



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation



Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

We pray for fathers who carry a daily cross of failure, loss or rejection, that they will not become embittered but be healed by the power of God's Spirit and the care of loving friends.

We pray for the many millions of people still enslaved in our time, that like Onesimus of old they will be granted the freedom and dignity that is their right.

We pray for the young and old who have not been taught to read and write, that this week's United Nations Literacy Day (8 September) will help create opportunities for them to acquire these basic life-skills.



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, John Caldwell, Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley, Noah Ingram, Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Sr Margaret Maloney, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON	Nativity of Mary
TUE	Saint Peter Claver
WED	Mass Bombala 12.30pm
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FRI	Holy Name of Mary
SAT	LW&HC Delegate 5pm Saint John Chrysostom
SUN	LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

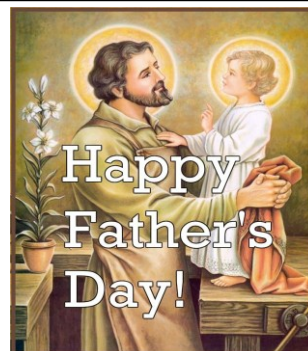
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September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black
Betty Callaway, Kevin Casey
Marge Casey, Angela Clear
Millicent Crotty, Elizabeth II
Jack Elton, Eva Eppelstun
Ben Ingram, Sr Margaret Keane
Maud Kilmartin, Sr Loretta Kilmartin
Kathleen Mulligan, Cheryl Mustard
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed
Darcy Ryan, Sr Adrian Morris
Maurice Stevens, Carmel Thompson
Jack Thornton, Anna Vincent



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



Happy
Father's
Day!



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



God loves those best who help the weak become whole. (2.9.1906)
Bear with the faults of others as you hope God will bear with you. (2.9.1906)
God is our Father and He loves us all in spite of all our faults. (4.9.1906)
Let the gentle Sacred Heart be your model. (9.3.1890)
Birth of Annie MacKillop, 5.9.1848.

September – The Seven Sorrows of Mary



September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, a devotion that traces its origins to the twelfth century. This practice began in monastic circles, significantly influenced by St Anselm and St Bernard. The devotion was initially promoted by the Cistercians and later by the Servites, gaining widespread popularity in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders. During this period, Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother emerged, and the first liturgical texts honouring Mary's sorrows were composed. A pivotal moment in the history of this devotion occurred in 1423, when a provincial council in Mainz established the "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary." This feast was intended as an act of reparation for the Hussite desecration of Marian images. The feast later appeared in Bruges in 1494, where the Precious Blood of Christ was venerated, and it gradually spread to France. However, it was not until Pope Benedict XIII included it in the Roman Calendar in 1727, assigning it to the Friday before Palm Sunday, that the devotion became widespread in France.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD Wisdom starts here

Wisdom is acknowledging life as it is,
neither living in the past nor wishing our time
away for some different future.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who make use of social media to shape public opinion, that they choose to observe a strong code of ethics and high standard of truth.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who are responsible for the care of children, that this year's Child Protection Week (7-13 September) will move them to go beyond conversation and put words into action.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus summons us to follow him with undivided hearts. In answer to his call, let us pray for a whole new world of freedom, love and peace.

READER: For the world-wide community of Jesus' disciples, that their joyful fellowship will attract many to the blessings of companionship with him. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers and father-figures, on this Father's Day, that the love they give and receive will be ever fruitful, joyful and thankful. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For leaders of the world's nations, that they will forsake war and empire-building and dedicate themselves to nurturing the wellbeing of the human family. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community, that we will gladly bear one another's burdens and help carry each other's cross. Lord hear us. 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: God of infinite mystery, your Son Jesus taught us the wisdom of the cross. Open our eyes to the glory it promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

For Fathers' Day on Sunday we pray for all fathers and those in a guiding and mentoring role.

God our Father, we give thanks and praise
for fathers, young and old.

We pray for young fathers
who are newly embracing their role.

May they find courage and
perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for fathers around the world
whose children are lost and suffering.

May they know God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but who still mentor and guide
us with fatherly advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us,
but who continue to live in our memory,
having nourished us with their love.



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1. How Great Thou Art *Carl Gustav Boberg*

1. Oh Lord, my God. When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. **R**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

2. When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

3. Hosea *Gregory Norbett*

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.

2. 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.

4. The Fullness of God *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give.
May your hidden self grow strong and may you live,
Strong in faith and built on love, until you know –
How high and long, how wide and deep, the fullness of
God

2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart
What hope his call now holds for you,
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,
the fullness of God.



Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

25 August 2025

Dear children, my little children, my beloved ones; you are
chosen because you have responded, you have put into
practice my instructions and love God above all else.
Therefore, little children, pray with all your heart that my
words may be realized. Fast, sacrifice yourselves, love out
of love for God Who created you, and be, little children,
my extended hands to this world that has not come to
know the God of love.

Thank you for having responded to my call.

(With Ecclesiastical approval)



The Pastor woke up Sunday morning and
realising it was an exceptionally beautiful
and sunny early spring day, decided he just
had to play golf. So.... he told the associate
pastor that he was feeling sick and
convinced him to preach for him that day.

As soon as the associate pastor left the room, the Pastor
headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away.
This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he
knew from his church. Setting up on the first tee, he was
alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else
was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over
to the Lord while looking down from heaven and exclaimed,
"You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"
The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then he
hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just
short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 435
METRE HOLE IN ONE! Saint Peter was astonished. He
looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do
that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to
tell?"

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



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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

7 September 2025

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the
soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is
on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our
reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt
it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and,
what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for a child of mine,
whose father I became while wearing these
chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending
him back to you, and with him – I could
say – a part of my own self. I should have
liked to keep him with me; he could have
been a substitute for you, to help me while
I am in the chains that the Good News has
brought me. However, I did not want to do
anything without your consent; it would
have been forcing your act of kindness,
which should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time,
but it was only so that you could have him
back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear
brother; especially dear to me, but how
much more to you, as a blood-brother as
well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that
we have in common means anything to you,
welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

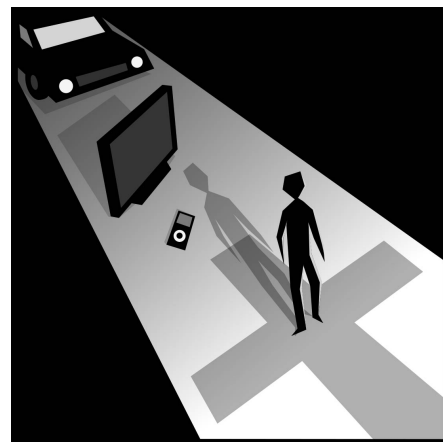
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my
disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way
and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man
comes to me without hating his father, mother,
wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his
own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone
who does not carry his cross and come after
me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to
build a tower, would not first sit down and
work out the cost to see if he had enough
to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself unable
to finish the work, the onlookers would all
start making fun of him and saying, "Here is
a man who started to build and was unable to
finish." Or again, what king marching to war
against another king would not first sit down
and consider whether with ten thousand men
he could stand up to the other who advanced
against him with twenty thousand? If not, then
while the other king was still a long way off,
he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in
the same way, none of you can be my disciple
unless he gives up all his possessions.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh
word in our society. In its gospel context,
the word is not used as an opposite of
'love' but as an indication of deserving of
less significance than another thing. So
the teaching about hating father, mother,
etc can be read as saying that being a
disciple of Jesus must take precedence
over everything else, even family. In 1st
Century culture, family was foremost
above everything else; it was the very fibre
that held society together. Jesus is saying
that discipleship must be put above even
that which is most important and most
intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he
goes on to tell the two stories about the
need to count the cost before undertaking
an important venture. He makes clear to
his listeners that discipleship is more
important than anything else and that
there are huge costs associated with
taking it on. A believer has to literally
'count the cost' of what it will mean to
place discipleship above family,
friendships, career, politics and even life
itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the
fact that what he is asking is incredibly
demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things –
material, emotional, and psychological –
that we cling to and that we think give us
our identity and status. Jesus called for a
radical reinterpretation of status and
position. He tells his listeners that they
cannot truly be disciples if they continue to
cling to those things that are considered
important in this world. They have to
surrender the things that bind them to this
world's ideas of status and position before
they can fully embrace the kingdom view
of the world. As Jesus said, you have to
really count the cost!

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