



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 20 August 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 AUGUST FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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 who are suffering severe stress from cost-of-living pressures, that they will receive the support they need from the community, from business, and all levels of government.



We pray for all who suffer any form of illness or infirmity that they may find relief from their pain, meaning in their struggles, and healing in body, mind and spirit.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun: Morning Tea after Mass Delegate
Mon: Saint Pius X
Tue: Queenship of Mary
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Rose of Lima
Thu: Feast of Saint Bartholomew
Fri: Sts Louis & Joseph Calasanz
Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
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

August Anniversaries

Saint Mary MacKillop
Lou Black, Pam Clear
Kay Cuthel, Athol Duffell
Laura Elton, Pat Elton
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram
Vince Jones, Peter Martin
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard
Sr Kathleen Price
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 was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. After the Ascension, it's said the saint travelled to the east, and then onto Greater Armenia. According to traditional hagiography, he was flayed and beheaded there for converting the king to Christianity. Some accounts attest that instead of getting flayed, Bartholomew was crucified upside down like Saint Peter.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK FROM SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

“Spend time every day listening to what your muse is trying to tell you.”

Quotes and Thoughts
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 IS DEDICATED THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The reason August became associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary is because of World War II and the devotion of Pope Pius XII to Our Lady of Fatima.

The world was in turmoil in the 1940s and in 1942, Pope Pius XII responded to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima and consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 31, 1942.

Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

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.



Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for promoters of peace in hearts, homes and the halls of power, that they will offer the world a glimpse of God's reign.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for parents, that they will find joy and delight in their children's achievements as they grow year by year.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: The word of God counsels us not to lose heart when we are discouraged. We come as sons and daughters before our loving God to make intercession for all who seek help in difficult times.

READER: For Pope Francis and all successors of the apostles, may the Holy Spirit lead them and the Church to be a strong witness to the unity of God's plan for the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For people of our world whose lives have been devastated by natural or human-made disasters. May they be given the support needed for them to rebuild their lives and communities. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community as we gather to worship God in the celebration of the Eucharist. May it continue to be the expression of our faith as we strive to remain faithful to the Gospel. 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 all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share fully in the glory of God's promise. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Gracious God and Father, steadfast in your kindness towards us, hear our prayers and let our joy be full. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

LOOKING BACK 79 YEARS AGO

Bishop McGuire's Visit to the Bombala Parish October 1944



His Lordship the Bishop (Most Reverend Terence McGuire DD) has arranged with Reverend Father David Griffin for the following programme of fixtures during the Canonical visitation of the Bombala Parish.

Wednesday, October 11: 7.15am: Mass celebrated at Bombala by the Bishop. 9.30am: examination of confirmation candidates at St Joseph's Church Delegate. 11am: Celebration of Golden Jubilee St Peter's Church Corrowong. His Lordship will preside at the Mass. 12.30pm: Jubilee Banquet at Corrowong. 2.30pm: Rosary for deceased benefactors. Reopening of renovated church appeal. 3.45pm: Afternoon Tea. 4.30pm: Canonical visit of Delegate Convent. Confessions for general communion. 8pm Golden Jubilee Ball.

Thursday, October 12: 7.30am: Bishop's Mass at Delegate. 10am: Confirmation Mass at Delegate. 12 noon: Visitation of invalids at Delegate.

Friday, October 13: 7.15am: Mass at Bombala. 10am: Examination of Bombala Confirmation candidates St Mary's Church Bombala. 4pm: Canonical visitation of Bombala Convent. 5pm: Visitation of invalids at Bombala.

Saturday, October 14: 7.15am: Mass at Bombala. 11 am: Canonical visitation at Bombala Presbytery. 4pm: His Lordship will be at home to callers.

Sunday, October 15: 8am: Mass celebrated by his Lordship at Bombala. 8am: Mass at Delegate. 10.30 am: Confirmation Mass at Bombala. 1pm: Representative dinner at Bombala Presbytery. 3.30pm: Holy Name Society conversazione at Bombala Show Ground.

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. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?, Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

2. I am the Bread of Life *Sr Suzanne Toolan RSM*

1. I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him. **R**

**Refrain: And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and you who eats of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever. **R**

3. The Fullness of God *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give.
May your hidden self-grow strong and may you live,
Strong in faith and built on love, until you know –
How high and long, how wide and deep, the fullness of God

2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart
What hope his call now holds for you,
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,
the fullness of God.

3. Know the way you learned from Christ, to live life anew
Let your hearts be drawn to Him, let Christ renew,
The hope in you, to grow into. – goodness and truth
And living so you'll come to know, the fullness of God

4. 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

MULTIPLE FATHERS



A group of guys I know took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel, and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter. After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and had asked the father to stand up.

SAVE THE DATE

2023
Debutante Ball

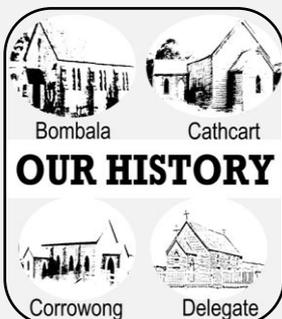
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HOW IS THE LECTIONARY ARRANGED?



The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays. The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labelled A, B, and C. 2021 was Year B, 2022 was Year C, Year A began on November 27, 2022, and will continue through to December 2, 2023. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read. The weekday cycle is divided into only two years, Year I and Year II.

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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 August 2023

First Reading **Is 56:1.6-7**

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the

mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom**

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 15:21-28**

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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