



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 6 JULY 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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PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JULY For formation in discernment



Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

We pray for the lay faithful in leadership roles and diverse ministries, that they will grow ever more conscious of their baptismal dignity and be inspired by it.

We pray for the staff and volunteers of humanitarian agencies, especially those serving the millions of people displaced in Sudan, that they alleviate much suffering while being kept safe themselves.

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 those in our community who are unwell. May they find strength, comfort, and healing, and may they recognise the loving presence of Christ beside them in their time of need.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

WED No Mass Bombala
Saint Augustine Zhao Rong & companions
FRI Street Stall
St Vincent de Paul



SAINT BENEDICT
11 JULY

SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Sr Christina O'Connor, Bernie Crotty
Lorna Trevanion, Shirley Garnock
John Kember

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams,
Kevin Bedingfield, Shirley Bedingfield
Brian Callaghan, Vincent Clear
Stanley Collins, John Cusack
Claude Elliott, Jack Eppelstun
Kevin Ingram, Lou Joseph
Gwen Kimber, Val Lasker
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan
Sr Bridget O'Halloran
Bryan O'Hehir, Martin Page
Judy Periera, Janie Roberts
Graham Rumph, Bert Smith
Peter Stewart, Jean Talbot
Jim Walker, Emily Williams



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



With these crosses He gives many precious graces to
make the soul bear them. (6.7.1870)
Bear your little trials with patience and love. (4.7.1876)
Persevere faithfully in your duties to God. (4.7.1876)
We must do the will of Him we love. (9.7.1874)



JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.

The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Prayer Everywhere

There are no constraints on when, where or how we pray.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for ourselves as beneficiaries of Australia's blessings, that we will have the freedom to change to ensure those blessings are fairly shared across the whole community.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all baptised believers, that by lives of joyful faith and generous love they will draw many to the gospel of Jesus.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus' missionary message resounds in our midst again today: 'The kingdom of God is very near to you'. Heartened by his word, let us pray for the needs of the world.

READER: For the countless people, our sisters and brothers in many lands, whose lives have been made an unspeakable misery by war, tyranny and the lust for power, that their cries of pain will pierce leaders' hearts and open them to mercy. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Jerusalem, that by the power of God's grace it will become a city of peace and a sign of unity between the three great faiths that call it holy. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the indigenous peoples of Australia and the Torres Strait, that this year's NAIDOC Week (6-13 July) will offer 'strength, vision and legacy' to the next generation of leaders. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who live from day to day with the pain of loneliness, that they will not retreat into isolation but have the courage to be open to connection and friendship. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the staff and volunteers of humanitarian agencies, especially those serving the millions of people displaced in Sudan, that they alleviate much suffering while being kept safe themselves. 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: God of mercy and compassion, you call us to be missionaries of peace. Be ever with us as we take your word to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

REMEMBERING SR CHRISTINA O'CONNOR (1938–2025)



Sr Christina O'Connor, who served as principal of St Joseph's School Delegate from 1979 to 1980, passed away peacefully at St Joseph's Nursing Home in Hunters Hill on 20 June 2025, aged 87.

Born and raised in Hunters Hill, she joined the Sisters of St Joseph in 1956, just one year shy of marking 70 years as a Josephite, alongside Sr Nathy, Sr Bede, Sr Brigitte and Sr Dominica, all of whom would go on to teach at Delegate at some stage. Her time in Delegate was marked by warmth, innovation and lasting impact. She introduced practical uniforms - tracksuits and fleecy tops with the school logo - better suited to the cold climate, and initiated the monthly Youth Mass, encouraging high school student leadership in liturgy and music. She also helped organise the school's Diamond Jubilee in 1980, reconnecting generations of past students and families. Sr Christina returned to Delegate several times over the years, notably in 2002 for the veiling of McKillops Bridge, representing the NSW Josephites, and in 2015 for the Centenary of St Joseph's Church, where she spoke movingly on behalf of the Sisters of St Joseph:

"We never forget Delegate - we never will, and you will always be in our prayers."

Sr Christina's faithful presence, progressive spirit and deep affection for the people of Delegate and Bombala leave a quiet but enduring legacy. Her memory lives on in the lives she touched and the love she shared.

May she rest in peace.



1. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word, Open our eyes to your
call, United as one for your world. Heighten our minds to your
thoughts, Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**

2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**

2. 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!

**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!

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 un11derstand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

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**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL STREET STALL – FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025

Can You Lend a Hand for a Good Cause? We're holding a **Street Stall on Friday 11 July** to raise much-needed funds for **St Vincent de Paul**, and we're calling on our generous community to help make it a success. This is a fantastic opportunity to support a charity that quietly does so much for those doing it tough providing food, clothing and compassion to people in need right here in our region.

Here's how you can help: Volunteer to help run the stall or cook for the stall

Donate homemade goods, cakes, jams, craft items or produce

Spread the word and encourage friends and neighbours to drop by

Whether you can spare an hour, bake a batch of scones
or simply pop in for a chat and a purchase, your support means a lot.

Together, let's make a real difference.

The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy

In 2025, NAIDOC Week marks 50 years of celebrating Indigenous strength, culture and resilience. This year's theme, *"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,"* honours past achievements while looking ahead to a future led by empowered young leaders. From its roots in the fight for recognition and justice, NAIDOC has become a powerful national movement grounded in community and guided by the wisdom of Elders. This milestone year also sees the National NAIDOC Committee embracing greater self-determination. As we reflect on decades of resilience, storytelling, and cultural pride, we commit to passing on a legacy of unity and respect. The next generation will build on this strong foundation, carrying the torch with insight and courage. NAIDOC continues to evolve - celebrating not just a moment, but a movement driven by community, vision and enduring legacy.



THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

6 July 2025

First Reading Is 66:10-14

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:

Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 6:14-18

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world
is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not
matter if a person is circumcised or not; what
matters is for him to become an altogether new
creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this
rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this;
the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,
my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts,
and the fullness of his message live
within you.**

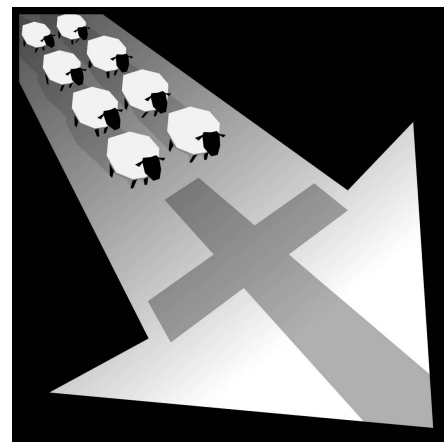
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 (or shorter form Lk 10:1-9)

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and
sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all
the towns and places he himself was to visit.
He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the
labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest
to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now,
but remember, I am sending you out like lambs
among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no
sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever
house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace
to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there,
your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will
come back to you. Stay in the same house,
taking what food and drink they have to offer, for
the labourer deserves his wages; do not move
from house to house. Whenever you go into a
town where they make you welcome, eat what is
set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and
say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."
But whenever you enter a town and they do not
make you welcome, go out into its streets and
say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that
clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be
sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near."
I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard
with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,'
they said, 'even the devils submit to us when
we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched
Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have
given you power to tread underfoot serpents and
scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy;
nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice
that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that
your names are written in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In Jewish tradition 'Satan' is the
name given to the evil spirit who
accuses and prosecutes human
beings before God, demanding the
strongest penalties, unmitigated by
Mercy. Jesus had a vision in which
he saw 'Satan fall like lightning
from Heaven'. Who takes Satan's
place?

The answer is the 'Paraclete', a
Greek word for an Advocate. This is
one of the roles of the Holy Spirit
who pleads on our behalf for Mercy
which, as Shakespeare put it, then
falls on us 'as the gentle rain from
Heaven'.

As disciples, we have to imitate the
Paraclete, not Satan. We have to
temper our drive to see 'the
punishment fit the crime'. How
often do we relish seeing a person
squirm with no offer of a way out,
no hint of mercy or forgiveness so
that he or she can draw breath,
undo some of the damage done,
and get back on track to a better
life?

We might pause for a moment to
thank God that our names are not
being listed by Satan in an
indictment but rather, through the
Holy Spirit, are being entered in the
Book of the Saved so that we might
'Rejoice, for your names are
written in Heaven'.

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