



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 20 JULY 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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the team by
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Wednesday pm.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JULY For formation in discernment



Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



We warmly welcome Father Mark back from his break and pray that his time away has refreshed his spirit and renewed his strength. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and invigorate him in his ministry.
We offer our heartfelt prayers to God for Father Mark's good health and well-being as he faithfully shepherds our parish community.



We pray for all those in our community who are unwell. May they find strength, comfort, and healing, and may they recognise the loving presence of Christ beside them in their time of need.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

MON *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*
TUE *Saint Mary Magdalene*



WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Saint Bridget
THU *Saint Sharbel Makhluf*
FRI *Saint James*
SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
Saints Joachim & Anne
SUN **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Barbara Brownlie, Harry Dillon
Sr Christina O'Connor
Bernie Crotty

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams,
Kevin Bedingfield, Shirley Bedingfield
Brian Callaghan, Vincent Clear
Stanley Collins, John Cusack
Claude Elliott, Jack Eppelstun
Kevin Ingram, Lou Joseph
Gwen Kimber, Val Lasker
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan
Sr Bridget O'Halloran
Bryan O'Hehir, Martin Page
Judy Periera, Janie Roberts
Graham Rumph, Bert Smith
Peter Stewart, Jean Talbot
Jim Walker, Emily Williams



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



My heart is filled with a peace and joy that I cannot describe.
(20.7.1870)

God knows what is best for us all. (12.7.1898)
*Pope Benedict XVI prays at Mary MacKillop's Tomb,
North Sydney, 17.7.2008.*



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

Recognising God's presence in our relationships.

To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the church, that in our war-torn world it will be a vibrant sign of the Christ in whom all things have been reconciled in peace.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all people of good will, that the example of their inclusive neighbourly love will testify to our shared humanity and help dissolve division.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Christ is among us, our hope of glory. Trained in his wisdom, let us pray for the needs of the world.

READER: For Fr Mark, May God bless him with good health, strength and spiritual vitality as he faithfully shepherds our parish community. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the leaders of nations, that they will increase, not cut off, the flow of humanitarian aid on which many millions rely on to survive and to care for their children. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For women in the church, that every door possible will be laid open to enable them to offer their gifts of leadership, witness and service to the whole community. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the church in Australia, that the practice of synodality will take root in every diocese, parish and organisation across the nation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children returning to school, that this week's Schools Tree Day will inspire them and their families to love nature and care for the earth. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For workers in essential industries, especially those employed in dangerous, demanding and unpopular work, that they will be justly appreciated for their service. 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 of wisdom and bounty, you revealed your glory to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Help us live by the wisdom of the cross. We ask this through Christ our Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

LOOKING BACK TO THE 1840's

Early records show that the first Catholics to arrive in the Delegate area were primarily assigned servants and farm labourers. Among the first recorded as practising the Catholic faith was John McDonald, who settled in the district with his wife and seven children. John had emigrated from Scotland around 1838 and was employed by the Campbell family as a shepherd on their Delegate Station property. His son, known locally as "Black Archie," later assisted Fr Patrick Moore in compiling a history of the Bombala Parish in 1911. The first public Mass celebrated in Australia took place in Sydney in 1803, conducted by Fr James Dixon. Catholic mission centres were gradually established across the colony, including at Goulburn in 1840 and Queanbeyan in 1842. The priests attached to these early missions travelled vast distances under extremely challenging conditions to minister to scattered Catholic communities. By late 1843, Fr Michael Kavanagh and Fr John Kenny were based at Queanbeyan. These two priests alternated pastoral visits across the region known as "Maneroo" until Fr Kenny was recalled to Sydney in 1845. Records show that Fr Kavanagh visited Delegate and the surrounding district in March 1844, with Fr Kenny following the same route in May and June of that year. In the years that followed, Fathers Walsh, Kavanagh and Birch, all based in Cooma, continued to serve the spiritual needs of Catholics in Bombala and Delegate areas for nearly two decades. In 1864, Bombala was formally declared a parish, with Fr Patrick Newman appointed as its first resident parish priest.



1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

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.

2. Come to the Water *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.**

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

3. Open My Eyes, Lord *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see
2. Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear
3. Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love
4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you, Rest now in me

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**



We're thrilled to share that our recent Street Stall in support of St Vincent de Paul raised an incredible \$1,492, and it's all thanks to the generosity, hard work and community spirit of so many wonderful people.

To everyone who volunteered their time, baked, cooked or crafted goods, and to those who stopped by for a chat, a purchase or simply to show support, thank you.

Your kindness and effort have made a real impact.

St Vincent de Paul continues to provide vital support to those doing it tough, from food and clothing to a listening ear, and your contribution helps ensure that support continues in our local area.

This was truly a community effort, and we couldn't have done it without you.



A Lutheran pastor and his wife were driving in Brisbane, and they were pulled over for speeding. As officer Brown approached the pastor, he saw the pastor's Roman style collar and mistook him for a Catholic priest. "Oh, sorry about that, Father," he said. "Just try and slow it down a little, OK?" As they drove away, the pastor's wife said, "Shame on you! You know that he thought you were a priest!" "Oh, I know who he thought I was," replied the pastor. "I'm just wondering who he thought you were."



Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

Dear Family of Mary!

**June 25 2025 Anniversary Message
from Our Lady, Queen of Peace
"Dear children,**

Also, today I thank the Almighty that I am with you and that I can lead you towards the God of love and peace. The ideologies which destroy you and your spiritual life are transitory. I am calling you, little children: return to God, because with God you have a future and eternal life.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Archbishop's Saint Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage Eden - 9th August

Join us for the Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden. This special church has been designated for the Jubilee Year of Hope.



- Pilgrimage walk at 11.00 am from Sports Ground
- Reconciliation available during the walk
- Mass at 12.00 pm
- Visit Mary MacKillop Hall
- Please arrange your own transport

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20 July 2025

First Reading Gn 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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