



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 15 October 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**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION OCTOBER For the Synod



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.

We pray for all whose lives are given over to the full-time care of a dependent family member. May their devotion be matched by the community resources they need.



We pray for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash, Keith Brownlie, Wendy White, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, Barry & Alma Reed, John & Anna Vincent, Jim Parkes, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Meryl Knight, Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Peter Hopkins, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun:** Delegate Morning Tea after Mass
- Mon:** Saints Hedwig & Margaret Mary
- Tue:** Saint Ignatius of Antioch
- Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30am  
Saint Luke
- Thu:** Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & companions,  
Paul of the Cross
- Fri:**
- Sat:** LW&HC Delegate 5pm
- Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Bill McIntosh, Carole Mustard,  
Carmel Thompson

#### October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini  
Sr Betty Bourke rsj  
David Cottrell, Carol de Jonge  
Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy  
Ina McGrath, John Morgan  
Yvonne Murphy, Therese Rumph  
Louise Stevens, Ann-Maree Stokes  
Katie Thornton, Dawn Walker



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

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.

### ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

October 18th



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### Saint Luke the Evangelist

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36

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



Are not God's ways wonderful with us all. (18.9.1873)  
Let self be forgotten and let God's glory, His will and the general good absorb our thoughts, deliberations and actions. (16.10.1898)  
A little patience will in the end be rewarded. (17.10.1871)  
*Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Rome, 17 October 2010*

October

# Month of the Holy Rosary



## OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practised among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary, which has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic piety. No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary has been recommended more warmly or frequently by the Popes. This form of prayer, has been the favorite, moreover, of such saints as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Louis de Montfort, Alphonsus Liguori, Don Bosco, Bernadette, and many more.



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD Space for sheer silence

In recognising the mystery of creation and the Creator who sustains it, we come to glimpse the mystery of ourselves.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for church agencies, parishes and dioceses in remote locations, that their limited resources will be supplemented by generous partnerships with sister churches.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the Christian faithful around the world, that all the baptised in Christ will nourish their minds with what is true and noble and good.



### Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Jesus has encouraged us to pray always without becoming weary. In his name, we open up our hearts in prayer for those most in need of God's healing, justice and peace.

**READER: For** Pope Francis and all the participants in the Synod that they will be open to the presence, grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** religious leaders in every society, that they will model the virtues of mercy, peace, integrity, and purity of heart. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all who live in places of war and violence, persecution and desperate poverty, that the peoples of this world will have a concern for justice and work for peace in every place and way possible. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** our faith community as we share in this Eucharist. May we always find hope and consolation in Jesus' promise of God's undying love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** rain in due abundance, so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** God of mercy, listen to our prayers of intercession and reveal your loving kindness to us, through Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**

## LOOKING BACK 43 YEARS AGO October 1980

### Diamond Jubilee

#### St Joseph's Convent School Delegate

Delegate and district celebrated a grand weekend to mark the Diamond Jubilee of St Joseph's Convent School and the Sisters of St Joseph's arrival at Delegate. Joining the locals were many former sisters, students and residents associated with St Joey's who returned for the occasion, all honouring the sisters' dedicated work.

The Delegate Exhibition Hall was the venue for a Reunion Dinner on Saturday night, attended by over 400 people. The schoolchildren's creation, a school emblem made of thousands of small crepe paper balls, adorned the hall.

Sunday morning brought a beautiful spring day for an Open-Air Mass in the church grounds, celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dougherty, Father Reg Howard (former student), and Fr John Browne. Bishop Dougherty praised the sisters' contributions from the early days of Sisters Alphonsus, Rodrigues and Josephine (who later became Mother General), to the present sister, Sr Christina O'Connor.

The day continued with morning tea and a history display at the school. In the afternoon, Bishop Dougherty led a Blessing and Prayer Service at the Delegate Cemetery.

The weekend concluded with a Grand Ball on Sunday night, attended by over 450 people. A memorable moment was when Sr Adrian Morris moved the crowd with a rendition of "Amazing Grace," receiving a standing ovation.



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.

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## Come As You Are *Sr Dierdre Brown IBVM*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you  
Come as you are, feel quite at home  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven  
Come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits  
No need to fear, love never ends  
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened  
Rest in my love, trust me again

## 2. 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. **R**

**Refrain: 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. **R**

## 3. Open My Eyes, Lord *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see Your face  
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see
2. Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear Your voice  
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear
3. Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like You  
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love
4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, oh, love  
I live within you, Rest now in me

## 4. The Lord Is My Shepherd *Brian Boniwell*

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys  
and highways he's waiting for me. **R**

**Refrain: I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

And while on the journey to where we are going he  
promised to be there to help us along,  
and over the mountains we'll walk on together, to  
know all the wonders he's given to me. **R**



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL**  
For our twinning conference in India,  
will take place over the next 3 weeks.  
**Collectors will be at the Church doors.**

# Thank you!

Thank you to all my parish community for your support during my recent illness and time spent in two hospitals. Thank you also for the support given to John during this time. We are both very grateful.

Love Anna & John Vincent

## Upcoming Events



**Blessing of the Flock  
St Joseph's Delegate  
In conjunction with Heritage Weekend  
Sunday 29 October 2023 at 11am**

## NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

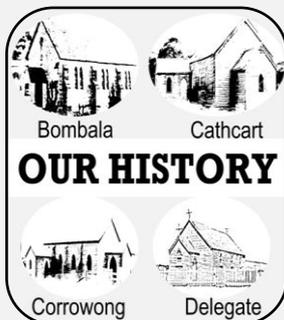
What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey.

Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>



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



The first Catholics arrived in the area from 1826 as assigned servants (convicts). Scottish, Irish, and later German immigrants built up the presence from 1833. Father Patrick Newman was the first resident priest in 1864. Prior to this, priests travelled from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were built in Bombala 1867 & 1942 (St Mary's), Delegate 1877 & 1915 (St Joseph's), Cathcart 1878 (St John's) and Corrowong 1894 (St Peter's). Schools opened in 1866-1886 (privately Catholic), Bombala 1886 and Delegate 1921. In 1888 the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and provided continuous ministry for 133 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes were transferred from the Sydney Archdiocese to Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. Our first priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry who was ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. Delegate was a Parish in its own right from 1955-1973. 2008 saw the welcoming of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate celebrated its Centenary in 2015.



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## First Reading Is 25:6-10

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enveloping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 22. R. v.6**

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Phil 4:12-14,19-20

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere:

full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 22:1-14

*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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