



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**WORLD MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B - 26 SEP 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 'YEAR OF ST JOSEPH' Season of Creation SPECIAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

### Popes Intention

#### An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

We pray for all those who are affected by or ill from the COVID-19 pandemic and those who have died from this illness.

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:

Sr Margaret Keane, rsj, Carmel Croker (Therese R's sister), Moira Tindale, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham, Edna Reed, Ann Stokes.

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Please assist the team by having items in by  
Wednesday pm. Items may come in by  
phone, note or email.

## Parish Calendar

**Mon:** St Vincent de Paul

**Tue:**

**Wed:** Mass 9.30am Bombala

**Thu:** St Jerome

**Fri:**

**Sat:** Mass Delegate 6pm

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



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Paul Bennett (ex-St Joey's teacher),  
Shirley Rutherford, Pam Clear,  
Greg Brown (friend Anna/John)

### Anniversaries:

Laura & Jack Elton, Darcy Ryan,  
Sr Loretta Kilmartin, Toby Black,  
Ben Ingram, Angela Clear,  
John Bates, Rita Rayner.

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

THOUGHT  
FOR THE  
WEEK

*"Just say 'yes' do  
'the best'  
and God will take  
care of  
'the rest'.*



## 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 16th October 10am till 1:30pm (with lunch)**

*Come aside and rest a while with the Lord.*



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*Are not God's ways wonderful to us all. 18.9.1873  
Do not think of the present but of the great future. 26.9.1876  
I feel more trust in God than ever. 13.4.1874  
Have courage, trust in God, St Joseph and our Blessed Mother,  
and you need have no fear. 4.4.1905*



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

### *In praise of peace*

A commitment to peace requires us to look beyond our own interests to the good of all.

### Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all who exercise power at the expense of others, that they be converted to lives of servant leadership.

### Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for all who suffer for their religious beliefs, that they will hold fast to their faith and find strength and life in it.

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SCC WOOD RAFFLE

*Thank You*

The school thanks parishioners and friends for their generous contributions to this raffle.

The Winner was Lana Jamieson from Bendoc. Approx. \$3,500 was raised from this fund raiser.



## 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

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**Leader:** In this Season of Creation, let us bring our prayers together to renew our commitment to what Pope Francis asks of us in his encyclical "Laudato Si".

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:**

That we may realise that our actions now towards all created things will impact on all generations to come.

**We pray to the Lord:**

God of all life, forgive us for our overuse and abuse of our common home, nourish our efforts to bring reconciliation to the earth, rekindle the bonds between you, human beings and all that exists.

**We pray to the Lord:**

For the sick, especially Sr Margaret Keane rsj, and the lonely, 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 those who are severely ill from Covid 19 especially the poor and those unable to provide resources for themselves: protect them from harm and bring them healing resources through the care and concern of those who can help.

**We pray to the Lord:**

For our deceased loved ones, especially Paul Bennett, and all who have died from the Covid virus in NSW.: Lord, bring them safely to your heavenly kingdom.

**We pray to the Lord:**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our concerns:

**We pray:** Hail Mary...

**Leader:** May our prayers rise before you, God of all people, of nations, of all creatures. May your grace fill the world and enable us to participate in your reign of justice, compassion and healing.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



*The minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about telling little fibs. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.*

*Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters.*

*I will now proceed with my sermon on telling fibs."*



Today, Sunday 26 September we commemorate World Migrant and Refugee Sunday, and celebrate the contributions of all new settlers, while never forgetting our First Nations

The mixed emotions of the weekend and its overshadowing by uncertainty make it a suitable day for remembering migrants and refugees. In the Australian Catholic Church, it prompts gratitude and joy for the gift that people from different nations and their children have been for both church and nation. We remember the Irish immigrants who were the heart of so many communities, whose churches and schools were built with the pennies of the poor. We remember also the European and Middle Eastern immigrants of early days. We recall, too, the people of so many European nations who came from a war-devastated Europe after the Second World War – English, Dutch, Polish, Italian, and others, and the later refugees and migrants from Vietnam, Latin America, Lebanon, the Baltic nations, India and Africa. Both the Australian community and the Church have been so blessed by the contribution they have made. Migration has shaped and reshaped the face of Australia, and has reminded us that we all have trespassed on a land first cared for by Indigenous Australians.

#### JOY AND PAIN

If we remember the gift that the lives of migrants and refugees have brought us, we also remember the pain and dislocation that was part of their experience. For them it meant a leaving of home, of familiar place, language or dialect, friendships and landscape, and a making of new connections. For people who came later in life it may have meant that different dress, difficulty in speaking English and inability to comprehend new customs and culture made a distance between them and Australians of other backgrounds. For children it often meant a difficult balance of living in two cultures and being excluded by their peers because of their difference. The lives of migrants and refugees were often marked by difficulty and sacrifice, which we remember and celebrate today.

For people who came as refugees, the contrast between joy and pain, acceptance and rejection, and generosity and meanness has been particularly marked. They met two sides of Australia, one hospitable and one vicious. For many years Australia was generous in receiving and supporting refugees on their arrival in Australia and in helping them to be welcomed members of the Australian community. They have contributed enormously to Australian culture and prosperity.



### VALE PAUL BENNETT

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Paul Bennett, a former teacher of St Joseph's Bombala passed away on 12 September 2021 from health complications. Paul was a much valued member of our St Joseph's community from 2013-2019 and spent most of these years working in the primary/senior classes as well as taking the music program for kindergarten to year 6.

Paul's dedication to St Joseph's was evident with his daily commute from Candelo and his willingness to always lend a helping hand where needed. He is best remembered for his guitar lessons with his class and whole school performances where he would often enjoy a vocal solo. He thoroughly enjoyed helping to organise St Joey's discos where he would take control of the DJ duties.

Paul had many careers in his life and he enjoyed sharing his worldly experiences with the children and staff. He also enjoyed teaching about his passions of music and food. It was not uncommon to walk through his classroom and smell his latest batch of freshly baked bread or try some of his famous homemade sauces and chutneys in the staffroom. He loved his time at St Joseph's and spoke very highly about his 'comrades' (staff), the students and the community.

We keep Paul's family and close friends in our thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

## Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running wave be yours.  
 Deep peace of the flowing air be yours.  
 Deep peace of the quiet earth be yours.  
 Deep peace of the shining stars be yours.  
 The deep, deep peace of the Son of Peace be yours.  
 (From a Celtic Benediction.)

### ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT & SCHOOL DELEGATE



A Centenary Celebration to commemorate the arrival of the Sisters of St Joseph and the opening of the school in Delegate in 1921 will be held on **Sunday 17th October 2021.**

### 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-Delegata Catholic Parish



**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**26 September 2021**

## First Reading Nm 11:25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9**

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. (R.)

## Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure

for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

## Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word, O Lord, is truth:**

**make us holy in the truth.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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