



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 24 July 2022



*"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." Parish Vision Statement, 2004*



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



### Popes Intention The Elderly

**We pray** for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of people, may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**We pray** for peace in the world; for all the African countries and the Middle East and especially for the continuing war in Ukraine.

**We pray** for those who are sick, that God's healing spirit will bring them wholeness.

**We pray** for all the homeless in our country, especially those families trying to find some suitable accommodation to "be a family", especially in this cold winter weather.

**We pray** for those who are sick, that God's healing spirit will bring them wholeness.

**For those** who have died; may they wake to eternal life in the sight of God.

**We pray** for all young people - many of whom are also homeless - and are facing the challenges of our time.

**For the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:**  
Tom Kennedy, Yvonne Murphy, Marty Brick, Carl Crotty, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott (Eilie's son), Jack Ventry, Therese Rumph, Libby McGruer (Lomas), Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham

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



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:** Feast St James

**Tue:** Feast Saints Joachim & Anne

**Wed:** Mass 9.30am Bombala

**Thu:**

**Fri:**

**Note 5th Sunday of the Month**

**Sat:** Feast St Monica

Mass Nimmitabel 5pm

LW&HC Delegate 5pm

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



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Judy Periera, Athol (Slip) Reid,  
Moira Tindale, Kaylie Hopkins

### July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams,  
Kevin Bedingfield, Shirley Bedingfield,  
Vince Clear, Stan Collins,  
John Cusack (Canb), Claude Elliott,  
Jack Eppelestun, Warren Haley,  
Kevin Ingram, Lou Joseph,  
Gwen Kimber, Val Lasker,  
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch,  
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan,  
Sr Bridget O'Halloran,  
Martin Page, Janie Roberts,  
Graham Rumph, Bert Smith,  
Peter Stewart, Jean Talbot,  
Neindra Tarrant, Jim Walker,  
Emily Williams



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do not be discouraged.  
Let the Spirit transform the  
shadowy parts of our lives.

**Pope Francis**



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



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



True happiness here below depends on  
ourselves not on those around us. 1907  
God give me strength for what is necessary. 1907  
Prayer is our great weapon. 1907  
God will provide for the future. 1907



In a vision the prophet Isaiah saw a man treading out grapes (in the Orient, trampling upon grapes in the winepress was the usual means of extracting the juice). The prophet asked the man: "Why are your garments so red?" "The winepress I have trodden alone," he answers, "because from the nations there is no one with me." The trodder of the winepress is Christ, His garments crimsoned by the Blood of redemption.



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### Places of Faith

Churches, old and new, are central to our community and personal faith.



**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all leaders in the Australian Catholic community, that they will act decisively to implement the decisions of the Plenary Council.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for girls and young women in societies that curtail their freedom and deny them education, that they will hold fast to their hope for just recognition.



### Thank You!

My sincere thanks to my Parish Family for the lovely flowers, messages of sympathy, kindness and prayers given to me when Moira passed away, and special appreciation to Father Mick for his beautiful Requiem Mass and prayers. Moira loved her Church and fellow parishioners. May she now rest in God's keeping.

May God bless you all. *Elie Elliott*



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2022

### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 24 July 2022

Dear Friends,

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture," which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life - so the Bible teaches - is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. "The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations." This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role.

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord - in the words of the Bible - has "filled with days."

Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.

**FRANCIS**

### Prayer of the Faithful

**LEADER:** Jesus teaches us how to pray and to trust that God listens to our prayer. So, let us speak to God with confidence.

**READER:** "Lord, teach us to pray." May each of us make time to get in touch with God and get in touch with ourselves.

**We pray to the Lord.**

"Ask and it will be given to you." When we ask for what we want; may we trust God to give us what we need.

**We pray to the Lord.**

"Give us each day our daily bread." May we each play our part, so that all God's people will have the basic necessities of life.

**We pray to the Lord.**

"He has forgiven all our sins." May all God's people allow themselves the joy of being forgiven.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For the suffering of the world; may we reach out to them by our prayer and compassion. **We pray to the Lord.**

For loved ones who have died, and those recently deceased in our community, together with those whose lives have been taken in violence; may God who raised Jesus from the dead breathe resurrection life into them.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For Our Lady's intercessions for all our needs and the people suffering in Ukraine. **We pray.....Hail Mary.....**

**LEADER:** Loving God, we praise you for your faithfulness and love as we say together: **Glory Be to the Father.....**



"What's wrong, Bubba?" asked the pastor. "I need you to pray for my hearing," said Bubba. The pastor put his hands on Bubba's ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, "So how's your hearing now?" "I don't know," said Bubba. "It isn't until next Tuesday."



## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!  
You will be always in my hand!  
Take your heart and give it all to me!  
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. Should you wander far away from me  
I will search for you in every land!  
Should you call then you will truly know  
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

3. When you know sorrow within your life  
I will come I will embrace your heart!  
Through your pain you will discover Me!  
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

### 2. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**Antiphon:**  
*I have carried you on eagle's wings!  
I will care for you in all your years!*

1. My heart is full of peace;  
You have been within my life!  
Your guiding hand has always covered me,  
I am full of confidence in You! *Antiphon*

2. My soul is like a child,  
Cradled safe within your arms!  
You have carried me across my years!  
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. *Antiphon*

## Plenary Council Report - Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Below are some excerpts from the full text of Archbishop Christopher's letter,  
Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia (3rd July-10th July)



"Dear Friends in Christ,

I have returned very recently from the Fifth Plenary Council in Sydney (2nd Assembly). There was a real sense that the Holy Spirit was present. The members, which totalled over 277, were very much aware that people around Australia and even beyond, were praying that the Holy Spirit would guide us. Be careful when you pray to the Holy Spirit! Make sure you have your seat belts on! When the Holy Spirit answers, we are in for quite an unexpected ride! There were plenty of surprises from the Holy Spirit during this week.

Listening attentively over a whole week is not as easy as one would think. Pope Francis is always keen to note the difference between hearing and listening. We can hear sounds but when we truly listen, we are trying to communicate. Most of the discussions did not happen in the general sessions but in small groups around many tables spread throughout the auditorium. The first part of any consideration was the proclamation of the Word of God, the introduction to the topic, and then significant periods of listening in silence and then listening to each other as we responded to what we believe the Holy Spirit was communicating to us. Throughout all this, there was a great sense of joy and hopefulness. Nonetheless, it was very tiring. It is something that requires continual conversion that moves away from our own priorities and agenda to that which seemed to be emerging in the groups. However, by the end of the week, this new Spiritual Conversation method was something that became a normal part of our discussions, and we became far more at ease. There was a great sense that the fruit of Synodality was a real determination for the Catholic Church to advance in the future with a renewed impulse in evangelisation and in our culture and world of today. What will be the next steps now that the Plenary Council has concluded? In one sense, the Plenary Council has concluded, but in another, it has just begun. The final stage of the Plenary Council is the implementation of the Decrees that we have approved. The next period will be for the refining of these motions, the cataloguing of them and the presentation of them to the Holy See seeking Papal approval. Once this is given, there is a six-month hiatus whereby we can wait for a maturing of the understanding of what these Decrees mean for the Dioceses of Australia. After which they will be implemented in all the Dioceses of Australia. Over this waiting time, we do need to respond appropriately as the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. We need to learn to walk together in a Synodal way and really engage all in the Archdiocese in this great movement of the Holy Spirit. I will write a follow up letter to you all in the next few weeks explaining what the next year might mean. Therefore, on the conclusion of the 2nd Assembly of the 5th Plenary of the Australian Church, we thank the Lord for His many blessings and the undeniable presence of the Holy Spirit leading us on in the midst of our own selfishness and woundedness. Whatever the future may look like for the Church's pastoral evangelising in the years ahead, it will be clearly centred on Jesus Christ. Anything that is enacted must help us to become more and more the evangelising people of God that we are called to be. Thank you so much for your prayers over the last few weeks. Let us now thank the Lord for His many blessings."

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**

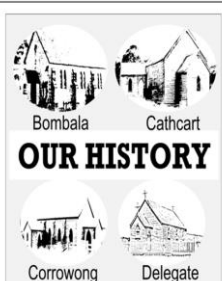


**We are urged  
to do this by  
the Pope**

**"Teach me Lord to choose what is right,  
Not to be content with mediocrity,  
Have a heart that is strong and brave,  
Docile yet courageous."**



## 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 came 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 St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have provided continuous ministry for 134 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 1954-1972. 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.



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**24 July 2022**

## First Reading Gn 18:20-32

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3**

**(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 2:12-14

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 11:1-13

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world - a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

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