



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 2 AUGUST 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 having items in by Wednesday pm.



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION AUGUST

##### For evangelisation in the city



Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative ways to build community.

**We pray** for every child in every land, that they will be given their daily bread and have all hungers satisfied.

**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:

Christopher Gabriel, Steve Coe  
Aiden Camm, Adam Crotty, John Elliott  
Christine Cowell, Lorna Thornton  
Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty, John Liston  
Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin  
Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley  
Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth  
Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie  
Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Kim Peisley  
Heather Whitby



### PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Saint Dominic  
**TUE** St John Vianney  
**WED** Mass Bombala 9.30am  
Dedication of Basilica of Saint Mary Major  
**THU** Prayer Service Helen Peadon  
Bombala 1pm  
Feast Transfiguration of the Lord  
**FRI** Saint Sixtus II & Companions  
**SAT** LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
Saint Mary of the Cross  
**SUN** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Helen Peadon

#### August Anniversaries

Lou Black, Pam Clear  
Ron Collins, Kay Cuthel  
Athol Duffell, Laura Elton  
Pat Elton

Fr Peter Gannon

Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram  
Vincent Jones, Eileen Keane  
Joshua Lovegrove, Peter Martin  
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard  
Sr Kathleen Price RSJ

Margaret Ralphs

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."



A JOURNEY WITH  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE CROSS  
**MACKILLOP**



God is watching over you. (4.7.1876)

Dear friend, put your trust in God, and keep up for the sake of those depending upon you. (6.8.1895)

Patience and God will reward you all the more in the end. (4.8.1874)

God is good. (8.8.1894)

Death of Mary MacKillop, Sydney, 8.8.1909.

# August - The Month of the Sacred Heart



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion, which dates back to the 16th century, honours Mary's physical heart as the seat of her love, virtue, and inner life, especially her love for Jesus. It encourages similar love and virtue in the faithful. This devotion was emphasised in the 20th century through visions given to Lucia Dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, in 1925 and 1926. Our Lady requested the practice of the Five First Saturdays to atone for offences against her heart, paralleling the Nine First Friday's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

### Reflection

Let us Rejoice

Jesus is a source of great pleasure and happiness. So good is His presence that we become enamoured with him and determined to seek.....

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the diverse nations in Australia's neighbourhood, that they will share an unshakeable commitment to care for the earth, our common home.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for leaders in all the world's great faiths, that they will demonstrate discernment and integrity in their exercise of moral authority.



## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**

**Lord, hear our prayer**

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus displayed God's new world by healing the sick and feeding the hungry. With compassion like his, let us pray for all in need.

**READER: For** all who are hungry in body, mind or heart, that they will be blessed with the food, wisdom and love they need to come fully alive. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all who dwell under the Southern Cross, that Saint Mary MacKillop's loving service of the poor will inspire a new covenant of care across the land. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, especially those who faithfully served at Adaminaby, Bombala, Delegate, Jindabyne and Nimmitabel, that the charism of Saint Mary MacKillop, lived so faithfully by the Sisters, may continue to bear fruit in our communities for generations to come. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** our local faith community, that we will help one another hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. 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:** Gracious God, you grant the desires of all who live. Free our hearts to love all that you have made. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## SAINT MARY MACKILLOP & THE JOSEPHITE LEGACY

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was born in Melbourne on 15 January 1842. In 1866, together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, she founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart at Penola, South Australia. Their mission was to provide education and practical assistance to poor and isolated families, particularly in rural communities. Mary and the Sisters believed that no child should be denied an education because of poverty or distance. During Mary's lifetime, the Sisters of Saint Joseph established schools at Bombala in 1887, Eden in 1891, Candelo in 1900 and Nimmitabel in 1902. Mary visited each of these communities, encouraging the Sisters and supporting their ministry among the people. Mary had a particular fondness for Eden. On 30 May 1886, her mother, Flora MacKillop, died when the *Ly-ee-Moon* was wrecked near Green Cape, south of Eden. Flora's body was recovered and lovingly cared for by local people until it could be taken to Sydney for burial. Mary remained deeply grateful to the people of Eden for the kindness, dignity and compassion they showed her mother.

Mary died in North Sydney on 8 August 1909, but the Josephite mission continued to grow. Further schools and ministries were established at Omeo in 1909, Adaminaby and Cobargo in 1918, Delegate in 1921, Orbost in 1923, Bega in 1927, Bemboka in 1951, Lakes Entrance in 1958 and Jindabyne in 1960. Mary was canonised in Rome on 17 October 2010, becoming Australia's first recognised saint.

Her legacy continues in the schools, parishes and communities served by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and in all who follow her example by recognising need and responding with faith, courage, compassion, generosity and hope.

**Let us honour Saint Mary MacKillop on August 8.**

## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. Come to the Water *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

**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 *Michael Herry*

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.

2. O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,  
our pledge of eternal life.

3. The bread you give is the living bread,  
your flesh for the life of the world.

4 Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps;  
a light for my path of life.

### 3. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

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**

# 10th Annual St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage Eden

The Pilgrimage will be on  
the Feast Day of St Mary  
MacKillop - **8 August 2026.**

The Pilgrims Walk commences  
at 11am at the Barclay Street  
Football Ground and proceeds  
to Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Church, Eden, for Mass to  
commence at 12.00pm.

*All are invited.*





# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**2 August 2026**

## First Reading Is 55:1-3

*Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me and you will have  
good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16**

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
he answers all our needs.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 8:35. 37-39

*No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.*

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.  
Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.*

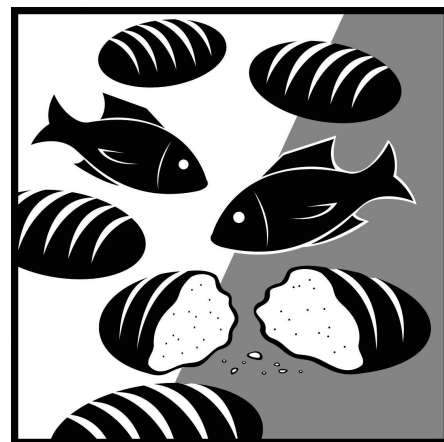
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 14:13-21

*They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.* The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were, they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he took the bread and fish, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.

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