



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 18 August 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



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION AUGUST

##### For political leaders



We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

We pray for the diverse family of Christian churches, that the day will soon come when all will be free to eat and drink together at the Lord's table.

We pray the people of Sudan and every place where lawless violence has brought famine and starvation, that they will receive the emergency and on-going relief they need to survive.

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 our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the comforting presence of God's divine light bring them healing, peace, and the strength to endure, surrounding them with love and grace in their time of need.

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



### PARISH CALENDAR

- MON Saint John Eudes
- TUE Saint Bernard
- WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**  
Saint Pius X
- THU **Queenship of Mary**
- FRI Saint Rose of Lima
- SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**  
Saint Bartholomew
- SUN **Mass Bombala 9am**

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



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Father Peter Gannon  
Betty Cowell, Ron Collins  
Eileen Keane

#### August Anniversaries

Lou Black, Pam Clear  
Kay Cuthel, Athol Duffell  
Laura Elton, Pat Elton  
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram  
Vincent Jones, Joshua Lovegrove  
Peter Martin, Mary Monk  
Wayne Mustard,  
Sr Kathleen Price RSJ  
Nick Spoljaric, Ellen Stewart  
Jack Stewart, John Thompson  
Dick Walker, Tom Walker



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



**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**  
APOSTLE  
**AUGUST 24**



"If you do not ask yourself what it is you know, you will go on listening to others and change will not come because you will not hear your own truth." Saint Bartholomew



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



I beg that He will guard and comfort you all. (21.8.1867)  
Work on humbly with the means God has placed at your disposal. (20.8.1886)  
St Joseph's humility was of the silent kind...  
we must be like him in this. (19.3.1893)  
Do what you can with the means at your disposal and  
leave all the rest calmly to God. (7.8.1888)  
Have courage and patience and God will help you in all things. (15.8.1899)

## August - The Month of the Sacred Heart



Pope Paul VI, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. He said that his thoughts turned to the whole world "which our venerated predecessor Pius XII . . . not without inspiration from on high, solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. . . . O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Council, to you we recommend the entire Church." When he visited Fatima on May 13, 1967, the same Pope recalled this "consecration which we ourselves have renewed on November 21, 1964 - we exhort all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church and to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life ever more in accord with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service and of devout imitation of their heavenly Queen."

### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### I see you.

Catholic Social Teaching implores us to uphold the dignity of all people, and this includes helping meet the needs of those who suffer poverty, oppression, hunger and injustice.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the reform of gambling and alcohol advertising, that the personal, social and financial cost of these addictions will be steeply reduced.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for those remembered in United Nations observances this week – victims of terrorism (21 August), religious violence (22 August) and human trafficking (23 August) – that the trauma they have suffered will give way to freedom, healing and peace.



### Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, filled with the Spirit, let us pray to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for the needs of the world.

**READER:** For Pope Francis, that his missionary visit to Indonesia, Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea in early September will bring good news to each nation as well as to Christian believers. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those with responsibility for church properties and investments, that they will ensure these assets are put at the service of the church's mission. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Australian community, that all who dwell in this ancient land will absorb its wisdom and learn to live in harmony with its natural wonders. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For foster parents, that the love they lavish on those entrusted to their care will provide the children with the security and confidence they need to flourish. 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)**

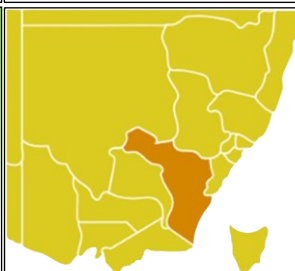
For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary**...

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Life-giving God, your Son Jesus took flesh among us and shed his blood for us. Help us who sup at his table to follow him in faith. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**



An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got terribly lost.

When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch. The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style. As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."



### Looking Back from 1862 to 1948

#### THE DIOCESE OF GOULBURN BECOMES THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN



The Diocese of Goulburn was established on November 17, 1862, encompassing the region between the Lachlan and Murray rivers. Its first appointed bishop, Patrick Bonaventure Geoghegan, passed away before he could assume his role and he was succeeded by Bishop William Lanigan.

At the time of its creation, the diocese consisted of seven parishes, served by ten priests and a single religious congregation - the Sisters of Mercy in Goulburn. This was a period marked by significant challenges and rapid population growth, but Bishop Lanigan successfully guided the diocese through these turbulent times. The Monaro and South West Slopes regions have historically had a high concentration of Catholics, contributing to the strong Catholic presence. On February 11, 1948, the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn was created, evolving from the original Diocese of Goulburn. Today, it is one of the eleven dioceses in New South Wales, covering an expansive area of 88,000 square kilometres - approximately 30% larger than the entire State of Tasmania. The archdiocese is home to nearly fifty-five parishes, over one hundred churches, and approximately 170,000 Catholics. Saint Christopher's Cathedral in Manuka serves as the seat of the Archbishop, The Most Reverend Christopher Prowse. Notably, the first priest ordained for the new archdiocese was Fr Vincent Pierse, who was ordained in his hometown of Gundagai on July 25, 1948. The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is characterised by its geographical diversity, which mirrors the Church's self-understanding of "unity in diversity." The archdiocese spans from the extensive coastline to the Snowy Mountains, and from rolling hills to the flat plains in the west. Geographically, it stretches from Grenfell and Taralga in the north, to Delegate and Eden in the south, from Batemans Bay in the east to Lake Cargelligo and Adelong in the west. This diverse landscape highlights the archdiocese's wide-reaching influence and its commitment to serving a varied and widespread Catholic community.

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

**1. Come to the Water** *Fr 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. Our Supper Invitation** *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.  
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find  
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.  
Food for the journey will answer your need.  
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.



## NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Over 20 students recently participated in the Southern Region Carnival, showcasing their talents and competing against other schools in the area. It was inspiring to see all the students giving their best, with some outstanding results. Several students have advanced to the Catholic Education Canberra Goulburn Athletics event at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. A special congratulations to our Year 6 leader, Lakyn, who has been selected to represent the Mackillop team at the NSW Primary School Sports Association State Golf Championships. Lakyn's exceptional performance at Blackheath earned him this prestigious opportunity. We also extend our congratulations to the eight students who represented St Joseph's at the Southern Region Public Speaking Competition last week. Each student delivered high-quality speeches, making their school proud. A particular shoutout goes to Sophie Shannon, who will be competing at the Archdiocesan Competition in Batemans Bay.

**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. Glory And Praise To Our God** *Dan Schutte*  
**Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days,**  
**Many are the blessings He bears**  
**To those who trust in His ways**

1. We the daughters and sons of Him, Who built the valleys and plains,  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings
2. In His wisdom He strengthens us, Like gold that's tested in fire,  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save.



### 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.

## LOOKING BACK 9 YEARS AGO

### November 2015 - Delegate Church Centenary



L-R: Jenny Ingram, Betty Lomas, Eiley Elliott & Jan Farrell

The new Mass schedule for the Monaro Mission is as below.

For the Bombala-Delegate Parish, Bombala will receive an additional Mass on the 4th Sunday at 9.00am.  
 No change for Delegate at this stage, one Mass per month on the 3rd Sunday at 8.00am.



### THREE PARISHES TOGETHER - MASS SCHEDULE - UPDATED AUGUST 2024

WEEK	ADAMINABY	BERRIDALE	BOMBALA	COOMA	DELEGATE	JINDABYNE	NIMMITABEL	NUMERALLA
1		LWHC Sun 10am	Mass Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 10am	LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sat 5pm	LWHC Sat 5pm	
2	Mass Sun 9am	Mass Sat 3.30pm	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sat 5pm	LWHC Sat 5pm	LWHC Sun 5.30pm
3		LWHC Sun 10am	Mass Sun 10am	Mass Sun 10am	Mass Sun 8am	Mass Sat 5pm	Mass Sat 5pm	
4		Mass Sat 3.30pm	Mass Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sat 5pm	LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sun 5.30pm
5		LWHC Sun 10am	LWHC Sun 9am	Mass Sun 10am	LWHC Sat 5pm	LWHC Sat 5pm	Mass Sat 5pm	



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**18 August 2024**

## First Reading Prv 9:1-6

*Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.*

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared  
her wine,  
she has laid her table.  
She has despatched her maidservants  
and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'  
To the fool she says,  
'Come and eat my bread,  
drink the wine I have prepared!  
Leave your folly and you will live,  
walk in the ways of perception.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9**

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

- I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its  
boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere  
him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing. (R.)
- Come children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the  
Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?  
(R.)
- Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 5:15-20

*Be watchful that you may know the will of God.*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes

of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the *body* was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, *blood* was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated bread or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

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