



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A, 6 August 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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION AUGUST FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.

We pray for all the homeless in our country, especially those families trying to find suitable accommodation to "be a family" particularly in this chilly winter weather.



We pray for all who suffer any form of illness or infirmity that they may find relief from their pain, meaning in their struggles, and healing in body, mind and spirit.

Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, Jane Nash, Keith Brownlie, Barry Reed, Wendy White, Anna Vincent, Jim Parkes Marlene Kennedy, Bill McIntosh, Jenny Ingram, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Merylyn Knight, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, Joyce Cotterill, Peter Hopkins, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saints Sixtus & Cajetan
Tue: Saint Mary of the Cross



Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Teresa Benedicta
Thu: Saint Lawrence
Fri: Saint Clare
Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint Jane Francis de Chantal
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

August Anniversaries

Saint Mary MacKillop
Lou Black, Pam Clear
Kay Cuthel, Athol Duffell
Laura Elton, Pat Elton
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram
Vince Jones, Peter Martin
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard
Sr Kathleen Price
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."*

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

Thought for the week



Never see a need without doing something about it

Saint Mary MacKillop, 1871



Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Dear friend, put your trust in God, and keep up for the sake of those depending upon you. (6.8.1895)
There must be charity and gentleness towards the erring of others. (7.8.1888)
God is good. (8.8.1894)
Death of Mary MacKillop, Sydney, 8.8.1909.



From Year of Walking Together to YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We are coming towards the end of "The Year of Walking Together" – we can still carry the principles of walking together and working together for the good of our Church community and the community as a whole.

On 8 August we will start "The Year of the Holy Spirit".

The aim of this is to focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

Acts 15:28a "It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit"



Year of the Holy Spirit
AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Pray as you go slow

Good prayer happens when we surrender the time to it.



Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the practitioners of restorative justice, that their work will foster healing and forgiveness in place of resentment and anger.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all who are downcast and disheartened, that they will have the courage to wait for the grace of hope.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Jesus calls his followers to give their all for God's kingdom. Offering all that we are and all that we have, we bring to the Lord our prayers for the world and the Church.

READER: For Pope Francis and the bishops of our Church. May they always be mindful of the responsibility handed down to them of guiding those entrusted to their care. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

In this week of celebrating the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop, we pray for each of us gathered here. May we, like Saint Mary, recognise how God is working in and through us to bring life, goodness and hope to the world. 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)**

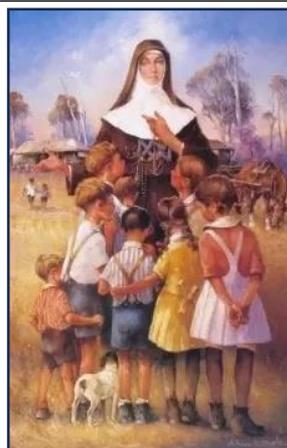
For our faith community. Nourished by the Eucharist, may we reach out with compassion to others, especially those in need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May God reward their faith and lead them to the life he promised. 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/LEADER: Father in heaven, hear the prayers of all of us gathered here as we seek to serve you more fully. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



Each year on the 8th of August we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's beloved first saint.

We celebrate the important role she played in making education accessible for children in our country. Her legacy continues to inspire people in Australia and beyond.

Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866 along with Father Julian Tenison Woods. Their mission was to provide education to children, particularly in rural and disadvantaged areas of Australia. Mary recognised the importance of education and its potential to lift individuals and communities out of poverty and improve their lives. Mary faced various challenges during her lifetime, but she remained committed to her mission of making education accessible to all, regardless of their social status or financial means

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 personally visited the sisters and schools at Bombala, Candelo, Eden and Nimmitabel.

MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE



"Dear children! In this time of grace, in which the Most High sends me to you to love you and guide you on the way of conversion, offer your prayers and sacrifices for all those who are far away and have not come to know God's love. You, little children, be witnesses of love and peace for all peaceless hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call."
July 2023

As the Parish of Bombala-Delegate we acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

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1. Come To The Water *Frank Andersen*

**Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come! And be filled
with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.**

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

2. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go *Br Michael Herry*

**Refrain: Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life**

1. Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R**
2. O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. **R**

3. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.
3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

4. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. **R**
**Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**

LOOKING BACK 21 YEARS AGO VEILING OF MCKILLOPS BRIDGE 2002

2002 was the Year of the Outback and Sr Helen Barnes of the Sisters of St Joseph at Orbost organised a unique Veiling of McKillops Bridge. Thursday 8 August, the feast of Mary MacKillop, was set aside as the day to celebrate in the northern part of East Gippsland, 70km from Delegate by road, or 48km "as the crow flies".

As the Josephite order was founded for families in the country areas, the Sisters looked for a way to draw people together and to highlight remote and isolated communities. Victoria does not have the distances or outback as is seen in other states, so McKillops Bridge over the Snowy River in our remote and beautiful Deddick Valley was chosen as the location for the project. The connection between the order and McKillops Bridge is tenuous: it is thought that George McKillop, the explorer after whom the bridge is named, travelled to Australia from Scotland around the same time as Mary MacKillop's father, Alexander, in the late 1800s.

Huge banners consisted of thousands of pieces of smaller material on which was sewn, painted, embroidered or fixed messages, poems and colourful images of hope for all to see. Sewn together they revealed the voice of the Australian people quoting "our society is coming apart at the seams, we need to stitch up the fabric of our society." Over two hundred people from both sides of the border gathered at the event. Sr Christina O'Connor, past principal of St Joseph's School Delegate, travelled from Sydney and assisted with the veiling of the Delegate banner.

The Veiling of McKillops Bridge had a deep and lasting impact earning it the esteemed title of the Community Event of the Year in 2002 from the East Gippsland Shire Council.





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Transfiguration

6 August 2023

First Reading Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:
 Thrones were set in place
 and one of great age took his seat.
 His robe was white as snow,
 the hair of his head as pure as wool.
 His throne was a blaze of flames,
 its wheels were a burning fire.
 A stream of fire poured out,
 issuing from his presence.
 A thousand thousand waited on him,
 ten thousand times ten thousand stood
 before him.
 A court was held and the books were
 opened.
 I gazed into the visions of the night.
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of
 heaven,
 one like a son of man.
 He came to the one of great age
 and was led into his presence.
 On him was conferred sovereignty,
 glory and kingship,
 and men of all peoples, nations and
 languages became his servants.
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
 which shall never pass away,
 nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

**(R.) The Lord is king, the most high
over all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:**

listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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