



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 19 OCTOBER 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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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### POPES INTENTION OCTOBER

**For collaboration between  
different religious traditions**



Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

**We pray** for judges, lawyers, police and all who work in the justice system, that they will fulfil their duty with unfailing integrity, impartiality and wisdom.

**We pray** for advocates of nature, that their tireless efforts to care for the earth will bear fruit for the wellbeing of the world.

**We pray** for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.

**We pray** for the children of Australia, that this year's National Children's Week (18-26 October) will help everyone know and uphold children's rights.



**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.

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



## PARISH CALENDAR

**WED** Mass Bombala 12.30pm  
*Saint John Paul II*



**THU** *Saint John of Capistrano*  
**FRI** *Saint Anthony Claret*  
**SAT** **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**  
**SUN** **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

John Reed

### October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini

Sr Betty Bourke rsj,

David Cottrell

Peter Cottrell, Carol de Jonge

Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy

Ina McGrath, John Morgan

Yvonne Murphy, Alma Reed

Therese Rumph, Louise Stevens

Ann-Maree Stokes

Katie Thornton

Brother Andrew Travers-Bull

Des Twigg, Dawn Walker



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

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL



For our twinning  
conference in  
India, will take  
place again today.

**Collectors will be at the church doors**



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**



I wish not to care, if I can please God and do my duty. (28.8.1864)

God won't ask how others do the work .....

but He will ask you how you have done yours. (14.12.1890)

Out of every cross God wishes us to merit by making  
it an occasion of pleasing Him. (29.10.1895)

*Birth of Peter MacKillop, Mary's brother, 26.10.1857.*

# October, The month of the Holy Rosary



## OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates each month to a specific devotion, with October dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The month includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, commemorating the 1571 victory of Catholic naval forces over the Turkish fleet at the Battle of Lepanto. This victory, attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary, marked a turning point in preventing the Islamic invasion of Europe. Celebrating October by praying the Rosary honours this devotion.

## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

**Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant.**

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for those who are working in good faith for peace, justice and humanity throughout Palestine and Israel, that the seeds they sow for a new future will bear a swift harvest.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for world leaders, that they will work together to formulate and implement a global migration policy based on respect for human dignity.



## Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus asks us to pray continually and never lose heart. Trusting in his word, let us place our needs and hopes in God's sure hands.

**READER:** For those who have devoted themselves to a life of prayer in community, that their example will encourage all the baptised to pray faithfully every day. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** our war-torn world, that this week's United Nations Day (24 October) will strengthen our resolve to be peace-makers in every sphere of our lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the victims of crime, that they will recover from their trauma, be granted justice, and be able to rebuild their lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** community leaders who promote harmony and respect across all sectors of Australian society, that their work will defuse the danger of hate speech and division. 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:** Just and faithful God, your Son taught us to pray daily for the coming of your reign. Open our eyes to see your grace at work around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## Love & Blessings from Sr Timothy & Sr Brigid



Dad and I made a trip up to Canberra in late August for a reunion of old Dalgety staff members. What a night it was! We caught up with so many familiar faces, including Father Mark's cousin from Taralga, who I've known for years, and he couldn't say enough good things about Fr Mark – not that we needed convincing! The highlight was watching Scrub cut the reunion cake as the most senior staff member present at 91.

On my way back to Sydney, I took a detour into Goulburn to visit Sister Timothy Monaghan and Sister Brigid McMahon. They're both settled in the beautiful Josephite Retirement Village now and honestly, they look wonderful. They asked me to send their love and blessings to all their friends in Bombala and Delegate.

Sister Timothy has such deep roots in our area. She grew up in Bombala for a time and went to St Joseph's School – her father was a police officer stationed at both Cathcart and Bombala. She spent six years with the Monaro Motor Mission at Nimmitabel from 1985 to 1990, and even came back to Bombala for three months in 2012 as Pastoral Associate when Sister Teresa went home to Ireland.

Sister Brigid's story is just as connected to the region. She was born and raised at Kiah, just south of Eden, and attended St Joseph's School in Eden. She entered the Sisters of St Joseph back in 1953 alongside Sister Nathy, Sister Bede, Sister Christina, and Sister Dominica – all of whom taught in Bombala and Delegate over the years. Sister Brigid herself taught me in Delegate briefly in 1971 before heading back to Eden, where she lived and taught for many years.

Both sisters returned for the Delegate Church Centenary back in 2015 – such a special connection to our community that continues to this day. May we continue to cherish the bonds that unite our Josephite family, honouring those who have served our communities with faith, kindness and love. *Greg Crotty*



## 1. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord  
The God of mercy, the God who saves  
I shall not fear, the dark of night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men  
He will protect me from their wicked hands  
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night  
Nor stand alone before the light of day  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down  
No evil settle in my soul. **R**

## 2. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

**Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.  
His love can never be measured.  
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in him. **R**

2. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.  
His love can never grow weary.  
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in him. **R**

## 3. Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come  
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far  
And Grace will lead us home

## 4. 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**



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
CANBERRA/GOULBURN  
*good works*

Twinning refers to the supportive one-to-one partnership  
between a St Vincent de Paul Society council or conference in  
Australia and one in an overseas partner country, according to  
Council General International guidelines.

Promoting spirituality, friendship and an understanding between  
cultures. Twinning consists of Australian partners sharing:

- their spirituality through prayer
- their solidarity through communication
- material support through sharing a basic quarterly,  
monetary contribution and an optional grant at Easter and  
Christmas time
- optional support of overseas partner developed community  
development projects.

At the end of the financial year (FY) 2024-2025, there were 1,874  
twinning relationships between Australian and Overseas  
Conferences and Councils in Cambodia, Federated States of  
Micronesia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Myanmar,  
Philippines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Thailand.



I had a blind date last night and was a  
little worried about what to do if he wasn't  
my type. A girlfriend told me about an  
app called "Mom, Are You Okay?" It  
schedules your phone to ring right after  
you meet your date. If you like them,  
ignore the call. If you don't, you answer:  
"Mom? What's the matter? Are you  
okay?" — the perfect excuse to leave.

Brilliant idea, right? Well, I show up and he's absolutely  
gorgeous. I'm thinking, lucky me! But just as I'm about to  
walk him into the restaurant, his phone rings. He answers  
and says... "Mom? What's the matter? Are you okay?"



Two slices of bread decided to get  
married. The ceremony was amazing,  
the reception was going so great  
until....someone decided to toast the  
bride & groom.....

**Children's  
Week 2025**  
**18-26 October**





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**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**19 October 2025**

## First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and  
coming  
both now and for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by

God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

## Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives  
of our heart.**

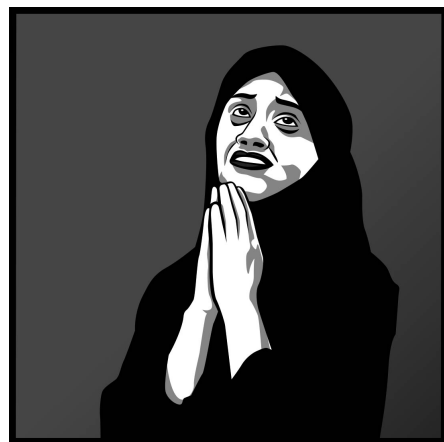
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

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