



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 15 February 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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY For children with incurable diseases



Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

We pray for all who consciously strive to lead a virtuous life, that they will find the wisdom and power of God's Spirit guiding their hearts.

We pray for world leaders. May this week's United Nations Day of Social Justice (20 February) call them to be champions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.



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

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, Marlene Kennedy

PARISH CALENDAR

- TUE *Founders of the Servite Order*
- WED **SEASON OF LENT**
Ash Wednesday
Mass Bombala 9.30am
Mass Delegate MPS 11am
- THU **Ecumenical Prayer Group Delegate 2pm**
- SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
St Peter Damian
- SUN **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



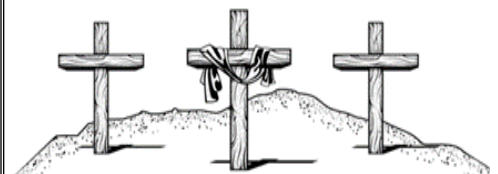
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Fr Frank Fuchs

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear
Veronica Cottrell, Ron Cowell
Kevin Crotty, Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith
Sheila White



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

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

This Lent, as in 2025, there is one Project Compassion envelope. You may still give weekly by taking multiple envelopes or donate when ready. Thank you for Uniting Against Poverty this Lent.



PROJECT COMPASSION



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Have patience with yourselves when you see that you have failed and patience with others when they seem to have done so. (16.2.1874).
God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life. (1899)
My God be praised for all things (23.2.1870)
Bishop Sheil, very ill, removes excommunication from Mary MacKillop, and expresses sorrow for being misled by bad advisers, 1872.



FEBRUARY – MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family shows us what family life should be, a school of virtue for parents and children. In the family we encounter God, learn to love without self-interest, to pray and to practice charity. As Saint John Paul II said, the family is the place where a person is loved for their own sake and learns the sincere gift of self. We are called to reflect on whether our own families live this example, to welcome God's grace, value the good, and correct our mistakes. Parenting is demanding and imperfect, yet children can trust that their parents desire only what is best for them.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

The joy of social justice.

A passion for social justice grows when we recognise the value of each human being and find delight in reaching out to others.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for our dear friends. May we treasure the gift of their friendship and prove ourselves faithful and true to them.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the unsung practitioners of prophetic justice, that their humble care of the needy will produce a rich harvest of hope and life.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, today Jesus spells out for us the demands of discipleship. Taking up the challenge, let us pray in faith for all our sisters and brothers.

READER: For the human family. May the hidden wisdom of God be revealed in the depths of every person's heart. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Fr Mark, that the Holy Spirit may guide him in wisdom and grant him good health as he continues to lead us faithfully as our shepherd. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who hold public office or wield influence in social media. May they be truth-tellers and not agents of division, prejudice or misinformation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

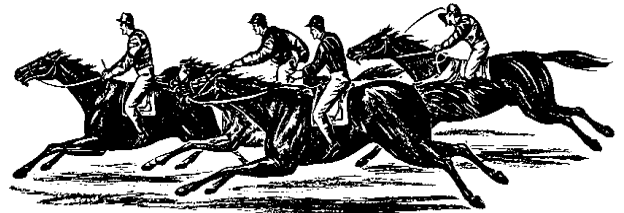
For the Australian community. May all sectors of society work together in solidarity to forge a national plan to respond to climate danger. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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: Almighty and all-seeing God, you know and love us more than we can grasp. Bless us with the grace to live by your wisdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 66 YEARS AGO Delegate Picnic Races



St. Joseph's Convent

PICNIC RACES

Sponsored by Delegate Diggers' Race Club

Open to unregistered Horses only - Amateur Riders - 9 Stone Minimum

Delegate Race Course

Sat., 2nd April, 1960

★ 6 Race Programme ★

Commencing 1-30 p.m.

£10-10-0 trophy for Main Race of 4½ furlongs donated by Mr. Bert Spain

Horses will be Station Hacks and will be sold by Public Auction before each Race

Prizemoney 1st 50 p.c., 2nd 10 p.c., 3rd 5 p.c.. of Sale Proceeds

Afternoon Tea - Soft Drinks - Publican's Booth

Strong Betting Ring

Local Sydney & Melbourne Races Amplified

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MONSTER Barbecue & Dance

with ATHLETIC CARNIVAL to follow at CORROWONG



NEWS FROM
ST JOSEPH'S
SCHOOL

Celebrate Pancake Day Tuesday 17 February

St Joseph's will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday also known as Pancake Day. Students are asked to bring a **Gold Coin Donation** for Project Compassion to receive a delicious pancake at recess.

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. A Trusting Psalm *Fr Kevin Bates*

**Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in him. R
2. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in him. 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. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

**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



Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorje

Message from Our Lady, Queen of Peace!

"Dear children, Today, I am calling you to be prayer and a blessing for all those who have not come to know God's love. Little children, be different from others and be positive people of prayer and love towards God, that with your lives, you may be a sign of God's love to others. I bless you with my motherly blessing and intercede for each of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call.

(With ecclesiastical approval)
January 25, 2026



DELEGATE ECUMENICAL LENTEN PROGRAM

Delegate Parishioners invite everyone to their
Ecumenical Lenten Program

at St Joseph's School Centre, Delegate.

Commencing Thursday 19 February at 2pm
then each Thursday until Easter.

This well-received tradition offers reflection,
fellowship and spiritual growth for all
faith backgrounds.

New and returning participants welcome.

Enquiries: Lorraine 0427 781 756



At Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars. At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, 'Well, I've tried to treat her nice, spend money on her, but best of all is, I took her to Italy for our 25th anniversary!' The priest responded, Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary? Giuseppe proudly replied, 'I'm gonna go back to Italy and pick her up.'



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First Reading **Ecc 15:15-20**

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Cor 2:6-10**

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord

of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation **See Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37** **(or longer form Mt 5:17-37)**

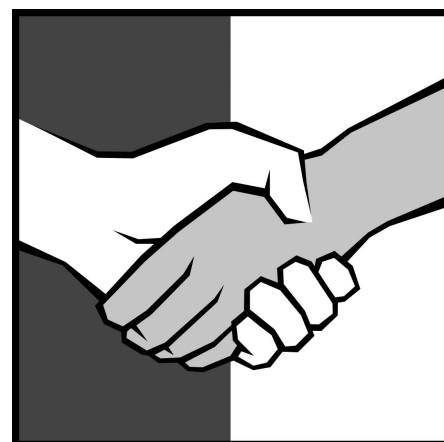
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

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