



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 22 September 2024



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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION SEPTEMBER For the cry of the Earth



We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

We pray for students preparing for final exams at schools, colleges and universities, that they will do justice to their knowledge and progress towards a fulfilling career.

We pray for the crews of merchant ships transporting cargo to the nations of the world, that their love of home and family will stay strong through their long absences at sea.

We pray for Christian communities who are deprived of the Eucharist due to the absence of an ordained minister. May the Church's reform address their deep longing for the Bread of Life, ensuring that no soul is left spiritually hungry.



We pray for God's healing grace to touch those who are sick within our family, friends, parish and community. May they be surrounded by His comforting light, finding peace and strength to persevere through their difficulty, and may they feel His love and grace during this time of need.

Amy Talbot, John Vincent, Betty Callaway, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON Requiem Mass 11am
Anna Vincent
Burial Bibbenluke Cemetery
- WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
- THU Saints Cosmas & Damian
- FRI Saint Vincent de Paul
- SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint Wenceslaus
Saint Lawrence Ruiz
- SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



SAINT WENCESLAUS

SEPTEMBER 28



“God has not created poverty.....it is we who have created it. Before God, all of us are poor.”



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Anna Vincent

September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black
Kevin Casey, Marge Casey
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty
Elizabeth II, Jack Elton

Eva Eppelstun, Ben Ingram

Sr Margaret Keane RSJ
Maud Kilmartin

Sr Loretta Kilmartin OLSH
Kathleen Mulligan, Cheryl Mustard
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed
Darcy Ryan, Maurice Stevens
Carmel Thompson, Jack Thornton



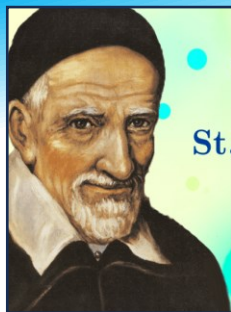
“We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death.”



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



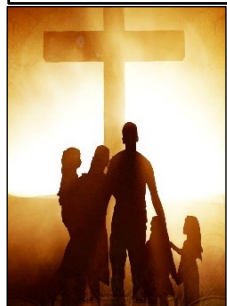
Let us really love one another. (15.9.1890)
May God bless you and keep you strong. (28.9.1875)
Don't you remember 'The foxes have holes and the birds of the air their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head'?
I always loved that, but now more than ever. (26.9.1871)



Celebrating St. Vincent de Paul



Saint Vincent de Paul, born in 1581 to a poor French family, rose from humble beginnings to become a renowned figure in the Catholic Church. After being ordained in 1600 and experiencing a brief period of slavery, he dedicated his life to serving the poor and reforming the clergy. He founded the Vincentians and co-founded the Daughters of Charity to further his mission of evangelisation and assistance to those in need. Saint Vincent's work included establishing hospitals, providing relief to the poor and convicts and developing seminaries to improve clerical education. His efforts earned him the titles "Apostle of Charity" and "Father of the Poor." Canonised in 1737, Saint Vincent left a lasting legacy through his charitable organisations, which continue to serve globally today. His feast day is celebrated on September 27.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD The Large Goal of World Peace

The large goal of world peace begins with commitment to peace in smaller areas – our personal relationships, our homes and our communities.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for our parish community, that the faith we share will bear fruit in good works, and our good works will keep our faith strong.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for Christian communities around the world, that all who have been baptised in Christ will boldly confess their faith in him and follow him with all their hearts.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, in union with Jesus who served and suffered for the life of the world, let us pray for our sisters and brothers in need.

READER: For the leaders of all Christian communities, that like Jesus they will be servants and true shepherds for all in their care, especially young children. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the faithful followers of Jesus, that the daily practice of prayer will purify their hearts and free them to be apostles of peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are falsely accused and treated unjustly for bearing witness to the truth, that they will be vindicated and their courage honoured. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For peoples around the world still subjected to colonial rule, that they will succeed in maintaining their identity and passing on their cultural heritage. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised up to be with the Risen Lord. 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: Eternal and ever-present God, you sent your Son among us to be servant of all. Set us free from false ambition and deepen our desire to care for one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

Vale Anna Vincent

With much love and tender sorrow, we remember our beloved sister Anna, who was called home to God last weekend. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Now embraced by God's loving care, Anna's legacy of unwavering faith, love and leadership will forever echo in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. Our thoughts and prayers are with John, their children Kate, Lucy and David, and all of Anna's extended family and friends during this time of grief.

Despite the health challenges she faced in recent years, Anna's vibrant spirit remained a shining example to us all. Her dedication to our Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish was nothing short of extraordinary. As Chair of the Parish Council, she led with compassion, ensuring every detail was handled with love and care, especially after our integration into the Monaro Mission in 2011. Under her leadership, our parish developed a strong sense of unity and shared purpose. Anna's presence was felt deeply through her involvement in Mass, Liturgy, parish events and the parish bulletin, all of which she lovingly maintained to keep our community spiritually connected, informed and engaged. Her contributions extended beyond the church. She actively served on other local organisations including St Joseph's School Community Council and the Bombala MPS Local Health Committee, where her passion for service and dedication to others was evident in all she did.

Anna's influence will continue to shine through the countless lives she touched. Her profound faith and boundless love for family and friends were the cornerstones of her kindness and service to others. As we remember her, let us honour her legacy by carrying forward her work, embracing her spirit of generosity and nurturing the love she so freely shared within our community. **Rest in God's gentle embrace, dear Anna. Your presence is cherished and remembered always.**



An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said: "Last night, we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said: "What was the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said: "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know...the one that is red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes," the man said. He then turned toward the kitchen and yelled: "Rose what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



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1. 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**

2. Father Welcomes *Robin Mann* **Refrain: Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.**

**Father giving his salvation,
 life forever has been won.**

1. Little children, come to me,
 for my kingdom is of these;
 life and love I have to give,
 mercy for your sin. **R**

2. In the water, in the word,
 in his promise be assured:
 those who are baptised and believe
 shall be born again. **R**

3. One Bread One Body *John Michael Talbot*

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all
 One cup of blessing which we bless
 And we, though many, throughout the Earth
 We are one body in this one Lord**

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
 Woman or man, No more **R**

2. Many the gifts, many the works
 One in the Lord, Of all. **R**

4. Companions On The Journey *Carey Landry*

**Refrain: We are companions on the journey, breaking
 bread and sharing life; and in the love we bear is the
 hope we share for we believe in the love of our God,
 we believe in the love of our God.**

1. No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers
 in God's house; we are fed and we are nourished by the
 strength of those who care, by the strength of those who
 care. **R**

2. We have been gifted with each other, and we are
 called by the Word of the Lord: to act with justice, to love
 tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God, to walk
 humbly with our God. **R**



Pope's World Youth Day message: Hope in the Lord and you will not grow weary

In his message for the 39th World Youth Day, Pope Francis encourages young people to embrace life's challenges with hope and perseverance, drawing from the words of the prophet Isaiah. He urges them to view life as a pilgrimage, where hope is an active force that sustains them through struggles. Pope Francis acknowledges the weariness that accompanies meaningful journeys but stresses that true relief comes from being "pilgrims of hope" rather than succumbing to stagnation. He emphasises the importance of the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment and encourages young people to deepen their relationship with God, especially in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. He concludes by inspiring them to be brave and entrust their journey to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**We, the Parish
 of Bombala-Delegate,
 acknowledge with deep respect that we
 stand upon the traditional lands of the
 Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.**

**We recognise the enduring
 legacy of their culture, which
 continues to enrich the life and
 spirit of Australia.**



We aspire for our church to be a lasting beacon of faith and community, enduring for generations to come, reaching even our grandchildren's grandchildren.

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.



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 September 2024

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law

and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds
sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
you find disharmony, and wicked things of
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
that comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace,
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they

work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear
fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in
the desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven't got
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't
have what you want is because you don't
pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,
it is because you have not prayed properly,
you have prayed for something to indulge
your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

**to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

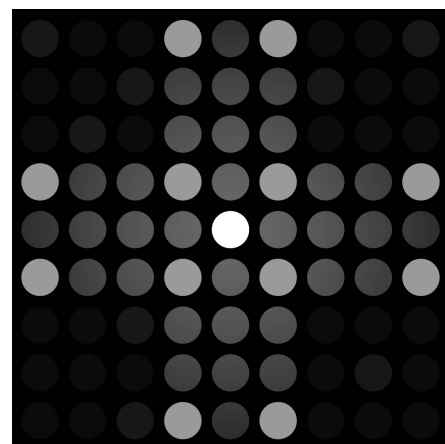
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity
... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants
of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee;
and he did not want anyone to know,
because he was instructing his disciples;
he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be
delivered into the hands of men; they will
put him to death; and three days after he
has been put to death he will rise again.'
But they did not understand what he said
and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he
was in the house he asked them, 'What
were you arguing about on the road?'
They said nothing because they had been
arguing which of them was the greatest. So
he sat down, called the Twelve to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must
make himself last of all and servant of all.'
He then took a little child, set him in front of
them, put his arms round him, and said to
them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these
little children in my name, welcomes me;
and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked
his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?'
marked a turning point in the gospel of
Mark. Having established in the minds of
the disciples that he is indeed the
Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore
with them what that really means and
also what it means to be a follower – a
disciple – of the Messiah who must be
put to death. Having finally come to
some level of understanding that Jesus is
the Messiah, the disciples have latched
on to a very limited understanding of
Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed
that being Messiah meant that Jesus
was going to lead a triumphant victory
over all the woes of the Jews – it was a
common understanding and expectation
of what the Messiah would do. With this
in mind, the disciples begin to argue
amongst themselves about who will hold
positions of respect and power in the
aftermath of Jesus' great triumph.
Despite what Jesus had just said about
being put to death and rising again, the
disciples simply couldn't grasp what he
was saying and fell back onto a familiar
picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to
make them pay attention to what he was
saying to them, Jesus put his arms
around a small child and told the
disciples they had to welcome little
children in his name. Like so many
gospel images there is more going on
here than meets the eye. Children were
regarded as complete nobodies in the
culture of the time. They had no status
and absolutely no authority. Jesus is
saying to the disciples, don't argue about
who will be the greatest; this child – this
nobody – is greater than anyone who
lords it over others. If you treat a nobody
like this with respect, you treat me with
respect.

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