Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish





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"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 having items in by Wednesday pm.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope's Intention • November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

We pray for timid Christian leaders and believers, that the Holy Spirit will embolden them to bear public witness to the Gospel.

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
Christopher Gabriel, Steve Coe
Aiden Camm, Adam Crotty
John Elliott, Clive Cottrell
John Liston, Roma Brownlie
Jenny Chaplin, Glad Hurley
Peter & Joyce Reed
Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth
Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie
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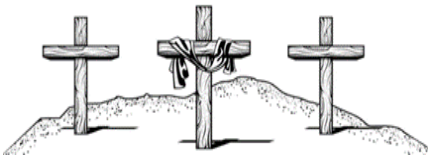
PARISH CALENDAR

MON	*Saint Margaret of Scotland* *Saint Gertrude*
TUE	*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*
WED	TBA *Dedication of Basilicas of Sains Peter & Paul*
SAT	**LWHC Delegate 5pm** *Presentation of Mary*
SUN	**LWHC Bombala 9am**

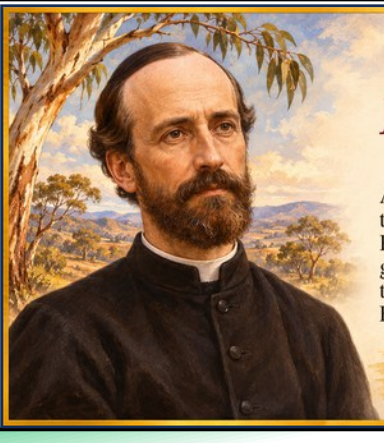
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

November Anniversaries

Rita Black
Jenny Moser-McCarron
Terry Peisley
Bert Rayner
Charlie Reed
Geoff Stewart
Margaret Suitor
Sheila Tiernan
John Vincent
Christine Walker



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



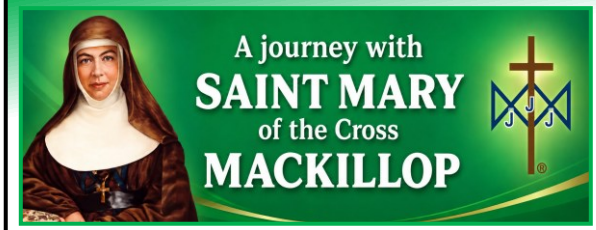
Josephite Heritage

Father Julian Tenison Woods

Born 15 November 1832

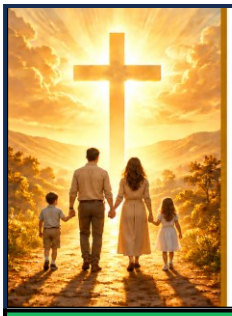
As parish priest of Penola, Father Woods rode on horseback to visit families scattered across south-eastern South Australia. He and Mary MacKillop wanted children from poor families to go to school. In 1866, Mary taught in a converted stable, and together they founded the Sisters of St Joseph. On his travels, Father Woods also studied Australia's rocks, fossils and plants.

"Every rock, every leaf, every insect has something beautiful, nay, wonderful to tell…"



With humility, charity and truth on our part, all will in the end be well. (15.11.1883)

Mary MacKillop receives a letter from Cardinal Franchi conveying the Josephite Constitution;
Central Government confirmed by Rome, 1874.
Birth of Julian Tenison Woods, London, 15.11.1832.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Faith That Endures

Life brings challenges and uncertainty, but God's love remains constant. Through faith and perseverance, we find the strength to face difficulties with courage, hope and trust.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for those facing difficulties and uncertainty in their lives. May God's love give them strength, comfort and hope for the future.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who are struggling to remain strong in faith. May God's guiding presence inspire them with courage, patience and trust in His promises.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus has graced us with the gift of the kingdom. May that gift bear much fruit as we pray to God for all in need.

READER: For Christian communities. May the shared faith of the baptised yield a rich harvest of peace, mercy and kindness around the world. We pray to the Lord. ***(R)***

For nations adjusting to new political realities after recent elections. May changes of leadership and power take place peacefully and serve the common good. We pray to the Lord. ***(R)***

For Australian families and businesses suffering severe financial stress. May policy makers adopt measures to ensure the nation's economic challenges are fairly shared. We pray to the Lord. ***(R)***

For our parish community. May we be a household of hospitality, shared hope and strong faith. We pray to the Lord. ***(R)***

For the sick among our families, friends and parish community, and all who seek our prayers, may they know 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: God of everlasting love, you call us to be children of light and of the day. Help us walk always in the light of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Parish of Bombala-Delegate, acknowledge with deep respect that we stand upon the traditional lands of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples. We recognise the enduring legacy of their culture, which continues to enrich the life and spirit of Australia.

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you! You will be always within my hand! Take your heart and give it all to me! Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. Should you wander far away from me, I will search for you in every land! Should you call then you will truly know, Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

3. When you know sorrow within your life, I will come I will embrace your heart! Through your pain you will discover Me! Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst, You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way, You shall speak your words to foreign men And they will understand, You shall see the face of God and live. ***R***

Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, You shall not drown, If you walk amid the burning flames, You shall not be harmed, If you stand before the power of hell, And death is at your side, Know that I am with you through it all. ***R***

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. Eagles Wings *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

Antiphon: I have carried you on eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!

1. My heart is full of peace;
You have been within my life!
Your guiding hand has always covered me,
I am full of confidence in You! *Antiphon*

2. My soul is like a child,
Cradled safe within your arms!
You have carried me across my years!
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. *Antiphon*



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Bazaar Plans

BOTH Bombala and Delegate are holding the annual Bazaars earlier this year, Bombala on 25th and 26th September, and Delegate on 3rd October.

Meetings of the ladies in both centres decided to make the bazaars greater and more attractive to the general public. At Delegate, the ladies are not taken to hold no stalls but to depend upon well stocked stalls and novelties to produce a profit. One new attraction for the children will be a "Kiddies' Korner" organized by Mrs. W. Roberts, Mrs. J. Manning and Miss Molly Smith. Thanks to Mr. Sterry's kind offer the electric power will be available for the screening of some films at local interest.

At Bombala raffles are reduced to one only and a good start was made here when Mrs. Bill Kennedy presented a box of cutlery as a prize. At both bazaars a Baby Show will be organized and the children from the Convent Schools will stage musical items during the afternoon.

Parishioners are reminded that the success of a bazaar depends upon the number of articles presented to stock the stalls. The ladies in charge of each stall cannot be expected to supply all these, nor does a few shillings donation do instead. The appearance of each stall is closely scrutinised by the public and the Catholic reputation suffers if they don't come up to a high standard. Look around your house. You are sure to find something for the Jumble Stall, or some needlework or cooking. We all benefit by the money raised and it should be a matter of pride for every Catholic to make the Annual Bazaar not only a success but a lot of fun also.

CHARM: Something people have until they begin relying on it.

Holy Communion for Sick

WHEN the priest comes to your house with Our Lord here is what you need:

A small table covered with a white cloth in the sick room. On it should be—

1. A Crucifix.
2. Two candles (need not be blessed).
3. Glass of clean water and spoon.
4. Some Holy Water and sprig of fern to sprinkle with.
5. Clean white cloth (serviette) to act as Communion plate.

If the sick person is to be anointed there should also be a saucer on which there are small pieces of bread and cotton wool.

The two candles should be lighted at the moment the priest arrives. If possible he should be met at the door with a lighted candle. This is to honour the Blessed Sacrament if the priest is carrying It.

After the confession the people in the house should come and kneel at the bedside to welcome Our Lord.

Reminders

ON Sundays, 26th July and 2nd August, there will be changes in Mass times owing to a request from Bombala Golf Club to fit in with their Tournament. Nimmitabel and Bombala will each have two early and two late Masses in succession and Mass at Delegate on 26th will be at 10 o'clock instead of 10.30 to help those travelling to Bega.

BOMBALA CHURCH CLEANING for August—Mrs. E. Cuthel and group.

DELEGATE FOLK, luncheons will be served in the C.W.A. rooms on the last Saturdays of August and October. Ladies of the Bazaar Refreshment Stall are in charge.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A *15 November 2026*

First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***(R.)***

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. ***(R.)***

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

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Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.