



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B - 31 OCTOBER 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

### Missionary Disciples

**We pray** that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**We pray** for God's protection on all the people in our region and for recovery for those who have the Corona virus.

**We also pray** for our doctors, nurses, ambulance officers and other health professionals who are on the front line.

**We pray** for the young children in our Parish still waiting to celebrate their first Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**We pray** for an end to the pandemic which is affecting all of Australia and all those in the poorer countries of the world.

**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:

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



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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

**Mon: All Saints Day**

Mass 9.30am Bombala

**Tue: All Souls Day**

Mass 10am Bombala Cemetery

**Funeral Mass 1pm Delegate**

For David Cottrell

*In accordance with COVID-19 Safety Plans*

**Wed: School Mass Bombala**

9.30am Years K-2

**Thu: Feast St Charles Borromeo**

**Fri:**

**Sat: Vigil Mass Delegate 6pm**

**Sun: Mass Bombala 8am**

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## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

David Cottrell (bother to Clive, Kaye, Paul & Phillip), Mark Bruce, Anne Stokes (partner of Glenn), Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Des Twigg, Graham Enright, Beryl Phillips, Lyons Walcott, Paul Bennett, Pam Clear, Shirley Rutherford.

### Anniversaries:

Dick Kennedy, John Morgan, Terry Peisley, Sheila Tiernan, Christine Walker.

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Thought for the week:  
The things that count most in life  
are the things that can't be counted.**

**EC McKenzie**



## 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)**



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*God wants us to take fresh courage. 21.5.1877  
God will not fail you no matter how much you may be tried. 30.8.1874  
Be without fear, do your work humbly in sweet charity and for God alone. 19.11.1873  
God is merciful and knows we are weak. 21.5.1877*



YEAR OF  
**St Joseph**  
8 DEC 2020 – 8 DEC 2021  
"With a father's heart."



**FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD**  
**Flavour of the Gospel**

Everyone, in their different ways, has the ability to spread the good news of the Gospel.

**Weekly Prayer Intention**

We pray for those entrusted with the task of preparing for the second session of the Plenary Council, that they will continue to attend to all voices and to the promptings of the Spirit.

**Daily Prayer Intention**

We pray for the Catholic Church in Australia, that the next phase of the Plenary Council process will be inclusive, transforming and Spirit-led.



**LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE**

If you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

**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*



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL**

For our twinning conference in India, will take place over the next 2 weeks. Collectors will be at the Church doors.



*A monastery in the English countryside had fallen on hard times and decided to establish a business to defray their expenses. Other monasteries, they knew, had opened bakeries or wineries. Being English, however, they decided to open a fish-and-chips restaurant. The establishment soon became very popular, attracting people from all over. One city fellow, thinking himself clever, asked one of the brothers standing nearby, "I suppose you're the 'fish friar'?" "No," answered the brother levelly, "I'm the 'chip monk'."*

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**Celebrant:** As the beloved sons and daughters of God, in faith we make our petitions for our needs and the needs of the world.

For all who lead in the Church, Pope Francis, bishops, priests, religious, parents and grandparents, that they will always witness to loving God and neighbour.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For families, that they will give all an example of loving God by the way in which they live together in love and kindness.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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 to the Lord.**

For all who are ill or suffering in any way, that they would know God's care for them by our love and support.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For all who have died, especially David Cottrell, Anne Stokes, Mark Bruce, John Scott and Sr Margaret Keane may they live in the eternal love of God.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For all our own personal intentions, we pray with Mary the Mother of God, **Hail Mary**.....

We ask these prayers and all the prayers of our hearts through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



St Teresa of Kolkata  
Mother Teresa

**SAINTLY WISDOM**

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."



"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us."

St John Paul II



## WORLD SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

'Synodality' is a Greek word meaning 'walking together'. Synods have been part of the Church since the days of the Apostles, where, the faithful have met together to discern the Holy Spirit's guidance in matters concerning how the Church lives and moves in the world and carries out its Mission to bring Christ to particular concerns. Synods of Bishops have been held every three years since Pope St Paul VI re-instituted them after the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

Of late, Pope Francis has held Synods of Bishops on the topics of Marriage and Family, Youth and Amazonia. It has been his observation and experience that those most recent Synods have been held in an atmosphere not of 'walking together' but one of 'the loudest voices'. He has been particularly concerned that the need in the Church is one of deep listening to the Spirit.

Pope Francis has now called a Synod for the purposes of discerning, just how to listen to the Spirit. He now asks the whole Church, the People of God, to be involved in that Synod. From now until next year, Pope Francis asks all Catholics to meet and listen to the Holy Spirit speaking through each other. From the results of this deep listening, the Church will better be able to map out how a Synod should meet to discern how best to carry out the Mission of the Church. More details to follow.....

**St Charles Borromeo**, was born on October 2, 1538, in Lake Maggiore, Italy. He was the second son of wealthy parents who raised him in an extremely religious atmosphere. Charles studied theology and also earned his degree in law at the University of Pavia in Milan. Three weeks after he received his degree, his mother's brother became Pope Pius IV and called his brilliant young nephew to Rome. Almost immediately, he made Charles, aged 22, a Cardinal of the Church. Charles was usually seen in rags. He would see that the curtains in his palace, his clothes and other possessions were turned into money for medicine for the poor. He taught catechism, found the sick and elderly places to stay, established schools and ran the diocese. He lived a life of prayer, slept little and ate less. Feast Day 4 November.

## LOOKING BACK 95 YEARS AGO Cathcart Concert, 12 February 1926

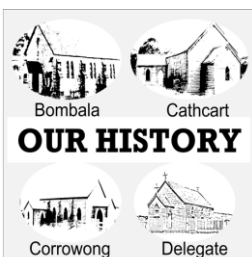
Speaking at the 11 o'clock Mass in St John's Church, Cathcart, on Sunday last, Rev Father Roche said that he felt it his duty to publicly express his gratitude and thanks to the members of all Protestant denominations who had come together recently and made a united effort in the local School of Arts to make the Concert in aid of St John's Catholic Church such a huge and wonderful success. Nineteen motor cars brought people from the outlying districts, and it can be safely stated that the gathering in the local School of Arts on the night of the concert was the largest on record for the town of Cathcart. The door takings for the concert and dance totalled £41 5s (approx. \$3,384.45 in 2021), and the success of this social event was entirely due to the zeal of the two energetic young Secretaries, Misses Rita Crotty and Kathleen McCoy. Special thanks are due to the Rev JC Mather (Methodist), Mr G Coulter (CBC Bank), Mrs Greenwood, Mrs F Gerathy, Mr FH Gee, Miss Buttsworth, Mr B Pearson, Mrs L Stewart, Mr AJ Ashby, Mrs GF Morris, Miss Doris Crawford, Mr E Sparks, Mr G Mergan, Mr J Jones, Mr Duncan Campbell and others, all Members of various denominations, who travelled many miles to make the concert one of the largest and biggest successes ever held in Cathcart. In concluding, Rev Father Roche congratulated the Cathcart 'Sunshine Girls' for their help, and the splendid rendering of the comedy, 'Dearest Mamma,' by the Delegate Dramatic Club, should be an encouragement for them to make a success of their own various entertainments in the future.



## CATHOLIC LADIES ORGANISATION

Meeting in the Parish room on  
Wednesday, 20th November at 10AM  
All are very welcome.

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



The first Catholics arrived in the area from 1826 as assigned servants (convicts). Scottish, Irish, and later German immigrants built up the presence from 1833. Father Patrick Newman was the first resident priest in 1864. Prior to this, priests travelled from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were built in Bombala 1867 & 1942 (St Mary's), Delegate 1877 & 1915 (St Joseph's), Cathcart 1878 (St John's) and Corrowong 1894 (St Peter's). Schools opened in 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886 and Delegate 1921. In 1888 the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have provided continuous ministry for 133 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes were transferred from the Sydney Archdiocese to Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. Our first priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry who was ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. Delegate was a Parish in its own right from 1954-1972. 2008 saw the welcoming of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate celebrated its Centenary in 2015.





# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



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

**31 October 2021**

## 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 Fr Michael Tate

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself?

Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour.

We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

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