



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 4 August 2024



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

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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION AUGUST

For political leaders



We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

We pray for the faithful volunteers who prepare and provide meals for the disadvantaged, that their service will nourish the hearts and spirits as well as the bodies of those in need.

We pray for our families, friends and members of our parish community, that we will help each other put on the new self of goodness, holiness and truth that is Christ Jesus.

We pray for Christian communities deprived of the eucharist for lack of an ordained minister, that church reform will respond to their hunger for the bread of life.



We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

Joyce Reed, Tom Nunan, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Jean O'Malveney Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, John & Anna Vincent, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Patricia Guthrie, Tom Kennedy, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley, Peter Hopkins



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON Dedication of Basilica of Saint Mary Major
- TUE Transfiguration of the Lord
- WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Saint Sixtus & Companions
Saint Cajetan
- THU **Saint Mary of the Cross**
- FRI Saint Teresa Benedicta
- SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
Saint Lawrence
- SUN **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Father Peter Gannon
Ron Collins
Eileen Keane

August Anniversaries
Lou Black, Pam Clear
Kay Cuthel, Athol Duffell
Laura Elton, Pat Elton
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram
Vincent Jones, Joshua Lovegrove
Peter Martin, Mary Monk
Wayne Mustard,
Sr Kathleen Price RSJ
Nick Spoljaric, Ellen Stewart
Jack Stewart, John Thompson
Dick Walker, Tom Walker



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



"Never see a need without doing something about it." Saint Mary MacKillop



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Patience and God will reward you all the more in the end. (4.8.1874)
God is watching over you. (4.7.1876)
Dear friend, put your trust in God, and keep up for the sake of those depending upon you. (6.8.1895)
God is good. (8.8.1894)
Death of Mary MacKillop, Mount Street Convent North Sydney, 8.8.1909



August - The Month of the Sacred Heart

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion, which dates back to the 16th century, honours Mary's physical heart as the seat of her love, virtue, and inner life, especially her love for Jesus. It encourages similar love and virtue in the faithful. This devotion was emphasised in the 20th century through visions given to Lucia Dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, in 1925 and 1926. Our Lady requested the practice of the Five First Saturdays to atone for offences against her heart, paralleling the Nine First Friday's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

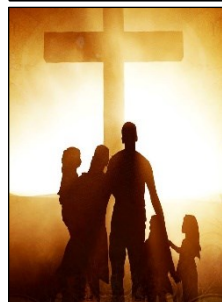
FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Golden Years

Age may bring losses in physical attributes, but it can bring gains in our ability to be with and really listen to others.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the leaders of the world's nations, that at this time of widespread uncertainty, division and instability they will work together for global peace and for the health of the planet.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for a church that owns up to its weakness, that it might truly become the field hospital imagined by Pope Francis.



Prayer of the Faithful



Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, united by our common hunger for the bread of life, let us pray with one heart and one voice for the needs of the whole human family.

READER: For Pope Francis, bishop of Rome, and all bishops of local churches, that they will be great tellers of the Christian story for the world to hear. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the for church in Australia, that Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be an unfailing source of inspiration for trust in Providence and service of the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Sisters of Saint Joseph who follow in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop, may their journey continue to be inspired by her unwavering faith, boundless courage and deep compassion. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For today's young Australians, that they will be blessed with wise companions and challenging prophets to point the way to a life of generous love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised up to be with the Risen Lord. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Holy God and Father of Jesus, you never cease to nourish our desire for you and for all that is good. Set us free to thank and praise you every day of our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**



SAINT MARY MACKILLOP AND THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH



Mary Helen MacKillop, born 15 January 1842, together with Father Julian Tenison-Woods, co- founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph are women who work in a simple ordinary way sharing in the mission of Jesus in the service of the poor through education and works of charity. A community of sisters established the first Josephite Foundation in New South Wales at Perthville, near Bathurst, on 16 July 1872. This foundation led to a branch of sisters that became a Diocesan Congregation, under the authority of the Bishop. This was not Mary's wish as she had always desired central government a vision not shared by Woods. Subsequently other diocesan foundations were established at Lochinvar and Goulburn (NSW), Whanganui (NZ) and Westbury (Tas). The division among the sisters resulted in Mary's sisters remaining in brown habits and were thus known as the "Brown Josephites" and Woods' sisters became known as the "Black Josephites", for their black habits. For shorter or longer periods, there were small diocesan Josephite groups in other Australian dioceses, but these joined the centrally governed congregation during Mary's lifetime or soon after. Meanwhile, the number of Josephites grew and the sisters continued to open schools in various locations around NSW. Mary relocated to Sydney in 1883 on the instruction of Bishop Reynolds of Adelaide. It wasn't until 1888 that Mary's wish was granted when Rome decreed "The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart are an approved Congregation with the Mother House to move from Adelaide to Sydney. Central Government is upheld. Diocesan Congregations are to have a separate habit and rule." Except for Lochinvar, the remaining diocesan foundations fused with the central congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart between 2012-2014. The Sisters of St Joseph first came to this area with a community established at Bombala in 1887. This was followed by Eden 1891, Candelo 1900, Nimmitabel 1902, Adaminaby 1918, Cobargo 1918, Delegate 1921, Orbost 1923, Bega 1927, Bemboka 1951, Lakes Entrance 1958 and Jindabyne in 1960. Mary visited the sisters and schools at Bombala, Candelo, Eden and Nimmitabel. Mary died at the Mount Street Convent North Sydney on 8 August 1909. She was canonised on 17 October 2010 as Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Her Feast Day is August 8.



Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

July 25, 2024

My dear children, with joy I have chosen you and am leading you, because in you, little children, I see people of faith, hope and prayer. May you, little children, be led by the pride that you are mine, and I am leading you to Him, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And I am with you so that peace may win in you and around you, because it is with this intention God sent me to you. Thank you for having responded to my call.

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1. Strong and Constant *Frank Anderson*

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! :

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! :

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! :

2. 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!

**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!

3. Isaiah 49 *Carey Landry*

1&3. I will never forget you, My people
I have carved you on the palm of My hand
I will never forget you
I will not leave you orphaned
I will never forget My own

2. Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget,
Yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own

4: The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond)

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie. in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod, And staff me comfort still.

VALE FATHER PETER GANNON



Fr Gannon (Fr Peter) passed away after a long struggle with his health on 24 July at Southern Cross Care Canberra. Fr Peter was born on 4 October 1944 in Ardlethan to John Gannon and Bridget Quinane.

Siblings: Monica Glennon (dec), Tom (dec), Sr Maureen RSM, John who is in frail health in Sydney and many nieces and nephews. He was ordained a Priest on 24 August 1969 at St Mary's West Wyalong by Archbishop Thomas Cahill. Parishes and Appointments: Braddon (1970); Grenfell (1973); Bombala (1974); Cootamundra (1977); Young (1979); Cobargo (1980); Goulburn (1981); Lake Cargelligo (1982); Calwell (1985); Braidwood (1993); North Woden (1994); Cooma (2000); Pambula (2006). Fr Peter Retired in 2011. Fr Peter's funeral took place last Tuesday at St Brigid's Catholic Church, Dickson. He will be buried at West Wyalong in a private family service.

Many of us hold cherished memories of Fr Peter's time in the Bombala-Delegate region. He was a dynamic and dedicated presence in the parish, especially in the schools at Bombala, Delegate and Nimmitabel. Fr Peter played a pivotal role in establishing the Christian Living Groups and Christian Youth Movements across the three towns, fostering a strong sense of community and spiritual growth. His passion for rugby league was well-known; not only was he an enthusiastic fan, but he also played for the Bombala Bluebags and assisted with schoolboy's football, particularly ABC St Joseph's. One of the highlights was his participation in the 1976 Grand Final against the Delegate Tigers, a memorable moment for the local sporting community. We pray for Fr Peter's eternal rest and for comfort for his family, especially Sr Maureen and his brother John.

A recording of Fr Peter's Requiem Mass can be viewed at:

<https://atnd.com.au/peter-gannon>



A few words of introduction from Fr Kose MS

My name is Father Kuriakose Chennelil Joseph, and I belong to the Our Lady of La Salette congregation. I come from India. My family includes my mother and three elder brothers. Sadly, my father passed away last year. I am the youngest of my parents' children. I was ordained as a priest on January 2, 2018. The past six years have been eventful, serving in various roles such as Assistant Parish Priest, Vocation Director of the Indian Matha Province of my congregation, Assistant Director of a school and a college, and Rector of the Minor Seminary. Since my name, Kuriakose, might be difficult to pronounce, you can call me Fr Kose. I look forward to serving you all in the best possible way. I also ask for your prayers and blessings to help me fulfill my duties and responsibilities in a vibrant and spiritual manner.

Fr Kose

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



The inaugural Catholics to settle in the region arrived in 1826 as designated servants, primarily convicts. The community's foundation expanded with the influx of Scottish, Irish and subsequently German immigrants starting in 1833. Father Patrick Newman assumed the role of the first resident priest in 1864, succeeding a period during which priests were dispatched from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were erected to serve the growing Catholic population, including St Mary's Bombala in 1867 & 1942, St Joseph's Delegate 1877 & 1915, St John's Cathcart in 1878 and St Peter's Corrowong in 1894. Educational institutions also emerged with privately Catholic schools opening between 1866 and 1886, followed by the establishment of Catholic schools in Bombala in 1886 and Delegate in 1921. In 1888, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (North Sydney) co-founded by St Mary MacKillop, arrived, embarking on a continuous ministry that spanned 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes transitioned from the Sydney Archdiocese to the Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and later to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. The first local priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry, ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. The Parish of Delegate operated independently from 1955 to 1973. Significant events marked parish history in 2008, including the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following extensive repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate commemorated its Centenary in 2015.



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 August 2024

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had
won. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were

taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal
life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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