the sacrifice of Mary's parents and has inspired centuries of religious devotion, especially among women who, like Mary, embraced lives of service and faith.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Remembering the dead

In Christian faith
Christ offers life after death
to all those who have faith in him.



Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for those who are driven by power, hate or revenge to wage war on the innocent, that by the power of God's Spirit they will forsake their rage and lay down their arms.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for children orphaned by war or natural disaster, that the loss of their parents will be eased by the loving care of relatives, friends and the community.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus assures us his words will never pass away. Heartened by his promise, let us place the world and its destiny in God's saving hands.

READER: For Pope Francis, that his call for a church of the poor, with the poor and for the poor will be heard and heeded by the whole people of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For church communities around the world, that they will be a leaven of hope and peace for all in these times of climate crisis and global upheaval. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the world's poor, that today's United Nations observance (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) will galvanise the international community to share its wealth fairly with those in need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the members of rural fire brigades across the land, that their community service will keep people and properties safe through the summer fire season. 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 ever faithful and true, your Son's self-sacrifice of love has freed us from sin and death. Help us bear the gift of life to all we meet. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 168 YEARS AGO

Freemans Journal Sydney 1856

BOMBALA, MANEROO. [from a correspondent.]

We are in expectation of a fine spring here. While I write, the snow is falling heavily; there is a great depth of it on the ground. The Catholics in this district feel dissatisfied at having been so long kept without a resident Clergyman - they having subscribed the required amount about 15 months ago. We are visited about once every 10 weeks by the Rev. Fr. Kavanagh, of Queanbeyan, which is very severe on that gentleman, it being a distance of about 150 miles. Although we were the first subscribers, it seems that we are to be the last that is to have a resident clergyman, as the Protestants have one, the Rev. Mr. Ford, who officiates every Sunday; also the Presbyterians are making collections for a church and for the support of a minister. I hope that the Archbishop will shortly send us a priest, as there are a great many anxious to see one stationed among them.

Bombala, Maneroo, 6th Sept. 1856.

[We are happy to inform our Bombala friends that his Grace the Archbishop has appointed the Rev. Fr. Quinn, the former zealous and energetic pastor of Raymond Terrace, to the Maneroo mission. That reverend gentleman, we believe, left Sydney for his mission yesterday. - Editor.]

An 80-year-old woman was recently married to her fourth husband. A reporter questioned the occupation of her newly acquired husband. She replied that he owned a funeral home. Curious about the other husbands, the reporter also asked about their occupations. The woman paused for a while and stated that her first husband was a banker. The second one she was madly in love with, and he was a circus master. The third one was a minister. Puzzled by her answers, he replied, "None of these people have anything in common! Why did you marry these?" She stated that she married number one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go.



Congratulations to ELEANOR JUNE PAGE

daughter of
Ross and Meredith Page
who receives the
Sacrament of Baptism
at St Mary's Church today.

Eleanor's godparents are
Miriam O'Brien
and Clare McCosh.

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1. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

3. When you know sorrow within your life
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover Me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

3. Hosea *Gregory Norbett*

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.

2. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst,
You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way,
You shall speak your words to foreign men, And they will understand,
You shall see the face of God and live. **R**

**Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, You shall not drown,
If you walk amid the burning flames You shall not be harmed,
If you stand before the power of hell, And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all. **R**

4. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Antiphon: I have carried you on eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!**

1. My heart is full of peace;
You have been within my life!
Your guiding hand has always covered me,
I am full of confidence in You! **Antiphon**

2. My soul is like a child,
Cradled safe within your arms!
You have carried me across my years!
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. **Antiphon**



MASS AT DELEGATE MPS & LW&HC

Father Mark who has agreed to hold Mass at the Delegate MPS monthly. The first Mass will be held on Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 11am.

Please note that from 1 December 2024, LW&HC will move from 5pm to 6pm for the duration of the summer months.



- 27 November:** Mass Delegate MPS 11am
- 30 November:** Confirmation Bombala 5pm
- TBA:** Ecumenical Christmas Carols Delegate
- 13 December:** St Joseph's School Street Stall & Drawing of Wood Raffle
- 18 December:** Year 6 Graduation Mass Bombala 9.30am

We aspire for our church to be a lasting beacon of faith and community, enduring for generations to come, reaching even our grandchildren's grandchildren.



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.

Living the Gospel - People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



Our History

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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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

17 November 2024

First Reading Dn 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.**

- O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
- And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
- You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of

all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand
before the Son of Man.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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