



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 3 September 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 SEPTEMBER For people living on the margins



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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 Australia's children. May National Child Protection Week (3-9 September) bring everyone together to ensure no child is maltreated.



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

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



### PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am  
Fri: Feast of Nativity of Mary



Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black  
Kevin Casey, Marge Casey  
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty  
Elizabeth II, Jack Elton  
Eva Eppelstun, Ben Ingram  
Sr Margaret Keane  
Sr Loretta Kilmartin, Maud Kilmartin  
Kathleen Mulligan, Cheryl Mustard  
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed  
Darcy Ryan, Maurice Stevens  
Jack Thornton



*“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.



We thank you Lord for the fathers who have shaped our lives and the fathers who continue to do so. May your blessings be upon them today and always. May the love between fathers and their children grow stronger with each passing day. May their bonds be unbreakable, and their moments together be cherished.

God loves those best who help the weak become whole. (2.9.1906)  
Bear with the faults of others as you hope God will bear with you. (2.9.1906)  
God is our Father and He loves us all in spite of all our faults. (4.9.1906)  
Let the gentle Sacred Heart be your model. (9.3.1890)  
*Birth of Annie MacKillop, 5.9.1848.*

Quotes and Thoughts  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE CROSS  
**MACKILLOP**





## September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

The name of Our Lady of Sorrows centres on the extraordinary and bittersweet suffering the Blessed Mother experienced during Christ's Passion.

During September, we are drawn into the spiritual martyrdom that the Blessed Mother experienced during the physical martyrdom of Jesus. The evils of sin are manifest but conquered through intense suffering. The Blessed Mother's tears of anguish reflect God's washing away of sin.

### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### *Wisdom starts here*

Wisdom is acknowledging life as it is, neither living in the past nor wishing our time away for some different future.



**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for volunteers in humanitarian agencies around the world, that their generous service will help disadvantaged communities take charge of their own development.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the many who are struggling to find affordable housing in Australia. May local, state and federal authorities join forces with industry to alleviate their need.



### Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**

**Lord, hear our prayer**



**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** God gives us wisdom through the Spirit. May this Holy Spirit guide us in our prayers today on behalf of all who are in need.

**READER: For** Pope Francis. May he continue to inspire the Church to show the world fidelity to Christ in taking up the cross with him. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and all who serve in a fatherly role. May their love be life-giving for their children and fulfilling for themselves. 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)**

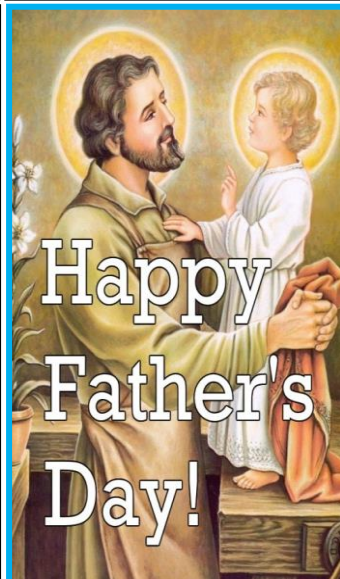
**For** rain in due abundance, so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** our family members, our friends and our parish community. May they be made new in mind and heart by the Spirit of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick of our parish and for those who care for them. For those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they share fully in the glory of God's promise. 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:** Merciful God, in your goodness, hear our prayers. Fill us with your kindness so that we may shout with joy and gladness all our days. We offer our prayers to you through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



### FATHERS DAY PRAYER

Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Amen



## PARISH NEWS

**Delegate Presbytery:** Work has been undertaken on the building including repainting and recarpeting the interior. It now boasts a fresh and spic and span appearance and will contribute to the parish's income. Much appreciation goes out to all those who dedicated many hours of their time and provided invaluable assistance in making this project possible.

**Mini Vinnies:** The St Vincent de Paul Society extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Mini Vinnies of St Joseph's School for their incredible donation of \$535. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated. Thank you all immensely.

**Catholic Ladies Steet Stall:** The street stall held last Friday successfully raised \$1225. Congratulations to Tim Stewart, the winner of the voucher, and to Kath Farrell, the winner of the wood. A big thank you goes out to everyone who contributed their time and effort to cook and work at the stall. This achievement is truly commendable.

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.

## 1. Praise to the Lord

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.  
Come all who hear: now to his altar draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love will befriend us.

3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen" sound from His people again,  
Now as we worship before him.

## 3. Lose Yourself in Me *Carey Landry*

*Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself  
Lose yourself in me and you will find new life  
Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself  
And you will live, yes you will live in my heart.*

1. Unless a grain of wheat, falls into the ground  
It still remains but a grain of wheat  
But if it falls and dies, then it bears much fruit  
So it is with those who lose themselves in me.

2. Though foxes have their holes, birds a little nest  
The Son of man, no place to rest  
Whoever loves his life or strives the world to gain  
Will only find that life was lived in vain.

## 2. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.  
The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.  
This love can never be measured.  
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in God.

2. Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.  
The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.  
Whose love can never grow weary.  
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in God.

## 4. Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name.  
God of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
all in heav'n above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn,  
angel choirs above are raising.  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.



## Annual Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pilgrimage Eden

On Saturday the 19th of August, both Dad and I attended the annual Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pilgrimage at Eden. A capacity congregation of pilgrims filled Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, united in their reverence for Saint Mary of the Cross, whose legacy has left an indelible mark on them and many others. Archbishop Christopher Prowse led the Mass, accompanied by Fr Adrian from Bega, Fr Tran from Narooma, and Fr Jorge from Moruya (Fr George Ogah is currently on leave). Together, they stood as symbols of faith and unity, representing the diverse yet interconnected spiritual tapestry that Mary McKillop's life had woven.

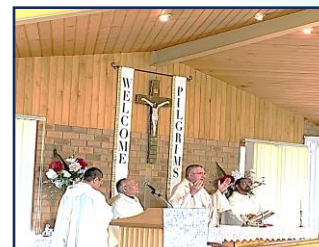
The memory of Flora MacKillop, Mary's mother, who tragically drowned off Eden's coast in 1886, cast a solemn hue over the proceedings. Mary had forever held the people of Eden in her heart, grateful for their support during the trying time of Flora's death. The pilgrimage served as a reciprocal gesture, as we all came together to honour Mary's memory and contributions.

Among the myriad highlights of the Mass was the angelic singing and piano melodies offered by students from MacKillop College in Canberra, under the guidance of their teacher, Henry South. Their voices resonated through the church, carrying Mary's spirit into every corner of the sacred space. Students from MacKillop College and Lumen Christi Catholic College Pambula also added their voices to the Mass, a testament to the enduring impact of Mary's teachings on the younger generation.

In a poignant moment towards the conclusion of the Mass, Sister Marie Carson, Eden Josephite, shared words that seemed to transcend time. Her message, a reflection of what Mary might say to the world in these tumultuous times, was a call to action and resilience: **"Be calm, full of hope and do what you can."**

As the Mass concluded, we all came together once more, this time under the sun's gentle rays for a barbecue lunch. With the sea as a backdrop, the pilgrims found solace in both nature's beauty and the sense of unity that the event had fostered. Mary McKillop's legacy had once again brought people together, reminding them of the power of faith, hope, and shared purpose in the face of adversity. Well done Eden!

**Greg Crotty**





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## First Reading Jer 20:7-9

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,  
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled

by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

## Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great  
is the hope*

*to which we are called.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 16:21-27

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



## Reflection by Nick Brodie

In our own times, when the threat posed by climate change is becoming increasingly obvious, this Gospel passage asks us to look and act with openness to our sharing in God's plan. There is no mandate here for doing nothing and letting catastrophe happen. Ours is not a religion of sanctified fatalism or pious denialism. Ours is a faith which demands that we face reality, however scary it sometimes seems. We are people of hope.

After all, Jesus doesn't drift towards disaster. Rather, Jesus steps knowingly on the path towards salvation. His is a determined journey, aiming at redeeming the world. He has already told the disciples that good shall come of this. Peter's protestation comes from an understandable but misplaced attachment to the secure ways of the present. Peter, fearful of a change that is already underway, reflexively wants to deny it.

Like Peter before us, Jesus calls every one of us to follow him. We can do that by renouncing our selfishness and, like Peter eventually did, getting over our denialist habits.

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