



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 4 OCTOBER 2026



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
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items in by
Wednesday pm.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope's Intention • October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

We pray for all users of social media, young and old, that they will not allow their minds to be filled with hateful things but with all that is good.

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 those who are sick in our family and community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

Norm Armstrong, Jim Longden, Pat Zimmer
Christopher Gabriele, Steve Coe, Aiden Camm
Adam Crotty, John Elliott, Christine Cowell
Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty
John Liston, Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin
Glad Hurley, Peter & Joyce Reed
Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth
Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie
Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins
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PARISH CALENDAR

MON	<i>Saint Faustina Kowalska</i>
TUE	<i>Saint Bruno</i>
WED	Mass Bombala 9.30am <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
THU	
FRI	<i>Saints Denis St John Leonardi</i>
SAT	LW&HC Delegate 5pm
SUN	LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj
David Cottrell, Peter Cottrell
Carol de Jonge, Claudette Elliott
Dick Kennedy, Ina McGrath
John Morgan, Yvonne Murphy
Alice O'Hare, Alma Reed
Therese Rumph, Louise Stevens
Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton
Brother Andrew Travers-Bull
Des Twigg, Dawn Walker



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



PRAYER FOR RAIN

Loving God, Creator of all things,
we ask you to look with kindness upon our land.
Send gentle, life-giving rain across Australia,
to refresh our dry earth, fill our rivers and dams,
and bring new life to our farms and communities.
Protect those whose livelihoods depend upon the land,
and give us grateful hearts to care wisely
for the precious gift of your creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



God give to us what is best. (26.9.1884)
Courage, dear child, and do not yield to sadness. (6.10.1898)
We must be faithful and look for rest and peace only in Heaven.
(9.9.1871)
Death of Alick MacKillop, Mary's brother, 7.10.1847.
Death of Father Julian Tenison Woods, Sydney, 7.10.1889.



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to Saint Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Look to the good.

Jesus is with us all offering hope always - even when we face failure, fear and disappointment.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for teachers, students and families, that all who are on school holidays will enjoy a restful and refreshing break.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have been unfaithful to solemn pledges they made, that they will seek and find forgiveness and be able to make a fresh start.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, God has planted his vineyard for us to tend. Let us pray for all to share in the fruit it bears.

READER: For the many who endure daily hunger and food insecurity, that world leaders will ensure they are fed while they reduce the pollution that worsens droughts and crop failure. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who struggle with poor mental health, that they might find the peace of mind that Paul the apostle commended to the Philippians. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Australian community, that everyone will come together in a solidarity of gratitude, not grievance, in response to the nation's challenges. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For partners and children at risk of grave harm from a family member, that the danger they face will be identified and acted on by community service workers. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who lack shelter, that Monday's observance of World Habitat Day will prompt concerted international action to provide them with adequate housing. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick in our families, among our friends and throughout our parish community, and for all who seek our prayers, may God grant them strength, comfort and healing. For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they rest in the peace of 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: All-powerful God, you set Jesus as the keystone of your church. Make us the living stones of dwelling-place on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



Parish Record May 1952

Bombala First Holy Communion

A wild wintry morning could not cast a gloom on First Holy Communion day at Bombala. A big class this year, 17 little ones, entertained Our Lord for the first time. They were: Patricia Moriarty, Gloria and Shirley Elliott, Pattie Reed, Beryl Smith, Frances Kavanagh, Jeanne Ferris, Carol Rodwell, Ann Ferry, Judith Brownie, Garth Bartlett, Mervyn Douch, John Byrne, David Bastany, Gordon Helmers, Kevin Douch & Dan Perkins.

Dean Griffin

Word has been received that Dean Griffin has been taken ill. His old parishioners will be reassured to know that he is making good progress, but if he obeys doctor's orders he will be off active duty for some time. H.N. men in particular will miss him from the Dinner next Sunday.

Delegate Sisters' Appeal

Miss M Russell, assisted by Mrs J Callaghan & Mrs Bert Smith, gave the Delegate Sisters' Appeal a very fine push along with a super street stall, netting £42/10/- (approx. \$1,975 today). After his wizard performance with the raffle book, Neville Callaghan is much sought after by the ladies.

Bombala Holy Name Dinner

His Lordship Bishop Young will make the long journey from Yass to be Guest Speaker at the H.N. Dinner next Sunday. In a letter the Bishop refers to the recent Youth Conference at Yass, and says "Thanks for the wonderful delegation from Bombala." So, take a bow, Fr Lohan, John Parkes, Portia Trad and Tony Elliott.

Shortage of Accommodation

An instruction from His Grace the Archbishop has been received restricting admission to Convent Schools in Bombala, Delegate & Nimmitabel, to Catholic children only, except in very exceptional circumstances. Shortage of accommodation is the reason.



HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I have
made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard
You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, If You lead
me, I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and
lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

3. Amazing Grace *Various*

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see
2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home

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!

4. Now Thank We All Our God *Martin Rinkart*

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands
and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom
his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has
blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be
near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to
cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when
perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the
next.



NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



LAUNCH OF OUR PODCAST

Our Year 6 School Leaders and SRC have been busy behind the scenes creating a brand new podcast called St Joey's Gospel, designed to keep our families connected with all the wonderful things happening around the school. We plan to have an episode each term which features student led news updates, learning highlights, interviews and a joke of the term. The leaders, with the support of our SRC, have worked collaboratively to plan, script, and record the show, demonstrating impressive teamwork, communication skills, and leadership in action. We're incredibly proud of their initiative and creativity. Keep an ear out, a new episode will be shared with our school community at the end of the year! Listen here! <https://audio.com/stjoeys-bombala>



Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Message of September 25, 2026

“Dear children! May this time be a time of prayer for peace. I am calling you to renew in your families the prayer of the Rosary for my intentions, so that I may be able to multiply your prayers and intercede for you before the Most High, [for Him] to heed your prayers and to give you peace. I am with you and like never before I pray for you and with you, my little children. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



My husband said, “I deserve a medal for all the work I do around here.” I said, “You’re absolutely right,” and handed him a shiny silver disc. He smiled and asked, “What’s this for?” “Your outstanding service,” I replied. “But this is a jar lid!” he said. “Yes, and that’s all you’ve opened this week!”



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

4 October 2026

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which
is so much greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

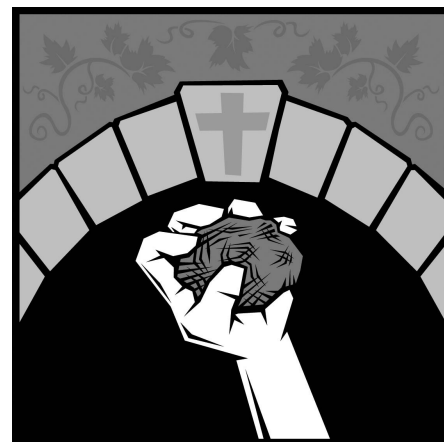
Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was
a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he
fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built
a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent
his servants to the tenants to collect his produce.
But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one,
killed another and stoned a third. Next he
sent some more servants, this time a larger
number, and they dealt with them in the same
way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will
respect my son," he said. But when the tenants
saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him
out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring
those wretches to a wretched end and lease
the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver
the produce to him when the season arrives.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be
taken from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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