

Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish







PARISH BULLETIN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 21 NOVEMBER 2021



"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." Parish Vision Statement, 2004



Prayer Intentions YEAR OF ST JOSEPH SPECIAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Popes Intention

People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

We pray for protection for all from the pandemic, that we will show love and care through our acceptance of the regulations placed on us.

We pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday, 23rd November.

We pray for our parliamentarians that they will make decisions on the respect for life.

We pray We pray for our Year 12 students currently sitting for their final exams.

We pray for our deceased loved ones and those who have died recently; may they rejoice in the blessings and happiness of God's Kingdom.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Michael Platts, Libby McGruer (Lomas), Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker (Therese R's sister), Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

Pas oral

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm. Items may come in by phone, note or email.

Parish Calendar

November - Month of the Holy Souls

Tue: First Reconciliation 6pm St Mary's Bombala **Wed:** Mass 9.30am Bombala

Sat: Reflection Time for Those Who Serve Bombala 10am

LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Sally Reed (Nimmitabel), John Scott, David Cottrell, Mark Bruce, Ann-Maree Stokes, Des Twigg, Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Beryl Phillips, Graeme Enright.,

Anniversaries:

John Morgan, Terry Peisley, Sheila Tiernan, Christine Walker, Geoff Stewart.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God has created me
to do some definite service.
He has committed some work to me
which he has not committed to another.
I have a mission.
....John Henry Newman



Reflection Time for Those Who Serve

This is a way to say 'thanks' for your service and to offer you spiritual encouragement as you continue your ministry/service.

You matter a lot to our Parishes and these sessions are in recognition of your generosity.

Bombala - Saturday 27 November 10am till 1:30pm (with lunch)





Does God ever allow anyone that trusts in him to be confounded? 26.12.1872
Pray to be ever ready for God's will even when it takes you by surprise. 25.5.1880
Are not God's ways wonderful to us all. 18.9.1873
Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good. 15.1.1872



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

(as we approach the end of the YEAR OF ST JOSEPH)

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil. AMEN
St Joseph, pray for us.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD Australia and refugees

The closing of off-shore processing on PNG should be only the first step in abandoning an unreasonable and cruel policy towards asylum seekers.

Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all members of the Laudato si' movement around the world, that they will inspire the whole human family to eco-conversion.

Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for those who struggle with underemployment, that they will find their way to fuller and satisfying work.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - BOMBALA

Thank you for your generosity over the last few weeks for the twinning collection. An incredible \$658-00 was raised. **THANK YOU AGAIN.**

DELEGATE PAINTING: Painting has commenced on the church interior and is looking bright and clean. The painter hopes to commence on the interior of the school centre over the following weeks.

Prayer of the Faithful

CELEBRANT: Aware that we were chosen for The Kingdom of Christ at our baptism, we open our hearts to petition our God for the needs of all people.

For the Church; that it may be a haven of encouragement and hope for all in the world. We pray to the Lord.

For world leaders; that all who govern tend first to the needs of the poor.

We pray to the Lord.

For unity among Christians; that we may recognise our unity in Christ and break down the barriers that divide us.

We pray to the Lord.

For peace in the world; in areas of conflict, may the Spirit of Jesus turn minds to thoughts of peace.

We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all in special need, for those sick in heart or mind or spirit, for those grieving the loss of loved ones and for those whose lives have been impacted by recent floods and natural disasters. Help us to bring healing and hope by prayer and action.

We pray to the Lord.

For our deceased loved ones especially those recalled in our November remembrance book; may they enjoy God's presence forever.

We pray to the Lord.

For our Lady's intercession for all our needs;
We pray....Hail Mary

CELEBRANT: Loving God, your Son Jesus established a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Help us to live according to his teaching, for he is Lord, forever and ever. **AMEN**

PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC:

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray each day for those suffering illness as a result of Corona Virus and to ask God to end this terrible COVID-19 Pandemic.

Loving God, we ask your continuing protection for all now that our nations has begun opening up. We especially pray for the most vulnerable, the aged, those with underlying health issues and those who cannot have the vaccine. Keep us all responsible and safe.

We also pray for the front-line medical personnel as they care for those with the virus.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSED VERSUS STRESSED

(a Daily devotion by DaySpring)
So how's your day going? Great, tough, smooth, rough....there are many ways we classify these sunup-to-sundown stretches of life. Some have an answer the moment they open their eyes - we can have that "wrong side of the bed feeling" from the start. We step into the morning and our suspicions are confirmed. Everything feels like a struggle. Or we might wake up feeling hopeful - the stage is set, and we just know we're in for some happiness!



A man went to his lawyer and told him, "My neighbor owes me \$500 and he won't pay up. What should I do?" "Do you have any proof he owes you the money?" asked the lawyer. "Nope," replied the man. "OK, then write him a letter asking him for the \$5,000 he owed you," said the lawyer. "But it's only \$500," replied the man.

"Precisely. That's what he will reply and then you'll have your proof!"

EUTHANASIA

The New South Wales Parliament is considering proposed legislation to legalise euthanasia. The vote will probably be taken in February next year.

The Church will always teach that euthanasia is wrong. The assisting of dying or the actual taking of life prematurely, offends God's plans for life. That said, Catholics need to understand why there is such a push here in Australia for these laws. It is an indication that something in our culture is wrong. Are we as a nation truly respecting life and the Creator of life? Are we living lives that accept nature and the rhythms of life – birth, life, illness and death? Are we prepared as a society to dedicate resources to the care for the suffering and the dying with the best of palliative care? Are we, as individuals, honouring and respecting life as God's gift and accepting our obligations to protecting life at all stages, willing to pay taxes for the care of life at all stages?

Euthanasia laws threaten our society's commitment to a compassionate and dedicated system of caring for the aged and the terminally ill. While it may seem to be a caring way for those who are suffering greatly, it opens the door to attitudes which in the future may deny good care for all.

There are two things we can do to express our Catholic understanding concerning euthanasia. Firstly we can pray for our parliamentarians that they will make the decision for respect of life.

Secondly, we can write to a parliamentarian asking them to vote for respect of life and not euthanasia. The Minister for Health, Mr Brad Hazzard has not yet decided how to vote, he may be a good one to address letters to:

Minister for Health, Parliament House, Sydney 2000.

Fr Mick will write a letter for anyone to co-sign.

2022 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS



Anna has an order form should you wish to purchase one of these calendars. The price is \$9 which also covers postage. Please let me know if you would like one, either at Mass or phone 6458 5208.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please write the names of parishioners, your family and friends in the book on the Altar for prayers during this month of the Holy Souls.



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS

Mini Vinnies: An update by April and Harper – team members:

Our Mini Vinnies team are taking part in the Christmas appeal this year. The Christmas appeal is all about donating non-perishable food to the people in need of a little love this Christmas. We would like you all to take part in this year's Christmas appeal to make families in need have a Christmas a bit more like ours. This Christmas is a little bit different for everyone. We need to put a smile on everyone's faces. We have put up a big Christmas tree in our front office and if you bring in food items you get a bauble with your family name on it to put on the tree. Classes that can fill their hamper boxes will receive an icv pole at the end of the fundraising drive. Please help us help those in need. (Appeal concluded Wed. 8th December.) Wood Raffle: The final total from this Monster raffle was \$3,891-09. At least this covers some of the other fund raisers where money is raised for the school, e.g. street stalls, Dongwa Catering etc.

DIOCONAL ORDINATION OF EDEN LANGLANDS

Last Friday Mr Langlands (pictured) was ordained a deacon in St Christopher's Cathedral. It was a wonderful moment for Eden, and a joyous one for our Archdiocese and the Church. Eden has been studying for the priesthood at the Good Shepherd Seminary, Sydney, for several years, and now returns to his home Archdiocese. We welcome him home, rejoicing in the gift of Eden's response to "Christ's call to serve the people of God in this area.

We congratulate Eden and assure him of our constant prayers and support. Let us continue to pray for an increase in vocations and foster parishes and homes as places where the call is heard and encouraged!

(Fr Trenton van Reesch)



*** LOOKING BACK 103 YEARS AGO - 25/7/1918 NEW CONVENT SCHOOL BOMBALA ***

The enthusiasm of Father John Roche for the progress of the Catholic Church has been well rewarded for his efforts during the 16 months he has been in charge of the Bombala Parish. During his term in the district Father Roche has paid off close on £1300 in Church debt. Yesterday (Wednesday, 17th July 1918.) tenders closed for the erection of a new red-brick up-to-date Convent School in Bombala. Seven tenders were handed in, including four from Sydney contractors. The new school, together with additions to the new Convent recently purchased by Father Roche from Mrs Sage for £850, will bring the cost of the Convent buildings in Bombala up to over £2000 (approx. \$184,000 in 2021). Father Roche declares that he does not fear Church debt, because he knows that he has the generous support of his people throughout his extensive Parish of Bombala. The work of erecting the new Convent School will begin in a few weeks' time and with its tiled roof will certainly be an ornament to the town of Bombala. Last year Father Roche completed the Church at Nimmitabel at a cost of £1,100, and if all goes well Father Roche next year will turn towards Delegate and hopes to erect an up-to-date Convent and School in this district.



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

<u>21 N</u>ovember 2021

First Reading Dn 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven.

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away,

nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

- (R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.
- The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R)
- The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
- 3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.Holiness is fitting to your house,O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him,

even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 18:33-37

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this. I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of this world'? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live other-worldy lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: 'My kingdom is not *from* this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.' Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We criticise ISIL's can easily blasphemous of barbaric use violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out of this world' experience, but in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done *on* earth as it is in heaven.'

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