



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 16 June 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 JUNE

##### For migrants fleeing their homes



We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

We pray for all the baptised in Christ, that guided by the Spirit of Truth they will give a convincing account of their faith to those who ask.

We pray for those who administer Australia's art galleries, museums, performance venues and other cultural institutions, that they will be good stewards of these vital community assets.

We pray for Christian communities deprived of the eucharist for lack of an ordained minister, that church reform will respond to their hunger for the bread of life.



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

Mark Ingram, Kath Farrell, Chris Cuttle, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Val Perkins, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, John & Anna Vincent, Betty Cowell, John Elliott, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am**  
Saint Romuald

**Fri: Saint Aloysius de Gonzaga**

**Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm**

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

**Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am**



Saint Aloysius de Gonzaga (1568-1591) was an Italian aristocrat and member of the Society of Jesus. While a student at the Roman College, he died caring for epidemic victims. He was beatified in 1605 and canonised in 1726.



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

John Crawford, Anne Buchan  
Tommy Herbert, David Grimmond

#### June Anniversaries

Sr Mary Agnes  
Shirley Baker  
Jessie Bedingfield  
Eric Cuthel  
Wilga Ingram  
Moira Tindale  
Norma Toms  
Gordon Walker  
Madge Walker



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



"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."

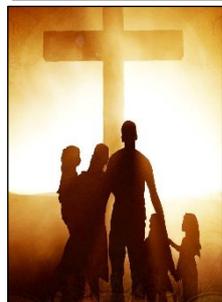
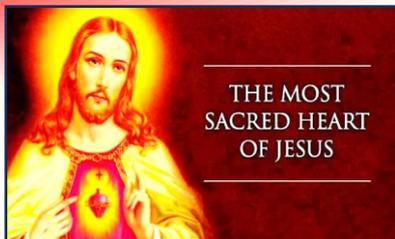


A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**



My gratitude to God for all that is done for those I love. (2.6.1867).  
Let the motives of our actions be to please God alone. (2.6.1867)  
Make allowances for those who do not see as you do. (2.6.1867)  
The wear and tear of mind and body is bad enough, but when the spirit suffers....it is very hard. We can only hope that God will be more merciful than people. (To Father Regnault sm 20.6.1899)

**June - The Month of the Sacred Heart** - The month of June is also a time for Catholics to reflect on the teachings of Jesus and how they can apply them to their daily lives. Jesus taught us to love one another and to show compassion to those in need. Catholics are encouraged to perform acts of charity during the month of June, such as volunteering or donating to a charity that helps the poor and marginalised. In conclusion, the Catholic tradition of celebrating June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a way of deepening our devotion to Jesus Christ and reflecting on His teachings. Through prayer, reflection, and acts of charity, we can grow closer to Jesus and experience His love and compassion for humanity.



**FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD**

**Jesus into our lives**

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

- Matthew 18:20

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who work in the field of mental health, that they will tend their own wellbeing while accompanying those who are troubled in mind and spirit.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for peacemakers in every place of bloodshed, that the terrible toll of war may be brought to an end and a future of peaceful co-existence made possible.

**Prayer of the Faithful**



*Response: (R)*

**Lord, hear our prayer**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, whenever we meet in Jesus' name, seeds of divine wisdom are sown in our hearts. In union with Jesus, let us pray for the whole world to flourish with wisdom.

**READER:** For Pope Francis, bishop of Rome, and all bishops of local churches, that they will be great tellers of the Christian story for the world to hear. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For prisoners released on parole, especially those who have served long sentences for serious crimes, that they will be well accompanied in their adjustment to life and work in society. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the 130 million forcibly displaced or stateless people in the world, that this Refugee Week will persuade more and more nations to share the responsibility of providing them with shelter, safety and sustenance. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For young people fired with a passion for justice and a better world, that they will be a leaven of hope and vigour for the whole community. 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:** God of all wisdom, you never cease revealing to us the mystery of your love. Help us put that love to work in our care for one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

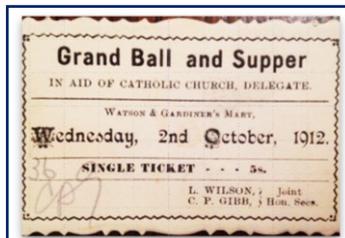
**LOOKING BACK 109 YEARS AGO  
12 December 1915**

**Laying of the Foundation Stone  
St Joseph's Church Delegate**

Catholicism in Delegate was rapidly expanding, so the need for a new church to accommodate the growth in the district had been suggested many years before 1915. Fundraising efforts, such as bazaars and balls, were diligently organised to supplement finances. The suggestion gained significant traction around October 1914 when it was decided to proceed with the project, provided the cost did not exceed £500 (approx. \$60,000 in 2024). Several months later, it became imperative to raise the estimate. Tenders were called for the construction of the new church in mid-1915. Remarkably, over 20,000 bricks for the building had already been made and a "working bee" was held on 30 June 1915 to move them from the kiln to the site of the new church. Generously, owners of horses and carts offered their assistance for the day along with offers of help from members of other denominations. The foundation stone was solemnly blessed and laid by Fr James Norris on 12 December 1915; however, the church building was not fully completed until September 1916.



THIS STONE WAS BLESSED AND LAID BY  
THE VERY REV. J.J. NORRIS  
PARISH PRIEST AND VICAR  
FORANE OF COOMA  
DECEMBER 12TH 1915



Grand Ball & Supper Ticket  
Wednesday 2nd October 1912  
5 Shillings (approx. \$30 in 2024)

It was reported by the Corrowong correspondent to the Delegate Argus the following week - "I am pleased to hear that the blessing and laying of the foundation stone of the Delegate Catholic Church on Sunday last was a remarkable success. A good lot of people were disappointed at not getting in, but owing to the culverts being washed away they could not attend."

**Parish Street Stall**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, supported and staffed the parish street stall in last Friday's chilly conditions. Your incredible efforts have raised over \$1,200 for the parish. May God bless each and every one of you for your generosity and dedication.

- Winner of the \$100 meat raffle was Di Ingram
- Winner of the Wood Raffle was Di Ingram  
Well done to Di on your double victory!

*Also, a huge thank you to the men who loaded the wood.*



# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. Praise To The Lord

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Come all who hear, Now to His altar draw near; Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend thee, Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, Who with His love will befriend us.

## 2. 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**

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

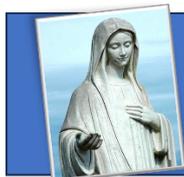
Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## 4. 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!



## Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

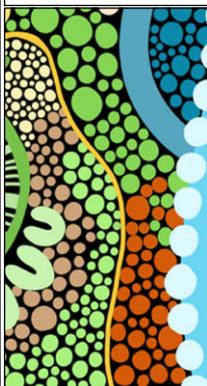
### May 25, 2024 - Monthly Message to Marija

"In this time of grace, I am calling you to prayer with the heart. Little children, create prayer groups where you will encourage each other to the good and grow in joy. Little children, you are still far away. That is why continue to convert anew and choose the way of holiness and hope so that God may give you peace in abundance. Thank you for having responded to my call."

## 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.**



## REMEMBER THIS ?



Australia began its transition to the metric system for road signs, **50 years ago**, on 1 July 1974. This change was part of a broader initiative to standardise measurements across the country, aligning with international standards.

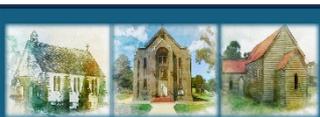
The transition involved replacing signs indicating distances and speeds from miles and miles per hour to kilometres and kilometres per hour.



Reporters asked a 100-year-old man and his 98 year old wife for their health secrets. The man said: "I'll tell you my secret. When we got married I told my wife whenever we quarrelled the loser had to walk 3 miles. So, I've been walking 3 miles every day for the past 75 years."

Everyone applauded. Then another reporter asked, "But why is your wife so very healthy as well?" "Here's why," replied the man. "Every day for 75 years she's been following me to make sure I walk the full 3 miles."

## 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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## First Reading Ez 17:22-24

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a  
shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high  
mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of  
Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade  
of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that  
I, the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2**

**(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most  
High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are  
intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we  
remember that to live in the body means  
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we  
do by faith and not by sight - we are full of  
confidence, I say, and actually want to be  
exiled from the body and make our home  
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the  
body or exiled from it, we are intent on  
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will  
be brought out in the law court of Christ,  
and each of us will get what he deserves for  
the things he did in the body, good or bad.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the  
sower;**

**all who come to him will live for ever.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mk 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into  
the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the  
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed  
on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,  
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting  
and growing; how, he does not know. Of  
its own accord the land produces first the  
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the  
ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no  
time; he starts to reap because the harvest  
has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom  
of God is like? What parable can we find for  
it? It is like a mustard seed which at the  
time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest  
of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown  
it grows into the biggest shrub of them all  
and puts out big branches so that the birds  
of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke  
the word to them, so far as they were  
capable of understanding it. He would not  
speak to them except in parables, but he  
explained everything to his disciples when  
they were alone.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a  
return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a  
crop. So when Jesus pictures the  
Kingdom of God as a wonderful  
harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it  
in another parable), his peasant  
listeners would envisage a future  
without hunger, without servitude to  
rapacious landlords and money-  
lenders. A true liberation (such as  
Mary sang of in the Magnificat!)

Naturally, they and we want to know  
when this new way of life, this  
fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will  
come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be  
patient. Your job is to sow the seed.  
Something will happen out of all  
proportion to your part in the  
process, just like the disproportion of  
the mustard seed to a mustard bush'  
(which he exaggerates into a tree  
sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the  
depths of stony ground of the tomb  
to raise up the Gospel Seed who is  
Jesus Christ. From that, a community  
has grown which, at its best, leads to  
a fair and just distribution of the  
world's resources, as Pope Francis  
insists is a major test of authenticity  
of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for  
the courage to sow the seed of the  
Gospel whenever an opportunity  
presents itself, and the patience to  
await the germinating power of the  
Resurrection to create the Tree of  
Life such that all peoples 'can  
shelter in its shade'.

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