



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B – 7 NOVEMBER 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**

**SPECIAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

### Popes Intention

**People who suffer from depression**

**We pray** that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**We pray** for protection for all from the pandemic, that we will show love and care through our acceptance of the regulations placed on us.

**We also pray** for our doctors, nurses, ambulance officers and other health professionals who are on the front line.

**We pray** for the young children in our Parish still waiting to celebrate their first Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**We pray** for our deceased loved ones and those who have died recently; may they rejoice in the blessings and happiness of God's Kingdom.

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

Libby McGruer (Lomas), Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Carmel Croker (Therese R's sister), Heather Whitby, Jen Farrell, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.



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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

November - Month of the Holy Souls

**Mon:**

**Tue:**

**Wed:** No Mass Bombala  
Mass Delegate MPS 10.30am

**Thu: Remembrance Day**

Bombala Cenotaph 11am  
Delegate Cenotaph 10.40am



**Fri:**

**Sat:** LW&HC Delegate 6pm

**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

John Scott, David Cottrell, Mark Bruce, Ann-Maree Stokes, Des Twigg, Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Beryl Phillips, Graeme Enright, Lyons Walcott, Paul Bennett, Pam Clear, Shirley Rutherford.

### Anniversaries:

Dick Kennedy, John Morgan, Terry Peisley, Sheila Tiernan, Christine Walker, Geoff Stewart.

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

***Living as people of soul  
'You are a second world in  
miniature, the sun and moon are  
within you, and also the stars'.***



## Reflection Time for Those Who Serve

*This is a way to say 'thanks' for your service and to offer you spiritual encouragement as you continue your ministry/service.*

*You matter a lot to our Parishes and these sessions are in recognition of your generosity.*

**Bombala - Saturday 27 November 10am till 1:30pm (with lunch)**



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*Pray humbly and with confidence and fear nothing. 15.11.1883  
I am not afraid of difficulties. They rather make my courage rise. 26.3.1873  
God loves generosity in us. 14.4.1882  
Do not say in heat what you may bitterly regret later. 17.12.1883*



YEAR OF  
**St Joseph**  
8 DEC 2020 – 8 DEC 2021  
"With a father's heart."

## PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

(as we approach the end of the YEAR OF ST JOSEPH)

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
In you Mary placed her trust;  
With you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
Show yourself a father  
And guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
And defend us from every evil. AMEN  
St Joseph, pray for us.



## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

### Grace of God's love

It is almost appropriate that a day dedicated to the great disruptor Martin Luther occurs before All Saints Day

## Prayer of the Faithful

**Celebrant:** God of life and love, we come humbly before you seeking answers to our prayers.

### Reader:

For all in the Church, that we will humbly offer service to the poor and the vulnerable, seeking their inclusion in our communities. **Lord hear us**

For those in Government, that they will legislate for the good of all, giving special care to the poor and the vulnerable. **Lord hear us**

For all people, that care for our common home will motivate us in doing our part to protect God's creation. **Lord hear us**

For those who are ill, for those who are anxious, for those who suffer through the sin of others, that the Lord would comfort and console them and give them his healing. **Lord hear us**

For our November remembrance of all the departed, may our deceased loved ones, parishioners and friends know eternal peace. **Lord hear us**

For those recently deceased, especially John Scott, David Cottrell, Ann-Maree Stokes, Mark Bruce and Sr Margaret Keane may they live in the eternal love of God. **Lord Hear us**

For our own intentions, we pray for the intercession of Mary our Mother we pray.....**Hail Mary**

**Celebrant:** We ask these prayers and the prayers of our hearts through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Weekly Prayer Intention

We pray for all leaders taking part in the Glasgow climate conference, that they will make the urgent commitments needed to protect the planet from global warming.

## Daily Prayer Intention

We pray for Pope Francis, that his prophetic appeals for a new human solidarity and for loving care of the earth will be heeded.



St Teresa of Kolkata  
Mother Teresa

## SAINTLY WISDOM

"Peace and war start within one's own home. If we really want peace for the world, let us start by loving one another within our families. Sometimes it is hard for us to smile at one another."

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL



For our twinning conference in India, will conclude this weekend.

**Collectors will be at the Church doors.**

## CATHOLIC LADIES ORGANISATION



Meeting in the Parish room on  
**Wednesday,**  
**10th November at 10AM**  
All are very welcome.

😊😊 Arne and Peder decide to go ice fishing. They head out, find a nice spot, cut a hole in the ice, and put their lines in. Suddenly, a loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" Arne and Peder look around, look at each other, and look up, and they don't see anyone. "I suppose we'd better move then," says Peder. They get up and find another spot on the ice, cut a hole, and put their lines in with great hopes of fresh trout. Once again, the voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" They look around, look at each other, then look up. Again, they don't see anyone. "We best find another spot," says Arne. So, they gather up their equipment, choose another promising spot on the ice, cut a hole, and put their lines in. Once again, the loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" They look around, look at each other, then look up, again seeing no one Peder calls out, "God in Heaven, is that you?" The voice responds, "NO! THIS IS THE ICE SKATING RINK MANAGER! THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!" 😊😊



## LOOKING BACK 95 YEARS AGO Dance and Cinderella Delegate 9 December 1926

The dance and Cinderella, held in the Delegate School of Arts on Wednesday and Thursday nights of last week, for the benefit of the Sisters of St Joseph, were very enjoyable and successful.

There was a good attendance on Wednesday night, including a number of Bombala folk. Excellent music was contributed by Mr FJ Shipp's Orchestra and the Delegate Brass Band, and extras were contributed by a number of those present. Mr V Clear was MC. A first-class supper was provided. The tables were tastefully arranged, and the ladies in charge of them carried out their duties well. After supper dancing was continued for a few hours.

There was a good attendance again on Thursday night, including many children, and both they and the adults enjoyed the evening. Mr GF Mitchell provided music on a registering piano kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Convoy-French. A good supper was again provided, the children being entertained first. The following children were in fancy dress - Phyllis Leslie, 'Poppy', Nellie Jones, 'Flower Girl', Sylvia Downey, 'Sweet Pea', Edna Stewart, 'Flower Girl', Val Coote, 'Snowdrop', Avis Leslie, 'Daffodil', Jack Cotterill, 'Jockey', Jack Coote, 'Gypsy Bug'. The girl's prize was divided between Nellie Jones and Avis Leslie, and the boy's prize was awarded to Jack Cotterill. The takings for the two nights totalled £34 7s (approx. \$2,800 in 2021). The Honourable Secretaries, Mesdames JG Stewart, J Cotterill and W Armstrong, are to be congratulated. The secretaries are most thankful for the voluntary music on both nights.

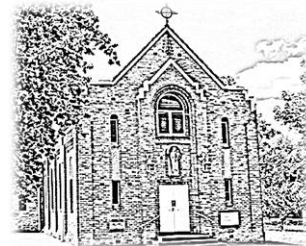


**Remembrance Day:** On Thursday, 11/11/2021 at 11 am, St Joseph's will be represented at the wreath laying and commemorations by students in Year 5 & 6. Miller Stewart and Connor Reed will recite the Ode and Clarissa Marrapodi will lay our school wreath.

**Religion Learning** in Years 3/4 classroom. 'History is an important part of forming and maintaining a community.' Last week we took a tour of St Mary's Church to see what historical evidence we could find. The students discussed their findings and as a class a list of questions was developed for Fr Mick and the Parish to answer. The students then took some time to sketch an image of the Church including special features they had found on their tour.

Some of the questions students raised were....

- What is the significance of the bell and where did it come from?
- Why is there clover around each stained glass window, what does it symbolise?
- What is the significance of the rock in the wall at the front of the Church?
- The words Ave Maria appear on the lanterns, why?



### 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.

*Loving God, we ask your continuing protection for all now that our nations has begun opening up. We especially pray for the most vulnerable, the aged, those with underlying health issues and those who cannot have the vaccine. Keep us all responsible and safe.*

*We also pray for the front-line medical personnel as they care for those with the virus.*

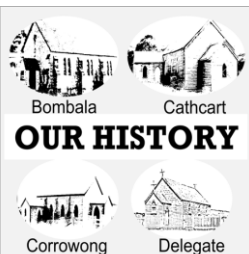
*We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*



**LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE**

If you are coughing or have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.

## 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 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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**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**7 November 2021**

## First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

or

**(R.) Alleluia!**

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

## Second Reading Heb 9:24-28

*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Happy the poor in spirit;**

**the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

**Alleluia!**

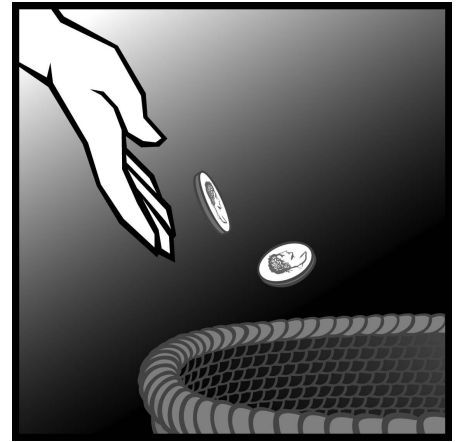
## Gospel Mk 12:38-44

**or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)**

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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