



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR B, 21 JANUARY 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 JANUARY For the gift of diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



**We pray** for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.

**We pray** for children who have known nothing but war, inhumanity and hunger, that they will be given the security they need to grow in body, mind and spirit.



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

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash, Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White, Barry Reed, Jim Parkes, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Peter Hopkins, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:** Saint Vincent  
**Wed:** Saint Francis de Sales  
**Thu:** Conversion of Saint Paul  
**Fri:** Australia Day



**Sat:** LW&HC Delegate 6pm  
**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

**Recently Deceased**  
Lena Spoljaric

#### January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear  
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker  
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch  
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman  
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead rsm  
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley  
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts  
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith  
Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson  
Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker  
Mary Williams



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



DOROTHEA MACKELLAR



**"I love a sunburnt country, A land of sweeping plains  
Of ragged mountain ranges, Of droughts and flooding rains"**

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



Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good. (15.1.1872)  
It is in love that God leads me, by love that God reproves me, by love that God lets me see love in all. (1873)  
*Birth of Mary MacKillop in Brunswick Street, Melbourne, 15.1.1842.*

## JANUARY - MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends. Jesus is our all. In His name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields, and the sick. In the name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord."

### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### *Make me a channel of your peace*

A couple of examples from popular culture provide clues on where and how to find peace.

Think about it.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the many whose hearts are broken by grief and loss, that the loving-kindness of caring friends and neighbours will ease their pain and hasten their healing.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all the faithful, that they will listen carefully for God's call and readily play their part in renewing the face of the earth.



### Prayer of the Faithful

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



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear Friends, Jesus calls us to take his good news to heart and find life in him. In response, let us pray for the reign of God to come in our hearts and in our world.

**READER: For** Pope Francis and the bishops of the Church. May they continue to open our hearts and minds to the knowledge and proper understanding of God's love for us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Fr Mark as we celebrate his first year with us, we raise our hearts in grateful prayer. May the Holy Spirit's light continue to shine in his footsteps and guide him ever closer to God, ever stronger as our shepherd. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**On** this 182nd anniversary of Mary MacKillop's birth, we celebrate her enduring legacy and the unwavering spirit of the Sisters of St Joseph. May their mission to inspire and uplift all continue to blossom, its impact recognised far and wide for generations to come. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** young people choosing their path in life at this time, that they will be open to hear and choose the call of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** fire-fighters and emergency service personnel during our summer, may they stay safe themselves as they labour to protect the community from dangerous events. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the First Peoples of Australia and all who have made their home in this ancient land, that this week's Australia Day observances will promote justice, unity and respect. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** those engaged in negotiations to end brutal bloodshed in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa, that they will not rest until ceasefires are achieved. 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. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** God of all mercy and compassion, you destined us and all creation to share in your eternal love. Sustain us in hope as we make our way to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.. **AMEN**

### LOOKING BACK 182 YEARS AGO

January 1842

#### BIRTH OF MARY MACKILLOP



Mary Helen MacKillop was born on 15 January 1842 in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy, Victoria, back when it was known as Newtown, within the British colony of New South Wales. She was born to Alexander MacKillop and Flora MacDonald. Alexander, hailing from Perthshire, Scotland, embarked on his journey toward priesthood at the tender age of twelve. However, at 29, just before his ordination, he left his studies, migrated to Australia, and arrived in Sydney in 1838. Flora MacDonald, Mary's mother, born in Scotland, made her way to Melbourne in 1840. The union of Alexander and Flora took place in 1843, and Mary, their first born, was the eldest among their eight children. Mary's siblings included Margaret ("Maggie," 1843–1872), John (1845–1867), Annie (1848–1929), Alexandrina ("Lexie," 1850–1882), Donald (1853–1925), Alick (who passed away at 11 months old), and Peter (1857–1878). Donald would later become a Jesuit priest, dedicating himself to working among the Aboriginal peoples in the Northern Territory, while Lexie joined the Good Shepherd Sisters in Melbourne. The impact of Mary's commitment to education extended through the Sisters of St Joseph, who established over 30 convents and schools in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn. These included Taralga in 1884, Bombala in 1887, Nimmitabel in 1902, Adaminaby in 1918, Delegate in 1921 and the Jindabyne Motor Mission in 1960 (later relocated to Nimmitabel). Today, we express gratitude for Mary and her sisters whose foresight emphasised the importance of providing education to children in rural and remote areas.

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. 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! *R*

**Refrain: 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! *R*

## 2. Galilee Song *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.  
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!  
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time! *R*

**Refrain: So I leave my boats behind!  
Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again, my Lord!**

2. In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains  
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!  
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind,  
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry! *R*

**With Christ our head and cornerstone, we'll build our  
nation's might, Whose way and truth and light alone, can  
guide our path aright, Our lives, a sacrifice of love reflect  
our Master's care, With faces turned to heaven above,  
Advance Australia Fair.**

**In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.**



This is the story of a passenger flying in a 2-seater airplane with just the pilot. They are at an altitude of 14,000 feet, clear skies, full tank of fuel, heading north out of Adelaide over Lake Eyre. Suddenly, a crisis unfolds as the pilot passes out.

In a panic, the passenger calls for help, and a reassuring voice from the tower responds, guiding them through the situation. The tower says, "Now, just relax. Everything will be fine! Now give me your height and position." The passenger responds, "I'm 5'4" and I'm in the front seat." "OoooKay," says the voice from the tower. "Repeat after me: Our Father. . . Who art in Heaven. . ."

## 3. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.  
The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.  
This love can never be measured.  
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in God.

2. Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.  
The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.  
Whose love can never grow weary.  
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in God.

## 4. City of God *Dan Schutte*

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**

We're sons of the morning, we are daughters of day  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way. *R*



## Message from Our Lady, Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

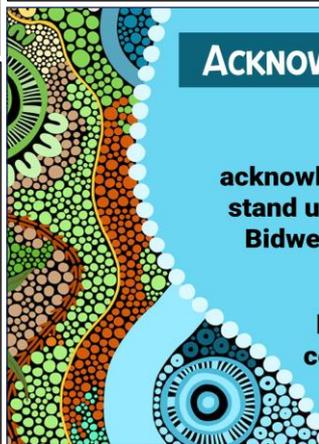
**"DEAR CHILDREN! I AM CARRYING MY SON JESUS TO YOU TO FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH PEACE, BECAUSE HE IS PEACE. LITTLE CHILDREN, SEEK JESUS IN THE SILENCE OF YOUR HEART THAT HE BE BORN ANEW. THE WORLD NEEDS JESUS, THEREFORE SEEK HIM THROUGH PRAYER, BECAUSE HE GIVES HIMSELF DAILY TO EACH OF YOU."**

DECEMBER 2023

## 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.**



## EXPLORING A SHIFT FROM URBAN LIFE TO THE TRANQUILITY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE?



Consider Delegate, where a contemporary two-bedroom residence with garage awaits. Nestled beside St Joseph's Catholic Church in Delegate, just about 2.5 hours south of Canberra, this home features distinct spaces including a separate kitchen, lounge, dining area and sunroom. Recently revitalised with fresh paint and new floor coverings, it provides an ideal setting suitable for a retired individual or couple seeking a peaceful retreat. SC heating and reverse cycle air conditioning. Long term lease available.

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

**21 January 2024**

## First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4**

**(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.  
(R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
he guides the humble in the right  
path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

## Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The kingdom of God is near:**

**believe the Good News!**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mk 1:14-20

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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