



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 17 September 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 SEPTEMBER For people living on the margins



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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 who sow seeds of forgiveness day by day, that their constant practice of mercy will help renew the face of the earth.



We pray for the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Sue Minchin, Jane Nash, Keith Brownlie, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, Barry & Alma Reed, Wendy White, Anna & John 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:** Delegate Morning Tea after Mass  
**Mon:**  
**Tue:** Saint Januarius  
**Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am**  
Saints Andrew Kim Taegon,  
Paul Chong Hasang & companions  
**Thu: Feast of Saint Matthew**  
**Fri:**  
**Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm**  
**Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am**



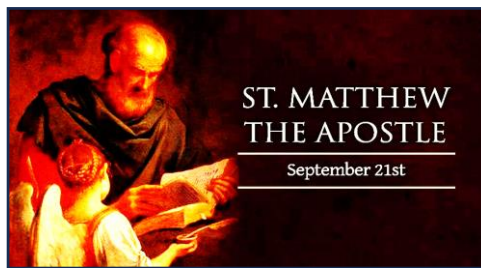
### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black  
Kevin Casey, Marge Casey  
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty  
Elizabeth II, Jack Elton  
Eva Eppelstun, Ben Ingram  
Sr Margaret Keane  
Sr Loretta Kilmartin, Maud Kilmartin  
Kathleen Mulligan, Cheryl Mustard  
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed  
Darcy Ryan, Maurice Stevens  
Jack Thornton



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



### ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

September 21st

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK SAINT MATTHEW

The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness.

### Quotes and Thoughts SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



Try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act. (15.9.1890)  
Refuse nothing to God's love. (18.9.1906)  
May the spirit of the Sacred Heart animate you. (18.9.1906)  
Truly wonderful are the ways of God. (22.9.1873)  
*47 Sisters in and around Adelaide, South Australia, expelled, 1871.*



**SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH DEVOTED TO THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY**, with the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th of September. The feast is preceded by another important feast, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the 14th of September which commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena and the dedication of the Basilica that was built on the site of the Crucifixion. Together, these two feasts remind us to reflect on the intense spiritual sorrows and martyrdom of the Blessed Virgin Mary that began when she heard the prophecy of holy Simeon and reached a high point at the foot of the Cross, during the agony of Our Lord Jesus on the Cross. She suffered her spiritual martyrdom along-with her Beloved Son Jesus for the salvation of all mankind.

### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### *“Dancing to God’s beat”*

God is the perfect dance partner if we learn to listen to him and follow his lead.



**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who feel overwhelmed by the dangers, threats and problems the world faces, that they do not succumb to hopelessness but be spurred to positive action.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the human family, that by God’s grace the spirit of solidarity will lead the world out of sinful division and into a new era of mutual respect, generosity and gratitude.



### Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**  
*Lord, hear our prayer*



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus calls us to forgive as generously as we are forgiven. Thankful for God’s boundless mercy, let us open our hearts in prayer for the needs of the world.

**READER: For** Pope Francis and all religious leaders who proclaim the Gospel. May they inspire people to seek the true Gospel values of truth and justice. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the people of Morocco devastated by deadly earthquake; that all who have been bereaved, injured or made homeless will receive the emergency and long-term aid they need to recover. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sisters, priests, parishioners, families and children associated with St Joseph’s School Delegate, as we mark 80 years since the blessing and opening of the present building, that they may be rewarded for their spiritual visions and practical skills. 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.

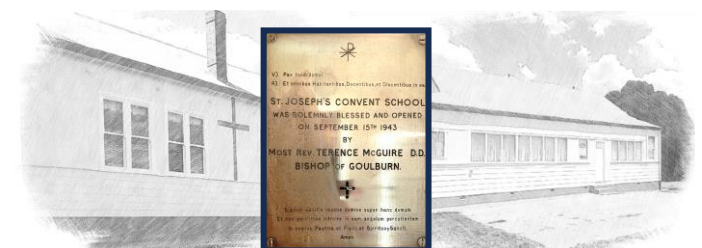
**AMEN**

### LOOKING BACK 80 YEARS AGO

#### **Bishop McGuire Blesses Delegate Convent School - 15 September 1943**

The new Convent School at Delegate was blessed on 15 September by Bishop Terence McGuire. There was Holy Communion of parishioners in St Joseph’s Church at 7pm and Solemn High Mass where every available seat was occupied. The celebrant was Fr A Deegan (Bribaree); deacon, Fr J Downey (Grenfell), and sub-deacon, Fr D Egan (Braidwood). Bishop McGuire presided, and was attended by Fr T Lynch (Temora), and Fr J Ryan (Cooma). Fr E Barry (Bega) was master of ceremonies.

A banquet was held in the Delegate Exhibition Hall with John Seiffert, MLA, representing the Minister for Education. Bill Ingram on behalf of the parishioners presided over the event. Fr Griffin welcomed all the visitors to Delegate and speeches in response were made by Bishop McGuire, Thomas Wolfe and Councillor Alfred Wright. The solemn opening and blessing of the school was performed by Bishop McGuire assisted by Fr Griffin and other clergy. Fr Griffin gave an outline of the work that had been done in Delegate and an account of the cost and expenditure on the new building. Fr Lynch moved that a subscription list be opened and as a result nearly £700 was received. Two of the convent children presented Fr Griffin with a cheque for £200 as the schoolchildren’s contribution to the cost of the new building. *(The builder was Aubrey Dallimore of Bombala and the cost of the building which included 25 desks was £2011 (approx. \$162,000 in 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

## Come As You Are *Sr Dierdre Brown IBVM*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you  
Come as you are, feel quite at home  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven  
Come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits  
No need to fear, love never ends  
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened  
Rest in my love, trust me again

3. I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn  
Each time you fail, to live by my promise  
Why do you think, I'd love you the less?

## 3. Only A Shadow *Carey Landry*

1. The love we have for you, O Lord,  
Is only a shadow of your love for us;  
Only a shadow of your love for us,  
Your deep abiding love. **R**

2. Our own belief in you, O Lord,  
Is only a shadow of your faith in us,  
Only a shadow of your faith in us;  
Your deep and lasting faith. **R**

**Refrain: Our lives are in your hands, Our lives are in your hands; Our love for you will grow, O Lord; Your light in us will shine.**

## 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.

## 4. A New Heart for a New World *Watts & 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**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE



"Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to prayer with the heart. May your hearts, little children, be raised in prayer towards Heaven, so that your heart may feel the God of love who heals you and loves you with immeasurable love. That is why I am with you, to lead you on the way of conversion of heart. Thank you for having responded to my call." (August 25, 2023)

## The Innocence of Children



### OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader boy handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

### KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mummy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

### SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

*Compliments of Sr Timothy*



## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Catholic Education Canberra & Goulburn was delighted to host the 2023 Faith in Learning Excellence Awards at St Christopher's Cathedral Manuka recently. Congratulations to St Joseph's Staff team who were awarded the Director's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Well done to all involved!



**St Joseph's School Monster  
Wood Raffle – Drawn Friday 22  
September - Tickets \$5**

**2023 Debutante Ball Bombala  
Saturday 7 October 2023**

**Blessing of the Flock – St Joseph's Delegate  
Sunday 29 October 2023 at 11am**



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## First Reading **Sir 27:30-28:7**

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;

who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8**

**(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.***

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

## Second Reading **Rom 14:7-9**

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## Gospel Acclamation **Jn 13:34**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I give you a new commandment:***

***love one another as I have loved you.***

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel **Mt 18:21-35**

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



## Reflection by Nick Brodie

Twice in today's gospel we hear indebted servants cry 'Give me time'. Through this parable Jesus shows us that patience and forgiveness are high virtues. These inform the Church's teaching on what Pope Francis calls an 'integral ecology', which basically insists that human progress should be sustainable and compassionate. All human beings exist as part of nature and in relation with each other. God too is part of this dynamic by virtue of the mystery of Creation, but also in a special way through Jesus in the Incarnation and through the Spirit in the Church. We Christians are called, therefore, to be patient and forgiving with nature and with each other as part of God's transcendent plan.

Our opportunities to do this come in many forms. We can reconsider whether our consumer habits are too burdensome on our planet, extracting resources more quickly than they can be replenished. We can choose to buy foods that are sustainably produced, and which justly supports small farmers. And we can encourage our political leaders to be like the good master, supporting debt relief for impoverished countries, abiding by international climate agreements, and taking other such actions that might give our world and its people time to heal.

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