



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 3 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 the unsung saints who care for neighbours and strangers alike with whole-hearted love, that their humble goodness will further the reign of God.

We pray for the citizens of the United States, that they will exercise their right to vote in Tuesday's presidential election and cast that vote with due deliberation.

We pray for the hungry, thirsty, homeless and needy, that they will be loved as neighbours and not treated as strangers.



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.

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



### PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saint Charles Borromeo  
TUE  
WED Mass Bombala 9.30am  
THU  
FRI  
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### November Anniversaries

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



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

### 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.



"If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner." Nelson Mandela



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**



Do not any of you get discouraged.  
Be humble, patient and charitable. (17.12.1883)  
If men and women forget, God does not. (4.11.1886)  
If we cannot excuse everything we can at least excuse the intention.  
(4.11.1884)

*Birth of Alick MacKillop, Mary's brother, 7.11.1846*



# NOVEMBER

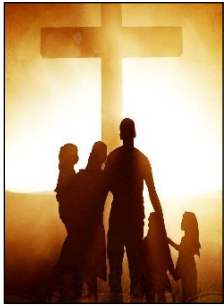
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The Catholic Church dedicates November, starting with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory—those who died in grace but have yet to atone for all their sins. This reflects the Church's belief in the communion of saints, uniting us with those in heaven, purgatory and on earth. In November, Catholics are encouraged to pray for deceased loved ones and those who have no one to pray for them, reinforcing our unity in Christ. Pope Saint John XXIII expressed this beautifully, calling devotion to the dead "one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit".

## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

### Remembering the dead

In Christian faith  
Christ offers life after death  
to all those who have faith in him.



**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the countless people who have fled or been displaced from their homeland, that they will find a safe haven which allows them to treasure their culture and community.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who have been ordained to priestly ministry, especially Fr Mark Ha, that they will find joy and peace in the service of God's people.



## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus's word is clear and simple: our mission is to love with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. Let us enfold the whole human family with loving prayer.

**READER:** For the Catholic bishops of Australia, that at their meeting this week they will resolve to further the implementation of the Plenary Council and the Synod on Synodality. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who grace the world with lives of selfless love, that their generosity of heart will set many free from the tombs of fear, hate and anger. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** parents, teachers, and all guides and mentors of the young, that by word and example they will inspire those in their care to live by the wisdom of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the displaced and starving people of Sudan, that their immense suffering will call the world community to provide humanitarian aid on the scale that they desperately need. 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:** God of all goodness, in Jesus your Son you have shown us how to love without limit. Renew in us the gift of your Spirit and set us free from hesitation and fear. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

## A UNIVERSAL GRIEF

Pope Francis, in his November prayer intention, invites us to join him in praying for anyone who has lost a child, asking the Holy Spirit to bring them peace and consolation.



The loss of a child is often regarded as the most heartbreaking of all funerals, carrying with it the unfulfilled potential and dreams parents had for their child. This intense sorrow can sometimes strain family bonds, and parents often grieve for children regardless of age. The natural order feels broken when children precede their parents in death. The grief for lost children extends beyond personal tragedy to those affected by violence and disaster worldwide. Countless children have died in war zones like Gaza, Lebanon, Myanmar and Sudan, often with no one left to mourn them. In Australia, the grief also reaches those lost to drug overdoses, suicides and tragedies in prisons or homes. This shared sorrow reflects a global flood of grief, particularly for children who were undeservedly taken. Each story represents a parent's profound and universal sorrow. Pope Francis highlights the essential role of community support for grieving parents, regardless of culture, family size or circumstance. Often, people distance themselves by assuming that some parents may not feel grief as deeply, but this is false; grief knows no boundaries. The Pope encourages communities to stand by those who mourn, offering time, care and understanding. Grieving parents, especially those who feel isolated or separated from supportive networks, rely heavily on these gestures from their community and church. The Pope envisions a church that embodies compassion, like Jesus in the Gospels, who comforted and healed those in sorrow. Through acts of care, such as helping with daily needs and maintaining ongoing support, the Christian community reflects God's love. Pope Francis prays that the Holy Spirit brings comfort and strength to those mourning their children, sustaining them with hope in eternal reunion. This hope, while not erasing the pain, helps bear the weight of loss and reminds us of a future in which we shall be united with our loved ones again.

*(Source: Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ - editorial consultant at Jesuit Communications)*



A man stopped by the local church to talk to the Pastor. He told the Pastor "I stole a turkey this morning on my way home from work".

The Pastor told him "That was a terrible thing to do". The man replied "Yes, I know that now, do you want it?" The Pastor replied "No, take it back and give it to the man that you stole it from." The man replied, "I tried to give it back, but he refused it". The Pastor told him "In that case you keep the turkey". The man thanked the Pastor and went on his way. When the Pastor arrived home later that day he discovered that his turkey had been stolen!

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. Strong and Constant *Frank Anderson*

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. Micah's Theme *Sr Anne Kelly IBVM*

**Chorus: Hear what the Lord God asks of you  
To live justly, To love tenderly  
And to walk humbly with your God.**

1. I have come that you may have life  
And have it to the full.

2. Ask and you shall receive  
Knock and it shall be yours.

3. Father, your Kingdom come  
May your will be done.

## 3. 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**

## 4. Glory And Praise To Our God *Dan Schutte*

**Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways**

1. We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings.

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

### Heartfelt Thanks!



Our Twinning Collection raised an incredible \$477.00, an impressive achievement for our small congregation. The generosity of this community shines brightly. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support!



### Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorje

#### Our Lady's message to Marija, October 25, 2024

Dear children! At this time, when you are celebrating the day of All Saints, seek their intercession and prayers so that in union with them, you may find peace. May the Saints be your intercessors and example, that you imitate them and live holily. I am with you and intercede before God for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.



### NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDING RENOVATIONS

St Joseph's Primary School Bombala Community  
invite you to join them for the official opening  
of the school building renovations:

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024

1.30PM – 3PM

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

Please RSVP to school office: 02 6458 3776



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**3 November 2024**

## First Reading Dt 6:2-6

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2**

**(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my  
stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes.  
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be to the God that saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

## Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the

other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mk 12:28-34

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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