



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 5 OCTOBER 2025**



## 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 OCTOBER

**For collaboration between different religious traditions**



Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

**We pray** for those who have chosen or been forced to leave their homeland, that today's World Day of Migrants and Refugees will encourage them to be 'missionaries of hope' for the whole human family.

**We pray** for couples who feel they cannot afford to have children, that national support for a fairer economy will enable them to fulfil their desire to create a family.

**We pray** for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.



**We pray** for all who are unwell, both within our community and beyond. May they be granted strength, comfort, and healing, and may they feel the loving presence of Christ with them in their time of need.

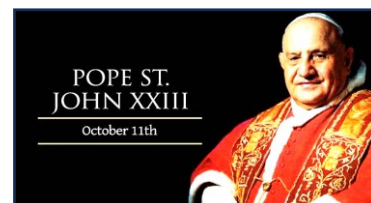
Alice O'Hare, Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty, John & Margaret Liston, Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin, Peter & Joyce Reed, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, John Elliott, Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



## PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** *Saint Bruno*  
**TUE** *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
**WED** **Mass Bombala 9.30am**  
**THU** *Saint Denis & Companions*  
*Saint John Leonardi*

**FRI**  
**SAT** **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**



**SUN** **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Bishop Patrick Power  
Ada Campbell, Neville Brotherton  
Max Walker

### October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini  
Sr Betty Bourke rsj,  
David Cottrell  
Peter Cottrell, Carol de Jonge  
Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy  
Ina McGrath, John Morgan  
Yvonne Murphy  
Alma Reed  
Therese Rumph, Louise Stevens  
Ann-Maree Stokes  
Katie Thornton  
Brother Andrew Travers-Bull  
Des Twigg, Dawn Walker



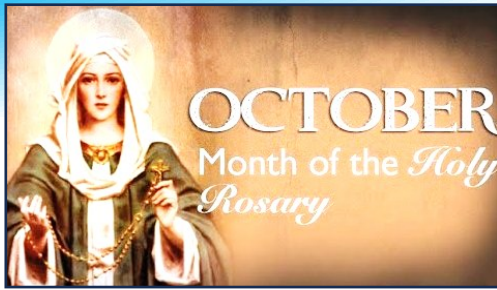
*"We have loved them in Life:  
Let us not forget them in death."*



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



Never correct when you are angry and do not suspect too easily. (9.3.1890)  
Time, charity and patience will make all things right. (2.6.1890)  
The cause of right will triumph in the end. (26.9.1884)  
*Death of Alick MacKillop, Mary's brother, 7.10.1847*  
*Death of Father Julian Tenison Woods, Sydney, 7.10.1889*



## OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to Saint Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD Look to the good.

Jesus is with us all offering hope always - even when we face failure, fear and disappointment.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the nation of Australia, that the whole community will set differences aside and work together to address the growing challenge of inter-generational inequality.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for the faithful women of the church, that the way for them to contribute in full to its life and mission will be laid open.



## Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, even the smallest seed of faith can bring great things to birth. Taking Jesus' words to heart, let us pray for a new world of justice, peace and love.

**READER: For** Pope Leo and all church missionaries, that in this Jubilee Year of Hope they will fan into flame their gift of proclaiming Jesus' message of hope and liberation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** a new spirit of public dialogue, that issues of social concern may be discussed and debated openly, safely and respectfully. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the artists and authors who create children's literature, that they will fire the imaginations of the young with hope for a world of beauty, goodness and truth. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** one another as members of our consumer society, that we will support each other in the challenge of shopping and living sustainably. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick within our parish community and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing. For those who have recently departed this life, and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they be welcomed into 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-embracing God, you never cease to renew the face of the earth. Enlarge our hearts, we pray, with love for all that you have made. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## Farewell to Bishop Patrick Power A life of love and service



At St Christopher's Cathedral, family and friends gathered to farewell Bishop Patrick Power, remembered as a deeply loving, caring and inspirational man. His nephew, Matthew de Jongh, described him not only as a priest and bishop but as the big brother, uncle and family figure who brought joy to gatherings, nicknamed every child and never failed to show up with encouragement and love.

Whether it was cheering at the footy, casting a line, or simply walking side by side, Bishop Pat always made those around him feel valued and uplifted. The service in Manuka drew hundreds, with many more watching online across the Archdiocese. Inside his coffin rested two symbols of his passions - a St Edmund's College jersey, reflecting his lifelong connection as student and chaplain, and a South Sydney Rabbitohs jersey, celebrating his great love of rugby league. As Mr de Jongh recalled, one of the highlights of Bishop Pat's life was witnessing South Sydney's famous 2014 Grand Final victory, ending a 43-year drought. For him, both faith and football were about loyalty, community and shared joy. In their tributes, clergy and leaders spoke of Bishop Pat's courage, compassion, and commitment to people. Monsignor John Woods described him as a shepherd who comforted the afflicted and challenged the comfortable, while Archbishop Christopher Prowse reflected on his gratitude, humility, and legacy of compassion, encouragement, and hope. Known as a "parish priest for Canberra and Queanbeyan," Bishop Pat was remembered as someone who touched countless lives with his kindness, leaving behind an enduring memory as a servant of faith, a devoted family man, and a true friend.





## 1. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord  
The God of mercy, the God who saves  
I shall not fear, the dark of night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men  
He will protect me from their wicked hands  
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night  
Nor stand alone before the light of day  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down  
No evil settle in my soul. **R**

## 2. Come to the Water *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live.**

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill, The  
emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to My word and you will enjoy  
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

2. Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways  
and thoughts beyond you! Call me your Father and know  
I am near! I will be Father to you! **R**

## 3. We Remember *Marty Haugen*

**We remember how you loved us to your death,  
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;  
and we believe that we will see you when you come in  
your glory, Lord.**

**We remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to  
touch you and be healed.

Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread  
and wine to share a meal.

Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

## 4. Let There Be Peace on Earth *Sy Miller & Jill Jackson*

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father, Brothers all are we

Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live, Each moment in peace  
eternally, Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me



## Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

**September 18, 2025**

**"Dear children!**

Also, today I call you: live your vocation in prayer. Now, as never before,  
Satan wants to suffocate man and his soul by his contagious wind of  
hatred and unrest. In many hearts there is no joy because there is no  
God or prayer. Hatred and war are growing from day to day. I am calling  
you, little children, begin anew, with enthusiasm, the walk of holiness  
and love; since I have come among you because of this. Together let us  
be love and forgiveness for all those who know and want to love only  
with a human love and not with that immeasurable love of God  
to which God calls you. Little children, may hope in a better tomorrow  
always be in your heart.

**Thank you for having responded to my call."**



A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that the teller's name is Patricia Whack. So he says, "Ms. Whack, I'd like to get a loan to buy a boat and go on a long vacation." Patti looks at the frog in disbelief and asks how much he wants to borrow.

The frog says \$30,000. The teller asks his name and the frog says that his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's OK, he knows the bank manager. Patti explains that \$30,000 is a substantial amount of money and that he will need to secure some collateral against the loan. She asks if he has anything he can use as collateral. The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny pink porcelain elephant, about half an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patti explains that she'll have to consult with the manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000. He wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what the heck is this?" The bank manager looks back at her and says: "It's a knick knack, Patti Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone".

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



## Our History



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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**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**5 October 2025**

## First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not  
deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,  
for come it will, without fail.  
See how he flags, he whose soul is not  
at rights,  
but the upright man will live by his  
faithfulness.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden  
not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made  
us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame  
the gift that God gave you when I laid my  
hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit  
of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and  
love, and self-control. So you are never to  
be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or  
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but  
with me, bear the hardships for the sake  
of the Good News, relying on the power  
of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching  
you have heard from me, in the faith and  
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been  
trusted to look after something precious;  
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who  
lives in us.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 17:5-10

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our  
faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the  
size of a mustard seed you could say to this  
mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in  
the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing  
or minding sheep, would say to him when  
he returned from the fields, "Come and  
have your meal immediately"? Would he  
not be more likely to say, "Get my supper  
laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me  
while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink  
yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful  
to the servant for doing what he was told?  
So with you: when you have done all you  
have been told to do, say, "We are merely  
servants: we have done no more than our  
duty."' "



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The loving gaze of a mother  
towards her newborn simply gives  
rise to the obligation to feed the  
baby. There is no special reward  
for doing her motherly duty. This is  
how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we  
perceive our relationships with  
people correctly, then so-called  
'good works' are no more than our  
duty and don't deserve special  
congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed  
from the dust of the earth, . . . a  
manifestation of God in the world,  
a sign of his presence, a trace of  
his glory' (St John Paul II,  
*Evangelium Vitae* 34.2), then that  
perception leads to certain ways of  
relating which are obliging. Like the  
servant in the story, we will have  
done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of  
duty you and I are becoming the  
sort of creature who can love  
unreservedly. We are being readied  
to receive the free gift of heavenly  
life.

We might take a moment to pause  
to get our perception of human  
beings correct so that our response  
may prepare us for the free gift of  
heavenly life.

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