



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 21 SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation



Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

We pray for Pope Leo, Vatican diplomats, bishops' conferences and local bishops, that they will be guided well by the Holy Spirit in their dealings with national governments.

We pray young people drawn by extremist ideologies towards anti-social and violent behaviour, that support from family members, friends and youth leaders will help them find a positive place to belong.

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 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.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

TUE Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Awards to Follow
FRI School Holidays Commence
Saints Cosmas & Damian
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint Vincent de Paul



SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Bishop Patrick Power
Russell White, Ron Chaplin

September Anniversaries

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



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



A journey with
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 – The Seven Sorrows of Mary

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 The Heart of Our Faith

At the heart of our faith is a deep and personal relationship with God which is nourished by our engagement with the Gospel stories.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have become disillusioned by the church into which they were baptised, that they will be led by the Spirit to a new faith in Jesus.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the parents, godparents, family and friends of every newly baptised infant, that they will be a community of faith, hope and love in which the child will grow to maturity.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls us to serve God with wisdom, justice and undivided hearts. Let us place the world and all its needs in God's merciful hands.

READER: For Pope Leo and all church leaders, that they will set an inspiring example of joyful discipleship and freedom of heart. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For a just global economic system, that in this Jubilee of Hope the world's economies will be reformed to raise up the poor, not burden or exploit them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For civil authorities in every nation, that they will serve their community with integrity and foster a healthy spirit of unity in diversity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the poor whose lives and livelihoods are most at risk in every form of natural disaster, that they will receive the attention and assistance that justice demands. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who serve as volunteers in the parish and local community, that they will enlarge the circle of friendship and care in which all can feel at home. 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: Good and gracious God, your Son showed us how to serve you with all our hearts. Keep us true to his name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

VALE BISHOP PAT POWER A 'pilgrim of hope and joy'



The Archdiocese is deeply saddened by the passing of Bishop Patrick Percival Power, who died peacefully this week aged 83. Born in Cooma in 1942 and raised in Queanbeyan, Bishop Pat always described himself proudly as a "Queanbeyan boy." Educated at St Christopher's School and St Edmund's College, he trained for the priesthood in Springwood and Manly before being ordained in his hometown in 1965. Bishop Pat went on to serve nearly 40 years as Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Throughout his ministry, he was loved for his compassion, humility and willingness to stand alongside people on the margins. He was never afraid to speak up for those doing it tough, and was especially known for his care of Indigenous Australians, refugees and disadvantaged people. In 2009, he was named Canberra Citizen of the Year in recognition of his lifelong advocacy. Yet despite his honours and responsibilities, Bishop Pat remained a humble man of the people. He officiated countless weddings, confirmations and funerals, always taking time to connect with families in their moments of both joy and sorrow. Friends and fellow clergy remember him as a "good bloke" – a simple but powerful tribute that sums up the way he lived his faith with dignity, honesty and kindness. He often said that the greatest gift of the priesthood was the people themselves: their faith, their generosity and the lessons they taught him. Bishop Pat will be remembered as a son of Cooma and Queanbeyan, a true Canberran, and a pastor who never lost sight of the everyday struggles and strengths of ordinary people. We especially remember "Father" Pat in Bombala and Delegate, where he graciously celebrated Mass for us on Christmas Day on numerous occasions. **May he rest in peace.**

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you! You will be always in my hand! Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!
2. Should you wander far away from me, I will search for you in every land! Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!
3. When you know sorrow within your life, I will come I will embrace your heart! Through your pain you will discover Me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. 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.**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

A big thanks to all the special Dad's/Grandparents and friends in the Joey's community who were able to attend our annual Father's day breakfast. In the afternoon we also held our annual Father's day gift stall which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to our volunteers for organising the event.

MONSTER WOOD RAFFLE TRUCK LOAD OF SEASONED WOOD

\$5 Tickets are available for a truck load of seasoned firewood delivered to your door to keep you warm on those chilly winter and spring days. Your support will assist our fundraising efforts to improve outdoor facilities for the school's kids!



There are three friends named Mad, Brain and Fight. One day Fight went missing and his friends Mad and Brain started searching for him. Then Brain said, "Mad, let's file a missing person report with the police."

When they were about to walk into the police station, Brain said, "Mad, you go and make the report. I will wait for you here." Mad said, "Okay." Mad walked in but no police officers paid attention to him. Then he saw a police officer drinking a cup of coffee. Mad went to the officer, smacked the table, and the cup of coffee flew in the air, landing in the officer's lap. Angry, the police officer asked, "Are you looking for a fight?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am." The police officer asked, "Are you mad?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am Mad." The police officer then asked, "Don't you have a brain?" Mad replied, "Brain is outside sir".

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



The inaugural Catholics to settle in the region arrived in 1826 as designated servants, primarily convicts. The community's foundation expanded with the influx of Scottish, Irish and subsequently German immigrants starting in 1833. Father Patrick Newman assumed the role of the first resident priest in 1864, succeeding a period during which priests were dispatched from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were erected to serve the growing Catholic population, including St Mary's Bombala in 1867 & 1942, St Joseph's Delegate 1877 & 1915, St John's Cathcart in 1878 and St Peter's Corrowong in 1894. Educational institutions also emerged with privately Catholic schools opening between 1866 and 1886, followed by the establishment of Catholic schools in Bombala in 1886 and Delegate in 1921. In 1888, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (North Sydney) co-founded by St Mary MacKillop, arrived, embarking on a continuous ministry that spanned 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes transitioned from the Sydney Archdiocese to the Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and later to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. The first local priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry, ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. The Parish of Delegate operated independently from 1955 to 1973. Significant events marked parish history in 2008, including the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following extensive repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate commemorated its Centenary in 2015.



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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First Reading Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?'

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to life their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:1-13

or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

Jesus' instruction to use money to win welcome in the 'tents of eternity' is really an encouragement for us to be good stewards who are more concerned with the future than finances. After all, he makes this point after describing a wasteful steward who, for personal gain, dishonestly writes off chunks of money owed to his master – hardly a model citizen. Money is tainted, Jesus says, and it will inevitably fail us. Only the bigger picture and set of relationships we build with it really matters.

So, this Season of Creation we would do well to reflect on how we use both money and the earth's resources. Do we cut corners for our own selfish aspirations, like the dishonest steward? Do we trample the needy for our own gain and comfort, like the contemporaries of Amos? Or might we cooperate with God in lifting the lowly and raising the poor from trash piles and dung heaps? Do we recycle the world's resources, or throw away our unwanted things to accumulate and afflict the poorest? Do we pray with St Paul for those in authority to make right decisions, or do we vote for unjust policies which make the rich richer, the poor poorer, and the earth dirtier?

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