



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 19 November 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 NOVEMBER For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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 young Australian Catholics, that God's Spirit will raise them up to be bold and enterprising proclaimers of the good news.



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 & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White, Barry Reed, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Jim Parkes, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Merylyn 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:
- Tue: Presentation of Mary
- Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am  
Saint Cecilia
- Thu: Saints Clement I & Columban
- Fri: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
- Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
Saint Catherine of Alexandria
- Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

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



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

**Recently Deceased**  
Peter Cottrell, Alma Reed

#### November Anniversaries

Rita Black  
Terry Peisley  
Bert Rayner  
Charlie Reed  
Geoff Stewart  
Sheila Tiernan  
Christine Walker



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



**God doesn't ask us to do great things.  
He asks us to do small things with great love."**



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



God will carry you safely through every struggle. (20.11.1870)  
Do not, for the sake of defending one or two,  
shrink from speaking the plain, open truth. (21.11.1871)  
It is far harder to have to think ill of others  
than to be the one thought ill of. (22.11.1871)



## In November We Remember

During the past weekend, events commemorated the armistice that ended the First World War. The armistice took effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918.

This year, the continuing war in Ukraine and the horrific violence in Israel and Gaza are pointed and poignant reminders that more than 100 years after the conflict known as 'the War to End All Wars', peace and justice are elusive. They require our prayers and our commitment to effecting peace in ourselves, our families and our communities.



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### *Point of balance*

We need to be at peace with ourselves so as not to endanger the peace of others.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for children orphaned by war or natural disaster, that the loss of their parents will be eased by the loving care of relatives, friends and the community.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for those who are driven by power, hate or revenge to wage war on the innocent, that by the power of God's Spirit they will forsake their rage and lay down their arms.



### Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus dares his disciples to risk investing their whole selves in the work of the kingdom. May the prayers we now pray be a pledge of our determination to follow him.

**READER: For** Pope Francis, that his call for a church of the poor, with the poor and for the poor will be heard and heeded by the whole people of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the 700 million human beings judged to be living in extreme poverty, that today's World Day of the Poor (19 November) will bear fruit in a just sharing of the world's goods. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the children of all nations, that tomorrow's World Children's Day (20 November) will advance the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** women in church and society, that they will have the freedom to develop their gifts and skills and enhance the life of the community. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** people of influence in the world of business and finance, that they will act with integrity and in service of the common good. 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, in your goodness you have made us children of light and children of the day. Help us walk always in the light of Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord

**AMEN**

### LOOKING BACK 128 YEARS AGO 18 September 1895

#### Confirmation by Bishop Higgins & Blessing of Corrowong Church

Last week his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr Higgins, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, made his periodical visit to this district for the purpose of giving Confirmation. His reception by the people of Corrowong was indeed an enthusiastic one, and is proof positive that the pastor is in perfect touch with his flock. Beautiful evergreens and floral arches with appropriate mottoes spanned the roadway, and lent a festive aspect to the scene. His Lordship was timed to arrive at Corrowong on the 18th inst., and the members of his flock, which is by no means a small one here, went almost to Delegate to escort him to his destination. He drove to the church and in a brief but touching manner thanked the people of Corrowong for their cordial reception, and expressed the pleasure he felt in returning to their district after an absence of three years, and finding such a beautiful church, which surpassed his expectations in every respect. On Thursday the impressive ceremony of blessing the church was performed by Bishop Higgins, assisted by the Rev. Father Walshe of Bombala, and Rev. Father Dalton of Cooma, and was witnessed by about 200 people. After giving Confirmation his Lordship delivered a sermon with characteristic force and eloquence. At the end of his discourse his Lordship complimented the people upon the completeness of their house of worship. The artistic taste shown in the structure of the edifice and the completeness of its internal arrangements were referred to, everything harmonising so beautifully that it was well nigh impossible to suggest an improvement. After the sermon the debt on the church, which, although not very heavy, is considerable for this locality, was sensibly lessened by the generous contributions of the congregation. During his stay at Corrowong, his Lordship and the rev. gentlemen who accompanied him were the guests of Mr James O'Hare. It may not be out of place to state that it is the intention of the people of the locality to hold the annual ball in aid of the church fund on October 18.

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

## 1. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see. **R**

**Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **R**

## 3. Isaiah 49 *Carey Landry*

1&3. I will never forget you, My people  
I have carved you on the palm of My hand  
I will never forget you  
I will not leave you orphaned  
I will never forget My own

2. Does a mother forget her baby?  
Or a woman the child within her womb?  
Yet even if these forget,  
Yes, even if these forget,  
I will never forget my own

## 2. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert,  
But you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not  
know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live. **R**

**Refrain: Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
You shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames, You shall not  
be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell, And death is at  
your side  
Know that I am with you through it all. **R**

## 4. Seek Ye First *Karen Lafferty*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3. Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

## Month of November REMEMBRANCE BOOKS

These books will be placed on the Altar  
at Bombala and on the Mary MacKillop  
Altar at Delegate for you to record your  
loved one's names.



As part of his talk at a banquet, our minister  
told some jokes and a few funny stories.  
Since he planned to use the same  
anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he  
asked reporters covering the event not to  
include them in their articles.

Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that  
one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the  
banquet with the observation "The minister told a number  
of stories that cannot be published."

## Upcoming Events

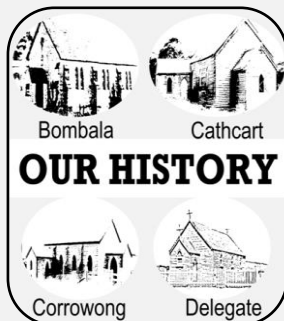


St Joseph's School Bombala  
Year 6 Graduation & End of Year Mass  
St Mary's Church Bombala  
Wednesday 13 December 2023



Delegate Ecumenical Christmas Carols  
St Joseph's Church/School Centre  
Saturday 16 December 2023  
(to be confirmed)

## 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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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**19 November 2023**

## First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have  
worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city  
gates.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

## Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 25:14-30

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men

which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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