



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Parish Bulletin 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A 12 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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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



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 for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria after the terrible earthquake and we pray for the thousands of deceased after this tragedy.



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

Eilie Elliott, Merylyn 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



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Claim the Date: Tues 21 March 9.30am Bombala Golf Club.

A performance with a theatre group from Sydney "Young Mary" (Mary MacKillop play). Parish invited. Further info later.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place."
Saint Theresa of Avila



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: School Mass Bombala 9.30am
Year 6 leaders will receive their badges & read out their leadership pledge

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Father Neville Drinkwater
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."*

'THE RACE IS RUN; THE WORK IS DONE': FR NEVILLE DRINKWATER FAREWELLED



Fr Neville Drinkwater OAM, aged 98, passed away on January 29 and was farewelled in Canberra last week.

At that point, he was the Archdiocese's oldest priest. Fr Neville was ordained a priest in 1954 and had ministered throughout the Archdiocese. He is best remembered as the parish priest at St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood in Canberra, where he ministered for over 40 years from 1974 to 2019. In 2016 he was awarded a medal in the Order of Australia for his services to the Catholic Church.

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Let your motto be: God alone, God alone for all of us. 1873
It is in love that God leaders me, by love that God reproves me,
by love that God lets me see love in all. 1873
All depends on prayer. Begin with it and end with it. 14.12.1890
Everything God blesses will prosper. 14.12.1890



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



LEADER: Let us bring our needs and the needs of the world before God in prayer with love and hope in our hearts.

READER: For Church leaders, that they may clearly proclaim the Gospel of the Lord as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who make and enforce our laws: that they may be guided by the wisdom that comes from God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who are at the beginning of life or at the end of life; may their fragility be respected so that they might live with dignity all the days of their lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for peace for all people: that prejudice, fear and intolerance may cease and your people live in mutual good will and respect. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for all in need, for refugees, the forgotten and for the sorrowing, for the sick and the dying and for all who care for them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria and for those who have died, following the tragic earthquake this week. 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, open our hearts to receive your peace, that we may know ourselves loved and forgiven and faithfully proclaim your Gospel to the world. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS

FIRST READING: *Sir 15:15-20*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R)**

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R)**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R)**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R)**

SECOND READING: *1 Cor 2:6-10*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 5:17-37*

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1. Come To The Water *Frank Andersen*

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**

2. 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**



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Truth-Telling*



We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no.

Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.' This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this? In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*. Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth. Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person. We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13) We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep all that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)