



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 3 MAY 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 MAY

##### That everyone might have food



Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**We pray** for church members engaged in formal or informal ministries, that they will be roving ambassadors of God's reign of mercy, love and peace.

**We pray** for reporters and journalists, that today's World Press Freedom Day will strengthen their resolve to communicate the truth, even in the face of threats and danger.

**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.



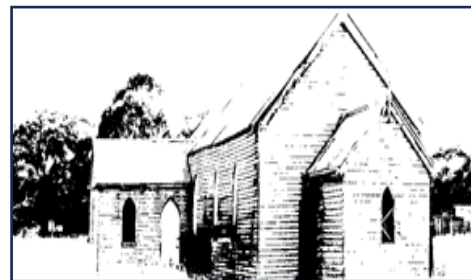
**We pray** for those who are sick in our family and community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

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  
Peter Hopkins



### PARISH CALENDAR

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am  
FRI St Vincent de Paul  
Street Stall  
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Marlene Kennedy

#### May Anniversaries

Sr Dominica Bampton  
Kay Bedingfield, Kitch Cottrell  
Ena Crawford, Ted Crawford  
Mae Elliott, Harold Farrell  
Sr Bede Hintz, Winnie Ingram  
Betty Lomas, Sr Irene McCormack  
Peter Perkins, Kathleen Reed  
Mary Smith, Oscar Thompson  
Melrose Thornton, Daryl White



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



THOUGHT  
FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, when the week feels heavy and our strength is small, remind us that your grace is enough for each new day. When worries crowd our minds, give us peace; when faith feels distant, draw us near; and when hope grows faint, fill us with the joy of your risen life. Walk beside us this week, Lord, and help us to trust in your unfailing love. **AMEN**



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**



**God's presence is before me almost in everything, and I love to come to God in prayer as to my dearest and only Friend.**

**(To Monsignor Kirby 1873)**

**Entreat God to make us all that we should be (1873)**

*Father Woods draws up the first simple Josephite Rule, 1867*

## May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

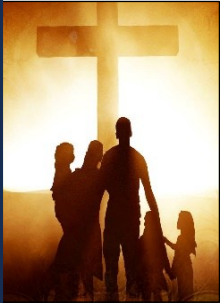


The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month includes the solemnity of 'Our Lady, Help of Christians', who is the patroness of Australia. Usually held on 24 May, this year it will be commemorated on Monday, 25 May. [Sundays are ranked as the first holy day of all and because of its special importance, the Sunday celebration gives way only to solemnities or feasts of the Lord.]

### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

#### Recognising His presence

In this Easter season, we are invited to see the risen Christ in the ordinary moments of daily life and in one another.



**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the Australian community, that all will welcome the work of First Nations truth-telling and be willing to take part.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for the human family, that a new solidarity shared by all will emerge from the conflicts and divisions that are tearing the world apart.

## Prayer of the Faithful

*Response: (R)*  
*Lord, hear our prayer*

**CELEBRANT/LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus' heartfelt desire is to lead us to the Father. Let us pray for everyone to accompany us on our journey to our heavenly home.

**READER: For** Pope Leo, guardian of the Gospel, that he continue to testify before the powers of the world to the primacy of peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** church leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they will discern the forms of ministry that best proclaim the good news and serve those most in need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** couples celebrating major wedding anniversaries, that gratitude for their shared life will give joy and inspiration to their families and friends. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all organisations with children, young people or vulnerable adults in their care, that they will faithfully fulfil their duty of keeping them safe from harm. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** one another. May each of us constantly plant seeds of hope and nurture them with patience. 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:** Holy God and Father of Jesus, you gave us your Son to lead us to you. Keep us true to his name. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord.

**AMEN**



### Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace Medjugorje

April 25, 2026

"Dear children, I am praying for you and encourage you to a new life, a life in joy and prayer. May the Holy Spirit fill you, little children, with joy so that you may be like a spring of pure and drinkable water; that you, little children, may be, in God and with God, missionaries of love and peace. Your life is short here on earth and that is why I am with you to lead you towards Heaven.

Thank you for having responded to my call."

*(With ecclesiastical approval)*



## St Vincent de Paul

# STREET STALL



## FRIDAY 8 MAY

*Donations of food  
or assistance of  
any kind would be  
most appreciated.*



♥ Any enquiries to Jan Farrell ♥

# HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

## 1. 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!

## 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. Prayer of St Francis *Various*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## 4. Sing A New Song Unto The Lord *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain: Sing A New Song Unto The Lord; Let Your Song Be Sung From Mountains High. Sing A New Song Unto The Lord, Singing Alleluia.**

1. Yahweh's People Dance For Joy.  
O Come Before The Lord,  
And Play For Him On Glad Tambourines,  
And Let Your Trumpet Sound. **R**

2. Rise, O Children, From Your Sleep;  
Your Saviour Now Has Come.  
He Has Turned Your Sorrow To Joy  
And Filled Your Soul With Song. **R**



THE CHANGE TOOK EFFECT ON  
**27 NOVEMBER 2011**  
*First Sunday of Advent*



# WHY DID THE WORDS AT MASS CHANGE?



Many parishioners still remember when some of the responses at Mass changed, particularly in **2011**, when the Catholic Church introduced a new English translation of the **Roman Missal**.

For many years, Catholics had become familiar with responses such as “*And also with you.*” Then, almost overnight, those words became “*And with your spirit.*” Other prayers also changed, including parts of the *Gloria*, the *Credo*, and the *Confiteor*. For some, it felt refreshing and reverent. For others, it simply took time to adjust.

### SO WHY WAS THE CHANGE MADE?

The aim was not to create something new, but to bring the English wording closer to the original Latin texts used by the Church for centuries. The previous translation, introduced in the 1970s after the Second Vatican Council, focused on simpler language and accessibility. Over time, Church leaders felt a more faithful and precise translation was needed.

The result was a version that sounded more formal and poetic, while preserving deeper theological meaning. Phrases such as “*consubstantial with the Father*” and “*through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*” reflected this desire for greater accuracy.

#### EXAMPLES OF CHANGES YOU MAY REMEMBER

BEFORE (1970s–2011)		AFTER (2011)
And also with you.	➔	And with your spirit.
One in being with the Father.	➔	Consubstantial with the Father.
Through my fault.	➔	Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
For you alone are the Holy One.	➔	For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.



*As with any change in parish life, it came with mixed reactions. Some embraced it immediately. Others needed the guidance of the pew card for quite a while. Yet today, those words have become familiar again.*

*The experience was a reminder that while the wording of prayers may be refined from time to time, the heart of the Mass remains unchanged—Christ present among His people, gathering us in prayer, thanksgiving, and grace.*





# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

**3 May 2026**

## First Reading Acts 6:1-7

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except  
through me.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 14:1-12

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

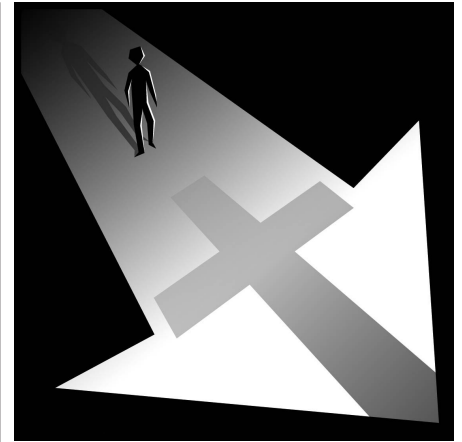
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can *share* in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

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