



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## Parish Bulletin 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A 5 February 2023



### 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 FEBRUARY For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**We pray** for our parish community; may 2023 bring us many graces and blessings.

**We pray** pray for our Principal, Mrs Tighe, her school staff and all the students now they have commenced another year at St Joseph's School.

**We pray** for the 59+ people who are now deceased after the tragedy in Peshawar in Pakistan.

**We pray** also for the people of Alice Springs that the torment they are suffering can be brought under control.

**We pray** for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.



**We pray** for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Merilyn Knight, Tom Kennedy, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Christine Cowell, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham



### PARISH CALENDAR

### Word of God Sunday

Celebrated today and annually on the first Sunday in February.

Pope Francis established this day, devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30am

**Sat:** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

LW&HC Delegate 6pm

**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear  
Ron Cowell, Jak Cuttle  
Penny Hassall, Gordon Ingram  
Heather Jones, Brian Lock  
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir  
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes  
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith  
Sheila White



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

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"Yesterday is gone.  
Tomorrow has not yet come.  
We have only today.  
Let us begin."

Saint Teresa  
of Calcutta

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11

In 1992 St John Paul II initiated  
The World Day of Prayer for the Sick.



It coincides with the Feast  
of Our Lady of Lourdes on  
February 11.

### Quotes and Thoughts SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

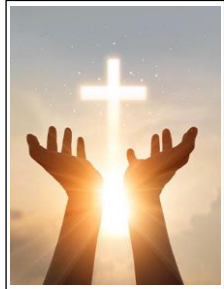


We know God delights in being manifested through the weakness of others. 1871  
Keep up your courage. We do not live here forever. 1890  
We must look before us, do what we do well and refuse to undertake too much. 1900  
I do not let myself speculate upon anything. 1.12.1898  
In our unity under God lies our strength. 10.8.1874



## FEBRUARY – MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Pope Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### *The communion of faith*

When parishes place communion at their centre, they build communities.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for parents and teachers, that they will instil in their children a life-long love of learning.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the followers of all world faiths, that interfaith Harmony Week (1-7 February) will draw them together in service of the human family.



### Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT:** Called by the Gospel to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world let us pray to the Father for all our needs.

**READER:** We pray with Pope Francis for the Church and all its members that the light of Christ may be visible in our lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our political and civil leaders: that they may be able to keep society healthy by promoting truth and justice. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For grace to see the goodness in all people: that we may choose to act in a way that reflects that every person is by creation the image of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are in need, for those who mourn, for those in sickness or in pain: may they find comfort and relief in their distress. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who are persecuted for their faith: may they be set free by the Spirit of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have died: may they live forever in God's love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**LEADER:** Loving God, you have called us through the Gospel to be the salt of the earth. Hear these prayers and give us courage and strength to spread the flavour of the Gospel to all we meet. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### Looking Back – December 1952

#### Delegate Convent School Breakup Concert & Delegate Catholic Ball

**Delegate Convent School** staged their Breakup Concert at the Delegate School of Arts Hall and what a magnificent effort it was. The community of two Sisters deserves great congratulations. Outstanding items were the "Water Lillies" scene by the big girls, the very smart physical culture display by the boys and the lovely frocking and singing of the pantomime "Cinderella". The clear enunciation of the children was remarked on favourably by the big crowd present with £55 taken at the door (approx. \$ 2,286 in 2023). Before the interval, prizes were distributed by Father Bartley to: Margaret Black, Trixie Manning, Margaret Ryan, Barry Reed, Carl Cotterill, Roma Stewart, Margaret Watling, Roslyn Eppestun, Clive Cottrell, John Stokes, Bill Hartley, Kay Cottrell, Bruce Callaghan, Michael Reed, Lorraine Walker, Louise Eppestun, Max Clear, Ron Collins, Carol Walker, Tony Clear, Maria Cottrell, Kevin O'Mara, Terry Cotterill, Sonia Collins & Brian Morris.

The **Delegate Catholic Ball** was an outstanding success with £164/19/3 (approx. \$6,857 in 2023) being the final sum raised and close to last years all time record. Mrs Hartley & Mrs Michael, in spite of their claims of inexperience, did verything right. Carmel Stokes was judged the "Belle of the Ball" by Dr Gaynor. Bill and Jack Ingram handled the duties at the door and Les Crawford was Master of Ceremonies.

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



"Dear children! Pray with me for peace because Satan wants war and hatred in hearts and peoples. Therefore, pray and sacrifice your days by fasting and penance, that God may give you peace. The future is at a crossroads because modern man does not want God. That is why mankind is heading to perdition. You, little children, are my hope. Pray with me, that what I began in Fatima and here may be realised. Be prayer and witness peace in your surroundings and be people of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call." (January 25, 2023)

Our Lady of Medjugorje, also called Queen of Peace and Mother of the Redeemer, is the title given to visions of Mary which began in 1981 to six Herzegovinian Croat teenagers in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina (at the time it was Yugoslavia).

## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

### 3. 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.

### 2. Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come  
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far  
And Grace will lead us home

### 4. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see. **R**

**Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **R**



**VOCATIONS DIRECTOR** - Fr Emil Milat (Parish Priest of Central Canberra) has been appointed the new Vocations Director. We have 3 seminarians studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush. We pray for those, formed after the heart of Christ.

## THE ANTI-BEATITUDES

Sometimes we need to see the opposite of something to get a proper understanding of it. Imagine the horror of the beatitudes if they went like this:

- ✚ Happy are the rich: because they can have whatever they want.
- ✚ Happy are the strong: for they have no need for others.
- ✚ Happy are the cheerful: for they are in a good mood.
- ✚ Happy are the uncaring: for they will not be upset.
- ✚ Happy are the cruel: for they are not affected by others.
- ✚ Happy are perverse: for they see pleasure in everything.
- ✚ Happy the divisive: because they will get their own way.
- ✚ Happy are those who are assisted in the cause of right: for they have friends here to help them.
- ✚ Happy are you when nobody bothers you.



Rejoice and be glad because you can do as you please. Perhaps we do not need to imagine it at all, for many of us this is just the way our world works. It's a system built on selfishness which offers us at best a temporary life of temporary pleasure. It is true that what Jesus' offers us is less comfortable than these anti-beatitudes, but his promise is so much greater: We will see God, we will be called his sons, our reward with him will be great, and our sufferings will bring us everlasting joy. (From St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Bulletin by Fr Alex Osborne)



*It was time to get our chimney cleaned so I called a professional chimney sweep. He checks things out and after 10 minutes hands me an estimate. After checking it out I protested. "Twenty-five hundred dollars! Are you crazy? I'll clean it myself!". "Ok" says the chimney sweep, "soot yourself."*

**As the Parish of Bombala-Delegate  
we acknowledge that we walk upon the  
traditional lands of First Nations peoples.  
We pay our respects to them and recognise  
the continuing gift of their culture  
to the life and spirit of Australia.**



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**5 February 2023**

## First Reading Is 58:7-10

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for  
the upright.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour *(R.)*
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *(R.)*
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 5:13-16

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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