



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 29 JANUARY 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**

## PARISH CONTACTS

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



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



### POPES INTENTION For Educators

**We pray** that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**We pray** for our parish community; may 2023 bring us many graces and blessings.

**We pray** for our Principal, Mrs Tighe, her school staff and all the students as they commence another year at St Joseph's School.

**We pray** for all those who have lost their lives in tragedies that have occurred this week, and we pray for the people of Alice Springs that the torment they are suffering can be brought under control.

**We pray** for our deceased loved ones and our deceased parishioners.



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

Merilyn Knight, Tom Kennedy, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Christine Cowell, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mon:**  
**Tue:** Saint John Bosco  
**Wed:** No Mass  
**Thu:** Feast of the  
**Presentation of the Lord**  
**Fri:** Saints Blaise & Ansgar  
**Sat:** Mass Delegate 4.30pm  
Mass Bombala 6pm



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Pope Benedict XVI,  
Cardinal George Pell,

### January Anniversaries

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



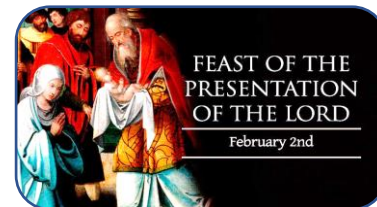
*"We have loved them in Life:  
Let us not forget them in death."*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



**"Let unifying  
love be your  
measure;  
abiding love  
your challenge;  
self-giving love  
your mission!"**

*Pope Benedict XVI*



FEAST OF THE  
PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD

February 2nd

**February 2:** The Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** 40 days after the birth of Jesus. Before 1969, the feast was known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or Candlemas.

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



Pray that God may direct and that St Joseph's humble spirit may guide. 16.10.1898

See the hand of God, not the caprice of others, in all that happens. 1871

Make no reserves with God. 14.12.1890

It is far harder to have to think ill of others than to be the one thought ill of. 22.11.1871

Have a pure heart and be faithful. 1871



# Prayer of the Faithful

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



**LEADER:** Let us bring our prayers to God through Jesus as we pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

**READER:** We pray with Pope Francis for all Church leaders: that they may be selfless in giving their lives in service to their communities. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our community and family: may our reflection on the word of God allow it to affect the way we deal with others. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who suffer from poverty: that there may be a just and equal sharing of the world's resources. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For students and teachers commencing the School Year: may they be guided and inspired by the teaching of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are sick and for those who grieve and mourn especially all the people caught up in the recent tragedies around the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our deceased loved ones and parishioners: may they walk with us here and glorify God forever. 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...**

**LEADER:** Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to walk in the way traced out for us in the Beatitudes. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## 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)**

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

### 2. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words to foreign men, And they will understand, You shall see the face of God and live. **(R)**

**Refrain: Be not afraid I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
You shall not drown, If you walk amid the burning flames,  
You shall not be harmed. If you stand before the power of hell, And death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. **(R)**

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you! **(R)**

### First Reading: Zephaniah Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

### Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!**

### Gospel of Matthew



### REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Father, as we begin this new year we pray that all Christians engage in friendship and harmony, see each person as unconditionally loved by you. Through our baptism may Christian hope provide a clear invitation to all Christians to reflect and act on the challenges of poverty, climate and war.



### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'. Those in such wretched circumstances will have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice. We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true: 'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

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