



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B - 3 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

**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.

**We pray** for Sister Teresa isolating in West Australia, whilst awaiting her reunion with her two sisters.

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

David Cottrell, 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:** Feast St Francis of Assisi

**Tue:**

**Wed:** Mass 9.30am Bombala

**Thu:** Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

**Fri:**

**Sat:** Delegate 6pm  
Liturgy of The Word & HC

**Sun:** Bombala 9am  
Liturgy of The Word & HC



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Des Twigg, Paul Bennett, Shirley Rutherford, Pam Clear, Greg Brown (friend Anna/John)

### Anniversaries:

Ina McGrath, Kathleen Bellesini, Laura & Jack Elton, Toby Black, Angela Clear, John Bates, Rita Rayner.

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

***“PRAYER is missionary – it reaches out to the whole world, beyond any walls, countries, borders; you can reach everyone united with Jesus in prayer.”***  
Carmelite Sister Catherine Ann



## 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**



*May God give you patience and courage in your sufferings. March 1904  
Have good courage, for God is so very good to us all. 6.1.1870  
Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good. 15.1.1872  
Seek to please God. 8.6.1868*



*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

#### *The greatest lesson.*

Humans are innately curious. We have a great desire to know things. Each of us has big questions about life, creation and death.

### Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all participants in the Plenary Council, that they will spend their final week of preparation in the freedom of the Spirit.

### Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for pastoral associates, that their manifold ministry will bring the Gospel home to many and build up the body of Christ.



### 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)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** (Feast Day 27 September 2021) was born to a French peasant family in 1580. He was a highly intelligent youth and was educated by the Franciscans for several years, before being ordained at the age of 20. In 1605 he was captured by Turkish pirates who sold him into slavery, but won his freedom after he converted one of his masters to Christianity. After returning to France, he served as a parish priest near Paris and began to establish charitable organizations that helped the poor, nursed the sick and found work for the unemployed.

St Vincent founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac, and instituted the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, also known as the Lazarists. Today the Society of St Vincent de Paul provides relief to people in need across the world.



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

## 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

#### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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

That all Christians help to continue the mission of Jesus who came that all people may have the fullness of life.

**We pray to the Lord.**

We give thanks for missionaries who teach the message of salvation in far-away place.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For all who serve in positions of authority and for all who assist those in need.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For all in special need; for the sick and suffering, especially Sr Margaret Keane rsj and David Cottrell, for the housebound and the lonely and for those grieving the loss of loved ones through the Covid pandemic; bring them healing and comfort.

**We pray to the Lord.**

For our own deceased loved ones, especially Des Twigg, 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...**

**Celebrant:** 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**



*Teacher: Give me a sentence using the words defence, defeat, and detail*

*Student: When a horse jumps over the defence, defeat goes before detail*

*Sign in a shoe repair store: We will heel you, We will save your sole, We will even dye for you.*

*Sign outside a Muffler Shop: No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.*

*Sign in a Restaurant window: Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.*



Over the period of preparation for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, which is set to begin on 3 October, we've seen a deepening focus placed on listening, discernment, dialogue, and mission. These four qualities are an integral part of the work done by Cassandra Ebsworth and Sr Naomi Smith rsj at Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and are central to their hope for the future of the Church in Australia.

Cassandra and Sr Naomi both attend Holy Family Parish, Emerton in Sydney. Sr Naomi, who is a Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, has lived in the Diocese of Parramatta and worked with Aboriginal people in the Mount Druitt area for over 30 years. In 2012, five Aboriginal women and Sr Naomi founded Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation with the aim of making a difference in the lives of Aboriginal people in the local area. "Although we started with nothing, we shared a deep faith in our loving God that this is what we were called to do and God's love and kindness have been with us all the way," she says.

Cassandra works as Baabayn's Community Liaison and Support Worker, which sees her involved in various meaningful projects. "One of my roles is to bring the Elders together to practise for the Elders Olympics, which include games, light exercise, Falls Prevention, healthy eating and wearing good footwear," she says. "I also facilitate a community-based Yarn-Up where we get together and share and support each other. Cassandra feels uplifted by the Church's efforts to reach out during the time of pandemic, and she is hopeful that the Plenary Council will continue this work. "I see the churches lending a hand to people through hard times," she says. "When everyone is vulnerable, it is good to know the Church is there to lead us in prayer and to act in practical ways that prove we are walking together."

Sr Naomi is also excited by the Church's renewed approach to connection and support. "I am excited that the Church in Australia, through the work of the Plenary Council, proposes to become a more missionary, Christ-centred Church," she says. She believes it is important for this missionary spirit to feature an openness in relating to Australia's First People in new ways, referencing the words of Pope John Paul II spoken to Aboriginal people at Alice Springs in 1986: The Church in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.

*(Sr Naomi Smith was in Adaminaby 1975 & Bombala 1976-78)*

## LOOKING BACK

### Catholic Press, Thursday 26 June 1924

#### Mr Archibald Cairns Corrowidgen

Widespread regret was felt in the districts of Corrowong and Delegate on the 11th June when the death of Mr Archibald Cairns became known. He had been ailing for the past three years, and on Monday morning the Last Sacraments of the Church were administered by Rev Father John A Roche, Bombala. The late Mr Archibald Cairns was born in Dunedin (NZ) 52 years ago. When very young he came across to Melbourne, and later, 27 years ago, he settled down at Corrowong. In the year 1900 he married Sarah Stokes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Stokes, and soon after the marriage he became a convert to the Catholic Church. For the past 11 years he had been postmaster at Corrowidgen, and for 15 years was secretary to St Peter's Catholic Church, Corrowong. Mr Cairns was also a member of the Hibernian Australian Catholic Benefit Society, and from the day of his conversion up till the hour of his death he was an exemplary, practical Catholic. The body was taken to St Joseph's Church, Delegate, where, in the presence of a large congregation, Father Roche recited the Rosary. In the afternoon the funeral, nearly a mile long, one of the longest ever seen at Delegate, left the church for the Delegate Cemetery, members of all denominations from all parts of the district joining in their last tribute of respect to the departed. Father Roche officiated at the graveside. The late Mr Cairns leaves a sorrowing wife, two sons, Frank and Eddie, and an only daughter, Kathleen, to mourn their sad loss. R.I.P.

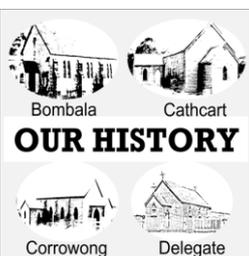
## Deep Peace

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.)



Sunday  
3 October  
2021  
to  
Sunday  
3 April  
2022

### BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION *Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin*



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.



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

**3 October 2021**

## First Reading Gen 2:18-24

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 127. R. v.5**

**(R.) May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
he man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified  
have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 4:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mk 10:2-16 or (shorter form Mk 10:2-12)

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are surprisingly able to be integrated into a unity. In today's gospel, Our Lord is saying that when a man and a woman cleave to each other in faithful commitment, that is 'a Paradise moment' as they are incorporated into a new unity which paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do in their new unity. That latter deserves its own title: *Marriage*.

Marriage is not a creation of the Church, but the Church celebrates this 'Paradise' unity by way of Sacrament. What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide'. This was counter cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australia of today.

But we all know of instances where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church?

We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.

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