



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Christ the King - Year B - 24 November 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

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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION NOVEMBER

For anyone who has lost a child



We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

We pray for all who feel overwhelmed by the global crises confronting the human family, that the hopeful spirit of Christian believers will renew their confidence and call them to action.

We pray for parents and families grieving the death of a child, that they will draw strength from the support of a loving community and loyal friends.

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.



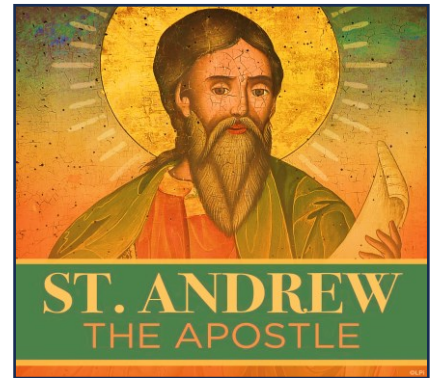
We pray for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

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



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saint Catherine of Alexandria
WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
Mass Delegate MPS 11am
SAT Confirmation Mass
Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint Andrew



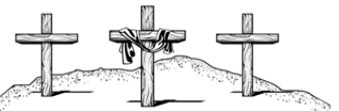
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

John Vincent

November Anniversaries

Rita Black, Jenny Moser-McCarron
Terry Peisley, Bert Rayner
Charlie Reed, Geoff Stewart
Margaret Sutor,
Sheila Tiernan, Christine Walker



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



“If I ever become a Saint—I will surely be one of darkness.
I will continually be absent from Heaven to light the light of those in darkness on earth.”



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



We are but travellers here. (27.11.1866)
Keep up your courage. (30.11.1868)
All is in the hands of God. (1.12.1881)
Only what you will, my God. (1.12.1898)
Mary MacKillop seriously ill in Melbourne, Victoria, December 1891.

FEAST OF THE CHRIST THE KING

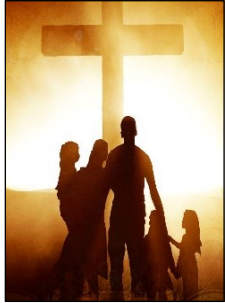
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly called the Feast of Christ the King, celebrates Christ's supreme kingship. Established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to counter rising secularism, it was moved in 1970 to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, symbolising Christ's sovereignty and the liturgical year's culmination. Falling between November 20-26, it transitions into Advent, emphasising Christ's eternal reign and inviting reflection on His role as Lord of all creation.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Christ the King

I now focus on the people of all nations crowding before him. What do I pray for them today? I end by praying 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done . . .'



Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the dedicated volunteers supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Australia, that their advocacy will ease the daily anxiety of those whose status is uncertain.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all practitioners of conflict resolution, that they will succeed in defusing disputes, whether local or global, and bring the discord to peaceful conclusion.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, the realm of Jesus is one of truth, life, holiness and grace. Let us pray for all people on earth to dwell in his domain.

READER: For Pope Francis, that his call for a church of the poor, with the poor and for the poor will be heard and heeded by the whole people of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the church around the world, that today's concluding festival for the liturgical year will be one of joyful celebration and thankful remembrance. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the world's spiritual, political, cultural and financial leaders, that they will use all the power at their disposal for the good of humankind and the health of the planet. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the members of rural fire brigades across the land, that their community service will keep people and properties safe through the summer fire season. 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: All-loving God, by his death on the cross Jesus your Son reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. In your goodness make us apostles of peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 164 YEARS AGO

THE NEW DIGGINGS AT GIBSON'S PLAINS.

CATHOLICITY AT BOMBALA PLAINS

Bombala, Maneroo, 1st February 1860.

Dear Sir,

I write to let you know a little about our new diggings which have been discovered on Maneroo. They are situated at a place called Gibson's Plain, about eighty or ninety miles from Bombala, and fifty from Cooma. Most of the men in the towns of Bombala and Cooma are off to the diggings. I, myself, saw two letters addressed to Mr H Solomon's, Bombala; they state the diggings will be First-rate. A nugget weighing 3 1/2 ozs. was sold in Cooma the other day. Also, a party of five obtained 35 ozs. in one day. The letters I saw were from Mr S Shannon, storekeeper, and Mr Joseph Ward, publican, Cooma. I dare say there are 1,000 people on the diggings at present. The Rev Michael Kavanagh, of Queanbeyan, has been on a pastoral visit around the district of Maneroo. He celebrated Mass at Bombala, on Sunday, 29th January, when a congregation of about 100 persons attended. He has had a long and fatiguing journey, it is a pity we have not a resident clergyman.

Your obedient servant.

JAMES LEONARD

(Kiandra is an abandoned gold mining town and the birthplace of Australian skiing. The town is situated in the Snowy Mountains of New South Wales, Australia, in the Snowy Monaro Regional Council inside the Kosciuszko National Park. Its name is a corruption of Aboriginal 'Gianderra' for 'sharp stones for knives'. It was earlier called Gibson's Plains, named after a Dr Gibson, a settler in the district in 1839. For a century (until the establishment of Cabramurra), Kiandra was Australia's highest town.)

SUNDAY DINNER

A young couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the pastor asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the Pastor, "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'We might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"



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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**

3. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
 Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
 Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
 Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find, Just what the journey means;
 walk while there's time. Food for the journey will answer your need.
 Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
 Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
 Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
 Share with your people, that love has its will.

2. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
 His love can never be measured.
 His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
 so let us place our trust in him. **R**

2. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
 His love can never grow weary.
 His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
 if we can place our trust in him. **R**

4. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst,
 You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way,
 You shall speak your words to foreign men,
 And they will understand
 You shall see the face of God and live. **R**

Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always Come, follow me and I will give you rest

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea
 You shall not drown, If you walk amid the burning flames,
 You shall not be harmed
 If you stand before the power of hell
 And death is at your side
 Know that I am with you through it all. **R**

MASS AT DELEGATE MPS and LW&HC

Mass will be held at the Delegate MPS this
Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 11am.
All are welcome to attend.

Please note that from **December 2024**, LW&HC will move from 5pm to **6pm** for the duration of the summer months.



- 27 November:** Mass Delegate MPS 11am
- 30 November:** Confirmation Bombala 5pm
- TBA:** Ecumenical Christmas Carols Delegate
- 13 December:** St Joseph's School Street Stall & Drawing of Wood Raffle
- 18 December:** Year 6 Graduation Mass Bombala 9.30am

Our vision is for this church to stand as a timeless beacon of faith and community, inspiring and supporting generations, including our grandchildren's grandchildren.



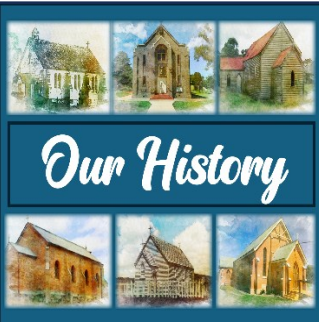
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.

Have you thought? The Kingdom of God

When Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God, he rarely provides a clear description. He often uses metaphors ("the kingdom of God is like...") and defines it by what it is not. The kingdom is also paradoxical: it is both here and now, yet still to come; some find it hard to enter, while others are assured a place; it is within us, yet also a great banquet open to all.

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

24 November 2024

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.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty
enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. 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.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week marks the end of the
liturgical year. Next week, with the first
week of Advent, we begin the new
liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the
Church concludes the liturgical year
with the celebration of Christ the King.
The conversation between Jesus and
Pilate displays a lot of word play on the
part of Jesus and quite a lot of
confusion on the part of Pilate. The
confusion stems from different
perceptions of what it means to be a
king. For Pilate, part of the most
powerful political and military rule in
the ancient world, the idea of a king
was a threat. Claiming kingship was
claiming authority and power that
would inevitably lead to challenging the
authority and power of Rome and, more
directly, its representative in Palestine
- Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a
completely different idea about
ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed
declare that he is a king and that is
what leads us to today's feast of Christ
the King. However, his intention is not
to claim a position of power and
authority. When we think back to Jesus'
teachings about the kingdom of God,
we recall that he declares the people of
highest status - the first - in the
kingdom to be the lowliest of this world.
It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the
children and the widows who will hold
the highest places in the kingdom of
God. In a kingdom like that, what does
it mean to declare oneself king? The
confusion about what it means to be a
king that is captured in this interaction
between Jesus and Pilate is the same
confusion that we saw among the
disciples as they came to terms with
exactly what it means to be the
Messiah.

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