



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 15 September 2024



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 SEPTEMBER For the cry of the Earth



We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

We pray for the everyday saints who lead humble lives of self-sacrificing love, that their earthy goodness will offer many the gift of hope and joy.

We pray for our parish community, that together we will take the word of God to heart and put it into practice.

We pray for Christian communities who are deprived of the Eucharist due to the absence of an ordained minister. May the Church's reform address their deep longing for the Bread of Life, ensuring that no soul is left spiritually hungry.



We pray for God's healing grace to touch those who are sick within our family, friends, parish and community. May they be surrounded by His comforting light, finding peace and strength to persevere through their difficulty, and may they feel His love and grace during this time of need.

John & Anna Vincent, Betty Callaway, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saints Cornelius & Cyprian
TUE Saint Robert Bellarmine
Saint Hildegard of Bingen
WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
THU Saint Januarius
FRI Prayer Service 12 Midday
Betty Cowell
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint Matthew
SUN Mass Bombala 9am



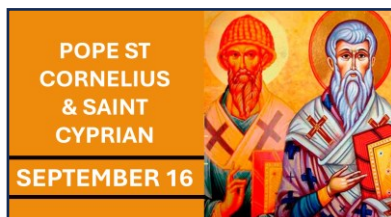
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Henry Sellers, Margaret Ralphs

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



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



No one can have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother. Whatever a man prefers to God, that he makes a god to himself. Saint Cyprian



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

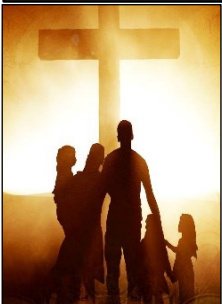


Try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act. (15.9.1890)
Refuse nothing to God's love. (18.9.1906)
May the spirit of the Sacred Heart animate you. (18.9.1906)
Truly wonderful are the ways of God. (22.9.1873)
47 Sisters in and around Adelaide, South Australia, expelled, 1871.



September – The Seven Sorrows of Mary

September is the month devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, with the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th of September. The feast is preceded by another important feast, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the 14th of September which commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena and the dedication of the Basilica that was built on the site of the Crucifixion. Together, these two feasts remind us to reflect on the intense spiritual sorrows and martyrdom of the Blessed Virgin Mary that began when she heard the prophecy of holy Simeon and reached a high point at the foot of the Cross, during the agony of Our Lord Jesus on the Cross. She suffered her spiritual martyrdom along-with her Beloved Son Jesus for the salvation of all mankind.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD The Heart of Our Faith

At the heart of our faith is a deep and personal relationship with God which is nourished by our engagement with the Gospel stories.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have become disillusioned by the church into which they were baptised, that they will be led by the Spirit to a new faith in Jesus.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the parents, godparents, family and friends of every newly baptised infant, that they will be a community of faith, hope and love in which the child will grow to maturity.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, by way of the cross, Jesus disarmed sin and death and freed us for lives of selfless love. In his name, let us pray for all our sisters and brothers to find the path of life.

READER: For Christian communities around the world, that all who have been baptised in Christ will boldly confess their faith in him and follow him with all their hearts. We pray to the Lord. **(R)** For the family of humankind, that in every land people will hear and heed the cry of earth and the cry of poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For peace, that the annual Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel (16-22 September) and the UN Day of Peace (21 September) will help break the cycle of violence and hate across the face of the earth. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Indigenous children and youth detained in Australian gaols, that they will receive the care that is their human right and not be driven to take their own lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised up to be with the Risen Lord. 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: Almighty God, you delivered your Son from the snares of death and raised him on high. Give us the courage to take up our cross and trust in your power to save. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.



LOOKING BACK 130 YEARS AGO St Peter's Church Corrowong - 1894

St Peter's Church in Corrowong, built in 1894 by the O'Hare family and the local community, continues to stand as a testament to the area's rich history. Though not regularly used for worship today, it still serves as a place of reflection, preserving the legacy of the pioneering families that shaped the region. The cemetery beside the church offers a poignant reminder of the many O'Hare's who once called Corrowong home. This Irish family, initially settling in Nimmitabel, ventured further south in search of more land and by the 1840s had established their community in Corrowong. In the late 1880s, James O'Hare Snr generously donated the land for both the church and the cemetery. He initiated a subscription to fund the construction, which culminated in a transfer of the property to Cardinal Patrick Francis Moran on 16 July 1895. The land was originally conveyed under an old title but was later converted to Torrens title due to discrepancies in the original fence alignment, which were corrected when the fencing was replaced. One of the earliest visible markers in the cemetery dates to 1880, though it's unclear whether it represents an actual burial or stands as a memorial. The first recorded wedding at St Peter's occurred on 26 March 1894, uniting Edmund Clear and Margaret Deeney (whose daughter, Veronica, would go on to have the first wedding at the new St Joseph's Church in Delegate in 1917). In 1944, the community marked St Peter's Golden Jubilee, commemorating 50 years since its construction. It is believed that the church was completed just prior to the 1894 wedding, with its official blessing following in 1895. Constructed using locally made bricks, St Peter's Church remains a cherished piece of Corrowong's heritage, reflecting the enduring spirit and faith of the community.

The Catholic Freeman's Journal reported - 1895



"His Lordship, Dr Higgins, of Sydney, was welcomed at Corrowong, near Delegate, in September, when in the presence of two hundred persons he blessed the new church and was assisted by Fr Walsh and Fr Dalton, of Cooma."



Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

25 August 2024

"Dear children! Today, my prayer with you is for peace. Good and evil are fighting and want to prevail in the world and in the hearts of people. You be people of hope and prayer and of great trust in God the Creator to Whom everything is possible. Little children, may peace prevail in you and around you. I am blessing you with my motherly blessing that you, little children, may be joy for all those whom you meet. Thank you for having responded to my call."

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

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. Will You Love Me *Brian Boniwell*

1. Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways? **R**

**Refrain: Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like
the night, And the sun will be shining on you.**

2. Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world? **R**

3. Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see
2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home

4. City Of God *Dan Schutte*

1. Awake from your slumber, Arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning, For all those who weep
The people in darkness, Have seen a great light
The lord of our longing, Has conquered the night. **R**

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God, May our tears
Be turned into dancing, For the Lord
Our light and our love, Has turned the night into day.**

2. We are sons of the morning, We are children of day.
The one who has loved us, Has brightened our way.
The lord of all kindness, Has called us to be
A light for his people, To set their hearts free. **R**



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

The annual **TTFM (Tell Them From Me)** Surveys were completed by parents, teachers, and students in grades 4, 5, and 6. These surveys aim to provide insights for school improvement initiatives. **Key successes:**

Students: *96% believe schooling is useful and important for their future. *96% exhibit positive behaviour at school. *Feel classroom instruction is well-organised and helpful.

Parents: *Appreciate that children are encouraged to do their best. *Value teachers' help in developing positive friendships. *100% feel their children are treated fairly at school. *Report children are happy and successful in their learning.

Teachers: *Find High Impact Teaching Practice improves student learning and engagement. *Support the school's emphasis on individual dignity. *Observe a strong commitment to making Jesus known, loved and lived in the community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

**We, the Parish
of Bombala-Delegate,
acknowledge with deep respect that we
stand upon the traditional lands of the
Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.**

**We recognise the enduring
legacy of their culture, which
continues to enrich the life and
spirit of Australia.**



*My wife asked if she could have a little peace
and quiet while she cooked dinner....*

So, I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15 September 2024

First Reading Is 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against
me?

Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence
of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

or

(R.) Alleluia!

- I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. *(R.)*
- They surrounded me, the snares
of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! *(R.)*
- How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! *(R.)*
- He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone
who has never done a single good act but
claims that he has faith. Will that faith
save him? If one of the brothers or one of
the sisters is in need of clothes and has
not enough food to live on, and one of you
says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself
warm and eat plenty,' without giving them
these bare necessities of life, then what
good is that? Faith is like that: if good works
do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good
deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith
by showing you my good deeds – now you
prove to me that you have faith without any
good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me
and me to the world.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages
round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do
people say I am?' And they told him. 'John
the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others
again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke
up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And
he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone
about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of
Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be
rejected by the elders and the chief priests
and the scribes, and to be put to death, and
after three days to rise again; and he said
all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him.
But, turning and seeing his disciples, he
rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind
me, Satan! Because the way you think is
not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples
to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow me. For
anyone who wants to save his life will lose
it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions,
each one characterising the anointed
one of the future in a unique way. Do
we expect a prophetic figure who will
enter our world and reform the
structures of society, or a strong leader
who will overturn these structures and
establish a new order? Are we waiting
for a teacher who will transform our
minds and hearts, or a judge who will
punish us for our infidelities? Are we
expecting someone who will renew the
face of the earth, or someone who will
come in fire and brimstone to destroy
it? What kind of a messiah do we
expect? For what kind of a change are
we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our
expectations. We look for one who will
save us from the predicaments in
which we find ourselves, and he
comes to us as one who seems to be a
victim of his own predicament. God's
thinking seems to be the reverse of
ours: Those who save their lives, lose
them; those who lose their lives, save
them; the seed must die before it can
bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will
then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or
are we more like the people in James'
community: people who profess faith
in Jesus, but who do not live it out;
people who speak pleasant words to
others, who say the right things, but
who do not back up their words with
good works? Is our faith really living?