



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, 2 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as they celebrate NAIDOC Week from 2 – 9 July. Let us acknowledge and celebrate their history, culture and achievements.



**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

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant.”

Saint Maria Goretti



### FOR OUR ELDERERS

**NAIDOC WEEK 2-9 July 2023**



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:** Feast of Saint Thomas  
**Tue:** Saint Elizabeth of Portugal  
**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30am  
Saint Anthony Zaccaria  
**Thu:** Saint Maria Goretti  
**Fri:** Blessed Peter To Rot  
**Sat:** LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

#### 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.”

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

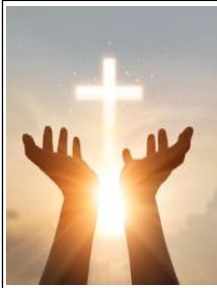


God knows what is best for all of us. (2.7.1891)  
Work on with constancy and courage (4.7.1876)  
He will Himself be your support and strength (July 1868)  
With these crosses He gives many precious graces  
to make the soul bear them. (6.7.1870)



# JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.



## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

### Prayer Everywhere

There are no constraints on when, where or how we pray.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for Christian minorities living under hostile regimes, that the worldwide church will support them in every way possible.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for all whose Gospel living provokes opposition or puts them in danger, that the apostolic witness of Saints Peter and Paul will give them courage to stand firm.



## Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** God brings comfort, consolation and hope to all people. May our prayers today bear witness to our faith in God who refuses kindness to no one.

**READER:** For Pope Francis and all Church leaders who model the call to be labourers for the Lord's harvest. May more of us respond to this call for more labourers for the mission of the Church. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

In preparation for **NAIDOC Week**, let us acknowledge and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the many contributions they have made to this country. May they see an end to their ongoing struggle for justice and equality in the land we share. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community. May each of us, in our own way, make a commitment to bear witness, in our daily lives, to our faith in God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For teachers, parents and children on school holidays around the country, that this will be a time of rest, refreshment and reinvigoration for them all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time. May they now be rejoicing in God's kingdom. 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 love, may your peace and mercy be upon all those who cry out to you today. Grant us the grace to rejoice in your saving word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

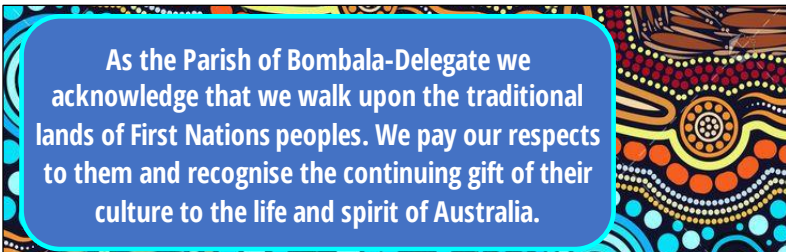
## Looking Back 103 Years – 19 Nov 1920 Delegate Euchre Party and Dance



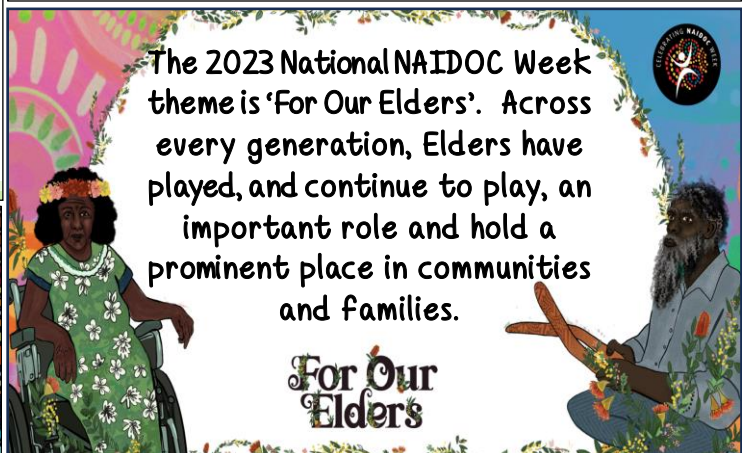
The euchre party and dance held in the School of Arts on Friday night last in aid of the Delegate Convent funds was a pleasant and successful function. The euchre commenced at about 8.30pm with seventeen tables being in play, the tournament concluding at about 11pm. Dancing was commenced soon after the termination of cards and was soon going merrily with about 45 couples dancing.

For the lady's prize Mrs L Brown and Miss E Wilson were a tie with 10 games each and divided the prize (a pair of doyleys). Messrs L Bronx and W Wolfe tied for the gent's prize with 10 games each and played off, W Wolfe being the winner. The prize was a thermos flask. Mr A Cannington had charge of the euchre tournament and Mr H Gunn was doorkeeper. Excellent music was supplied by a number of those present, and the floor was in good order. At about midnight supper was served, after which dancing was resumed and continued until the early hours.

We understand that about £20 (approx. \$1,600 in 2023) will be cleared as a result of the night ; a result which must be gratifying to the Hon. Secretaries (Misses Katie Jones and Agnes Campbell) and all who assisted. *Source: Trove Delegate Argus 1920*



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.



The 2023 National NAIDOC Week theme is 'For Our Elders'. Across every generation, Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in communities and families.

**For Our Elders**

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. Glory And Praise To Our God *Dan Schutte*

*Refrain: 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. **R**

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. **R**

## 3. Prayer of St Francis *Various*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,  
So much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand.  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

## 2. Lose Yourself in Me *Carey Landry*

*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.

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.

## 4. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

*R: 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! **R**

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. **R**

## Annual Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden - 19 August 2023



It's that time of the year again. The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites members of our community to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims as he journeys to Eden on Saturday 19 August for his annual pilgrimage to commemorate Australia's first saint - Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

This pilgrimage will commemorate Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the site she visited on two separate occasions, in 1899 and 1901. Saint Mary has played a very significant role in the establishment of Catholic education in our archdiocese and this pilgrimage is an opportunity to give thanks for the work done in Catholic education and honour Australia's first saint.

A summary of the program for the day:

- 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.
- 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests.
- 1.00pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. To assist with organising lunch, it would be appreciated if you could advise if you are attending so catering can be arranged, please book in with either Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or Bernadette Wood (0429 774 119).

The Sisters of St Joseph first came to this area with a community established at Bombala in 1887 followed by Eden 1891, Candelo 1900, Nimmitabel 1902, Adaminaby 1918, Cobargo 1918, Delegate 1921, Bega 1927, Bemboka 1951 and Motor Misson at Jindabyne in 1960 (relocated to Nimmitabel 1970). Mary MacKillop visited the sisters and schools at Bombala, Candelo, Eden and Nimmitabel.



*Paddy is at the airport with a sack over each shoulder and when he is stopped at customs they find that both sacks are full of mobile phones. When asked why Paddy replies, "Well, while I was on my travels in America, I got a phone call from Mick and he told me that he is starting up a jazz band and could I bring him back two saxophones".*

*(Compliments of Sr Timothy)*



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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**2 July 2023**

## First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2**

**(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by

the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.**

**Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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