Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish





PARISH BULLETIN: 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 8 NOVEMBER 2026



Delegate Service
Commencing Delegate Cenotaph 10.30am

Bombala Service
Commencing Bombala Cenotaph 10.40am

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 young people trying to find their way in life, that they will be blessed with wise and helpful guides.

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 Longdon
Christopher Gabriel, Steve Coe, Aiden Camm
Adam Crotty, John Elliott, Christine Cowell
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
Kath Farrell, Val Perkins
Kim Peisley, Maureen Peisley
Heather Whitby

PARISH CALENDAR

MON	*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
TUE	*Saint Leo the Great*
WED	**Mass Bombala 9.30am**
	Saint Martin of Tours
THU	*Saint Josaphat*
FRI	
SAT	**Mass Delegate 3pm**
	Afternoon tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
	Mass Bombala 5pm

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

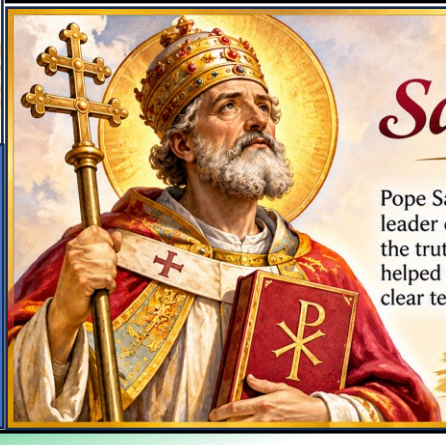
Recently Deceased

Lorna Thornton, Julie Bugden
Pat Zimmer
Marie Chapman, Pamela Sims

November Anniversaries

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

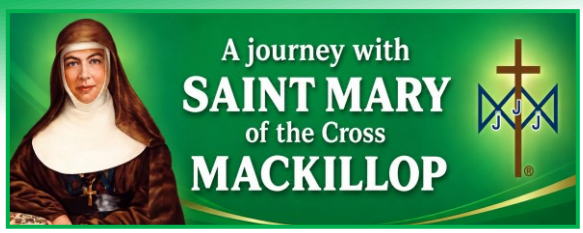
"We have loved them in Life: Let us not forget them in death."



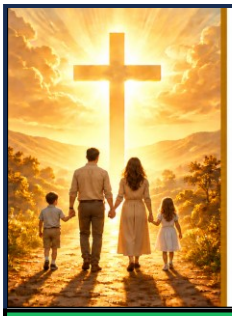
Feast of
Saint Leo the Great
10 November

Pope Saint Leo the Great (c.400–461) was a holy and courageous leader of the Church in a time of great challenge. He defended the truth of the faith, cared for the poor and, through wise diplomacy, helped to save Rome from destruction. He is remembered for his clear teaching, strong leadership and deep trust in God.

"A pastor with the heart of a shepherd and the courage of a witness to the faith."



We can do nothing without God. (11.11.1880)
Another separation here, and the happy hope of an eternal meeting. (10.11.1898)
More than ever should we be humble and patient, charitable and forgiving. (4.11.1884)
Birth of Alick MacKillop, Mary's brother, 7.11.1846.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Their Sacrifice, Our Peace

On Remembrance Day, we honour those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. May their courage inspire us to live with gratitude, compassion and a commitment to peace.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for those who gave their lives in war and conflict. May they rest in God's eternal peace and may their sacrifice never be forgotten.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have served our country, especially those who bear the physical and emotional scars of war. May their courage inspire us to build a world of peace, freedom and compassion.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus wants us to be wise and watchful, ever ready for the call of the kingdom. With eyes and hearts open, we pray for the needs of the world.

READER: For the small Christian community in the Holy Land. May they be a leaven of unity and reconciliation in that place of deep division. We pray to the Lord. ***(R)***

For medical scientists. May their research into difficult diseases bear fruit in effective treatment for the afflicted. We pray to the Lord. ***(R)***

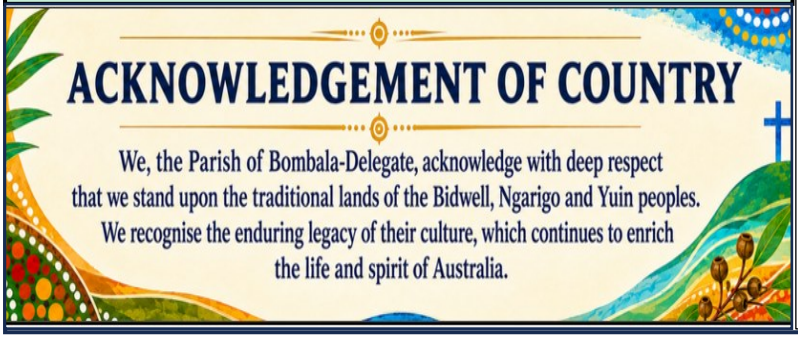
For all nations observing Remembrance Day this week, and for our own communities of Bombala and Delegate, that in honouring those who have given their lives in war, conflict, and peacekeeping, we may be inspired to work unceasingly for justice and peace among all peoples. We pray to the Lord. ***(R)***

For older Australians being assessed for aged care. May decisions about their needs be made by real people, not by impersonal technology alone. 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: Holy God and Fount of Wisdom, you call us to be awake and alert. Keep us ever mindful of your summons to life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



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1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

2. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. ***R***
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land. Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. ***R***

3. Open My Eyes, Lord *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see
2. Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear
3. Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love
4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you, Rest now in me

4. Seek Ye First *Karen Lafferty*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3. Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!



REMEMBRANCE DAY: WHY WE REMEMBER ON 11 NOVEMBER

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month holds a special place in our nation's history. Remembrance Day is a time not only to honour those who have given their lives in service to our country, but also to reflect on the events that gave rise to this important day of remembrance. Originally known as Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of fighting on the Western Front during World War I. Today, Remembrance Day provides an opportunity for all Australians to acknowledge the courage, service and sacrifice of those who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

SIGNATURES THAT ENDED FOUR YEARS OF CONFLICT

At approximately 5am on 11 November 1918, representatives of the Allied powers and Germany signed an Armistice in a railway carriage in the forest of Compiegne, France. Six hours later, at precisely 11am, the guns fell silent along the Western Front, bringing an end to more than four years of devastating warfare. Across the world, people rejoiced. In Australia, crowds gathered in the streets, bells rang and communities celebrated the long-awaited news that the fighting had ended. Yet amid the celebrations, there was overwhelming grief. More than 60,000 Australians had lost their lives, and approximately 155,000 had been wounded. Few Australian families remained untouched by the war. Although the fighting had ceased, the formal peace agreement, the Treaty of Versailles, was not signed until 28 June 1919. For many returning servicemen, the war would never truly end. The physical wounds, memories and emotional scars of the battlefields would remain with them for the rest of their lives.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE SPARKS TRADITION

On 11 November 1919, the first anniversary of the Armistice, King George V called upon the people of the British Empire to observe two minutes' silence at 11am in honour of those who had died. This simple but powerful act of remembrance became a lasting tradition. Following World War II, Armistice Day became known as Remembrance Day, recognising the sacrifices made during both World Wars and, subsequently, other conflicts. In 1997, Australia's Governor-General, Sir William Deane, formally proclaimed 11 November as Remembrance Day and encouraged all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11am. Today, that moment of silence remains an opportunity to reflect on the lives lost, the families forever changed and the freedoms secured through the sacrifices of others.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

Each year, communities throughout Australia gather at war memorials, cenotaphs and commemorative services to honour those who served. For those unable to attend a service, observing a minute's silence at 11am is a simple and meaningful way to participate. We remember those who never returned home, those who came home wounded in body or spirit, those who served in peacekeeping operations, and the men and women who continue to serve our nation today. Above all, we remember the human cost of war and the importance of striving for lasting peace.



THE MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER: OUR LOCAL CONNECTION

Our own district holds a proud and significant place in Australia's wartime history through the remarkable story of the Men from Snowy River. On 6 January 1916, a small group of volunteers set out from Delegate on a recruitment march that would take them approximately 350 kilometres through the Monaro district to Goulburn. Beginning outside the Delegate School of Arts, the march travelled through Craigie, Mila, Bombala, Nimmitabel, Cooma, Queanbeyan, Bungendore and other communities. Along the way, local residents welcomed the men, held public gatherings and encouraged others to enlist. Inspired by the patriotic spirit of the time, the Men from Snowy River became a symbol of the determination, courage and community spirit of rural Australia.

Their journey reflected the values often associated with the Australian bush: resilience, mateship, loyalty and a willingness to answer the call of duty. For the communities of Delegate, Bombala and the wider Monaro, their story remains an important part of our shared history. As we remember the sacrifices of Australians in all conflicts, we also remember the young men from our own towns and districts who left their families, farms and communities to serve their country. Many never returned. Others came home forever changed. Their names, recorded on memorials throughout our district, remind us that behind every inscription was a life, a family and a story worth remembering. As we pause at **11am on 11 November**, may we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives, pray for those who continue to suffer because of war, and renew our commitment to peace. Their service deserves our gratitude. Their sacrifice deserves our remembrance. Their memory must never fade.

LEST WE FORGET

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A *8 November 2026*

First Reading **Wis 6:12-16**

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding
fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will
quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those
who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as
they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet
them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. 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. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

Second Reading **1 Thes 4:13-18**

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 25:1-13**

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'