



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B - 24 OCTOBER 2021**



*“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 FEAST OF ST RAPHAEL YEAR OF ST JOSEPH SPECIAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

### Popes Intention

### Missionary Disciples

**We pray** that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**We pray** for God's protection on all the people in our region and for recovery for those who have the Corona virus.

**We also pray** for our doctors, nurses, ambulance officers and other health professionals who are on the front line.

**We pray** for the young children in our Parish still waiting to celebrate their first Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**We pray** for all in our community who are ill or infirm and those in our Aged Care residences.

**We pray** for those who have died recently; may they experience peace and reconciliation in God's presence.

### May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

John Scott, David Cottrell, Moira Tindale, Carmel Croker (Therese R's sister), Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham, Edna Reed, Ann Stokes.

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## Parish Calendar October Month of the Rosary

**Mon:**

**Tue:**

**Wed:** School Mass Bombala  
9.30am Years 3-6

**Thu:** Feast Sts Simon & Jude  
Apostles

**Fri:** World Teachers Day

**Sat:** Vigil Mass Delegate 6pm

**Sun:** Mass Bombala 8am  
Mass Nimmitabel 10am



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Des Twigg, Graham Enright, Beryl Phillips, Lyons Walcott, Paul Bennett, Pam Clear, Shirley Rutherford.

### Anniversaries:

Ina McGrath, Kathleen Bellesini, Carol de Jonge, Dick Kennedy, John Morgan.

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Good leaders  
inspire us to put confidence in them.  
Great leaders  
inspire us to put confidence in ourselves.  
(Author unknown)*



## Reflection Time for Those Who Serve

*A time of spiritual reflection for anyone who serves the parish in any way. It won't be about how you serve, but about you and your own spiritual journey.*  
**Bombala - Saturday 27 November 10am till 1:30pm (with lunch)**  
*Come aside and rest a while with the Lord.*



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*Have we not all taken up the cross and shall we shrink from carrying it? 11.4.1876  
May God bless you and keep you in his love. 6.3.1894  
I once more want, first of all, to find you in peace and unity. 26.4.1873  
We have much for which to be thankful. 16.5.1873*



Pope Francis, to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, has dedicated most of this year to St Joseph, whose feast day was 19 March.



## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

### Change of heart

A culture of disarmament begins with ourselves, and with how the world values human beings.

## Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for the dwindling Christian communities of the Middle East, that they will have the strength to hold fast to their ancient faith.

## Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for public health workers engaging with culturally diverse communities, that they will help them respond effectively to the COVID challenge.



## LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

If you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

## PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC:

Pope Francis has asked us all to pray each day for those suffering illness as a result of Corona Virus and to ask God to end this terrible COVID-19 Pandemic.

*Lord, Jesus brought healing during his ministry on earth.*

*Now we need his healing more than ever.*

*We need not only the healing from physical illness brought on by the Coronavirus, but healing for human hearts.*

*Inspire us to serve the poor and abandoned. Amen*

(St Columbans Mission Society)

## SAINTLY WISDOM

Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. Prayer begets faith, faith begets love, and love begets service on behalf of the poor.



St Teresa of Kolkata  
Mother Teresa

## Prayer of the Faithful

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**Leader:** As the beloved sons and daughters of God, in faith we make our petitions for our needs and the needs of the world.

### Reader:

Grant us a new vision that we may see all creation with the eyes of God looking on the earth with love.

### We pray to the Lord.

For all in special need: for the sick and suffering, including John Scott and David Cottrell and especially those deprived from seeing loved ones because of Covid restrictions; may they feel God's loving presence through the prayers and loving thoughts of others.

### We pray to the Lord.

For our own deceased loved ones, especially Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Des Twigg, Graham Enright, Beryl Phillips, Lyons Walcott, Paul Bennett and for all the faithful departed; may God bless them with all the spiritual blessings of heaven.

### We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs:

### We pray; Hail Mary...

**Leader:** Gracious God, hear our prayers and send your Spirit to us, that like Jesus, we may be instruments of your goodness and truth. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
CANBERRA/GOULBURN  
*good works*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

for our twinning conference in India, will take place over the next 3 weeks.  
**Collectors will be at the Church doors.**



"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us."

St John Paul II

## SISTER TERESA

Should anyone want to send a note or card, Sister's address in Perth is as follows:

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A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it." After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut." The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair; Moses had long hair; Noah had long hair; and even Jesus had long hair!", to which his father replied, "Yes, you're right, and they also WALKED everywhere they went."



We recently concluded the first assembly (of 2), of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia, and now coincidentally (and providentially!), the universal Church begins a similar process. This weekend, dioceses around the world mark the opening of the two-year process called “a synod on synodality,” officially known as “Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church.”

A synod is a gathering that helps the Church to walk forward together. The word synod itself comes from the Greek and images a walking together on the same path. Synods were common in the early centuries of Christianity. In 1965, Paul VI instituted the Synod of Bishops, wanting to continue the collegial exchange present at Vatican II (1962-65). Since then, synods have occurred every two or three years focusing on topics from the Eucharist, to the new evangelization, to the family, and youth. Unlike past synods however, this one won't address a particular issue but will focus on who God is calling us to be as a Church, together, here and now, and into the future. Suffice to say, the whole Church now asks the question we've been asking in Australia during our own plenary journey.

This Synod is also unprecedented, in that it aims at giving the entire Church a lived experience of synodality. It isn't about filling in a questionnaire, nor just to talk about synodality, but putting it into practice in every parish, diocese, and the world – hence beginning the unique listening process spanning 2 years. Synodality is no passing phase! Rather, as Archbishop Christopher reminds us, synodality is about "walking together" and is at the heart of who the Church is, it is the “language of our Church” as the pilgrim people of God. Saint John Chrysostom once said that "Church" and "synod" were synonyms, since the Church is all about walking together. Let us pray for this gift to the universal Church, for synodality is a way of renewing the Church from her deepest roots, in order to be more united with one another and better carry out Her mission. For as Pope Francis writes, in a "mutual listening...everyone has something to learn. The lay faithful, the bishops, the pope: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the “Spirit of truth” (Jn 14:17), in order to know what He is saying to the Church”.

Father Trenton van Reesch



## LOOKING BACK 45 YEARS AGO Bombala Eclipse, Saturday 23 October 1976

Scientists and sightseers from all over the world had converged on Bombala to witness one of the "astronomical wonders of the century": a total eclipse of the sun.

Scientists at Bombala described the total eclipse as one of the astronomical wonders of the century. And thousands of sightseers who descended upon the “blackout” belt across southern NSW were ecstatic as the eclipse turned day into night about 4.45pm. Champagne corks popped at the crowded Bombala Racecourse, where thousands had a grandstand view of the long-awaited spectacle at a “blackout” sports day. By mid-afternoon, eclipse watchers waited anxiously for the first of four phases of the eclipse, when the edge of the moon nicked the eastern side of the sun. The sky gradually darkened as the moon continued its journey across the face of the sun, casting a shadow on the earth. The sun was reduced to a vanishing crescent and daylight slowly changed to an eerie moonlight.

Astronomers described it "as if a storm were approaching." At exactly 4.42pm a wave of darkness swept over Bombala blacking out the small township and lasted for two minutes, 45 seconds. The sunlight then slowly returned and the four phases repeated themselves in reverse order. Full light returned about 5.15pm.



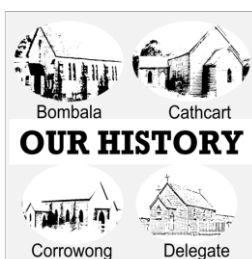
Until about the 15th century, hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion. The 15 mysteries that we know today, were definitively fixed as the Mysteries of the Rosary.

In 2002, Pope John Paul II, added the five Luminous Mysteries. Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls and has impressed on their mind, "the chief mysteries of the Christian religion," "the mysteries of our Redemption," "the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs." The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries".

The Luminous Mysteries are :-

1. The Baptism of the Lord
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

### 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 St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney (St Mary MacKillop) arrived and have 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 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



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

**24 October 2021**

## First Reading Jer 31:7-9

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends  
of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will  
not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from  
bondage,  
It seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What  
 marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full  
of song,  
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 5:1-6

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

## Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mk 10:46-52

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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