



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 4 September 2022



“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



Popes Intention Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

We pray for the gift of peace, that God will inspire all who are working to end war, terrorism and violence between religious and ethnic groups and amongst nations, especially Russia & Ukraine.

For those who are sick and suffering, may they continue to live with faith and hope and love.

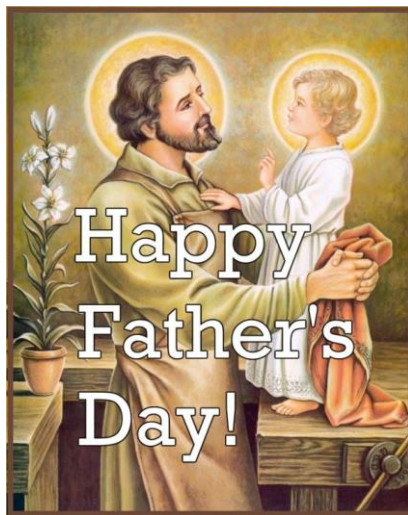
For those who have died, may they wake to eternal life in the sight of God.

For our Church community and all its members: may they keep alert and stand firm in the faith.

For the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

Patricia Guthrie, Maddie Manning, Christine Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Yvonne Murphy, Marty Brick, Carl Crotty, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Jack Ventry, Libby McGruer, Therese Rumph, Betty Cowell, Jen Farrell, Joyce Cotterill, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham

YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER



FOR THE FATHER WHO TRULY LEADS

“In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family.”

St John Paul II



Karol Józef Wojtyła (young JP II) with his father



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: School Children’s Mass Bombala 9.30am

Thu: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri:

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

Please note that **Saturday LW&HC at Delegate** will remain at **5pm for September.**

No changes to Mass times.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

David Hehir (Val P’s nephew)
Bob Campbell (Mila),
Wayne Mustard

September Anniversaries

Phyl Abbotsmith, John Bates,
Toby Black, Jack Burke,
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty,
Jack Elton, Eva Eppestun,
Ben Ingram, Sr Loretta Kilmartin,
Kathleen Mulligan, Rita Rayner,
Julia Reed, Darcy Ryan,
Maurice Stevens, Jack Thornton

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“DANCE as though no one is watching you.
LOVE as though you have never been hurt.
SING as though no one can hear you.
LIVE as though heaven is on earth.”



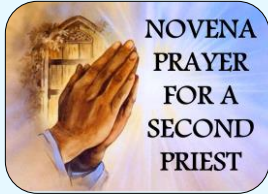
**“We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death.”**


**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



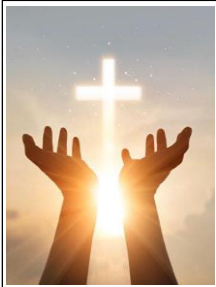
Keep up our courage – we do not live here forever. 27.1.1877
Live in charity and peace. 20.8.1886
Let us, one and all, try to remember why God called us here. 21.3.1878

THREE PARISHES TOGETHER – NOVENA PRAYER FOR A SECOND PRIEST



I invite you to pray this prayer for the next nine days, asking the Lord to send us a second priest for this area. Fr Mick

Lord, you know us and all our needs. We are in need of a second priest to help guide us in our mission of bringing Christ to all. We ask that you send a second priest to minister to us in the Three Parishes. We trust in your loving kindness. Amen.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

People need people

Social Justice Sunday emphasises the importance of relationships in a world that helps human beings to flourish.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who are working to defuse violence and eliminate the scourge of abuse, that they will make the world a safer and more respectful place.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the many countries facing famine as a result of war and drought, that the world's food stocks will be swiftly shared to save their people from starvation.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT: Let us acknowledge our needs, the needs of the Church and the world and bring them to God in prayer.

READER: For our Holy Father and all leaders of the Church; may they always live as models of Christian discipleship. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For relief of those in grief and pain, especially all the people in Pakistan troubled by the excessive flooding. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for all fathers on this Fathers' Day: may they be strengthened in faith and love and always be an inspiration for their families. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those fathers who have died but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For families torn apart for allegiance to Jesus: may they be reunited in the peace of the risen Lord. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who are sick in our community: may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

We pray for our sisters and brothers who have died: especially David Hehir, may the dead wake up to a new morning, rejoicing in God's love. 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**.

CELEBRANT: Loving God, hear our prayers and help us carry our cross in strength as disciples of Jesus. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. **AMEN**



Pope prays for war victims as Ukraine conflict marks six months

At the conclusion of the General Audience last week, Pope Francis renewed his invitation to everyone to pray for peace from the Lord for "the beloved Ukrainian people who have been suffering the horrors of war for six months now."

He recalled the dangerous situation concerning the Zaporizhia nuclear plant and asked that concrete steps be taken to avert the risk of a catastrophe. The Pope also recalled all war prisoners, saying they are close to his heart, especially those in precarious condition, asking that the authorities work for their release.

Pope Francis recalled in particular the many children who have died, as well as the many wounded and refugees, stressing how many orphans there are now, both Ukrainian and Russian, saying "orphanhood has no nationality, they have lost their father or mother, whether Russians or Ukrainians."

The Pope went on to stress how many innocents are suffering so much cruelty, paying for the folly of war, "the madness, the madness on all sides - because war is madness."

In a distinct way, the Pope said we remember Ukraine and Russia, both countries he has consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, praying that, "may she as Mother see these two countries - Ukraine and Russia - and may she bring us peace. We need peace."



MEDJUGORJE WEB

Monthly Message to Marija

"Dear children! God permits me to be with you and to lead you on the way of peace, so that through personal peace, you build peace in the world. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son Jesus, that He may give you a strong faith and hope in a better future, which I desire to build up with you. You be courageous and do not be afraid, because God is with you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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1. GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Dan Schutte

**Refrain: Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways**

1. We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings. **R**

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save. **R**

2. 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.

3. HOSEA *Gregory Norbett*

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.

4. SEEK YE FIRST *Karen Lafferty*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3. Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SCC WOOD RAFFLE

We are very happy to announce that the winner
of our Truck Load of Wood raffle, was one of our
Parishioners who bought his ticket at the Church:
JOHN PODGER- congratulations John.

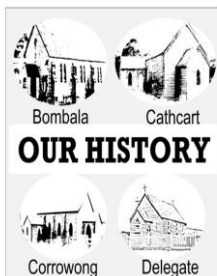


THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. It is thought that this feast originated in connection with the Feast of the dedication of a church dedicated to Mary, now the Church of St Ann, in Jerusalem in the 6th century. Tradition holds that this is where the house of Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, stood and where she would have been born. The Feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the 8th century with Pope Sergius I. It is the third such feast of a "nativity" on the Roman Calendar: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September).

Paddy and Mick are walking down the
road and Paddy has a bag of doughnuts
in his hand.
Paddy says to Mick: "If you can guess
how many doughnuts are in my bag,
you can have them both."

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 came 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 134 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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First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the
soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is
on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our
reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt
it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and,
what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for a child of mine,
whose father I became while wearing these
chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending
him back to you, and with him – I could
say – a part of my own self. I should have
liked to keep him with me; he could have
been a substitute for you, to help me while
I am in the chains that the Good News has
brought me. However, I did not want to do
anything without your consent; it would
have been forcing your act of kindness,
which should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time,
but it was only so that you could have him
back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear
brother; especially dear to me, but how
much more to you, as a blood-brother as
well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that
we have in common means anything to you,
welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

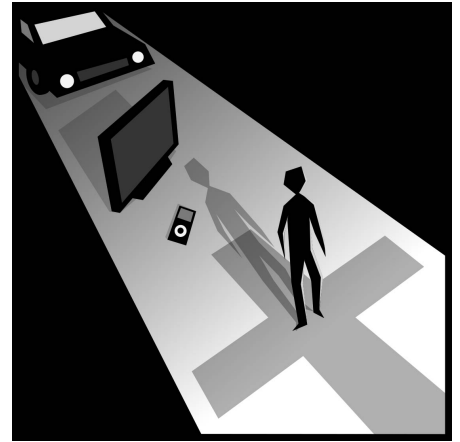
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my
disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way
and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man
comes to me without hating his father, mother,
wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his
own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone
who does not carry his cross and come after
me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to
build a tower, would not first sit down and
work out the cost to see if he had enough to
complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself unable to
finish the work, the onlookers would all
start making fun of him and saying, "Here is
a man who started to build and was unable to
finish." Or again, what king marching to war
against another king would not first sit down
and consider whether with ten thousand men
he could stand up to the other who advanced
against him with twenty thousand? If not, then
while the other king was still a long way off,
he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in
the same way, none of you can be my disciple
unless he gives up all his possessions.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave *preference* to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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