



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 16 NOVEMBER 2025



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 NOVEMBER For the prevention of suicide



Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

We pray for young people growing up in a world of many crises, that they will not be disheartened by fear of the future but inspired to act with hope.

We pray for all who care for others with habitual acts of kindness, that their neighbourly love will be a blessing for themselves as well as for those they serve.

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 all who are unemployed or underemployed, that they will succeed in securing enough work to fulfil their obligations and maintain financial stability.



We pray for all who are unwell, both within our community and beyond. May they be granted strength, comfort, and healing, and may they feel the loving presence of Christ with them in their time of need.

Christine Cowell, Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty, John Liston, Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin, John Elliott, Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley, Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, Sr Margaret Maloney, Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON Elizabeth of Hungary
- TUE Dedication of Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul
- WED Mass Delegate MPS 11am
Mass Bombala 12.30pm
- THU
- FRI Presentation of Mary
- SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
- SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

November Anniversaries

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



*“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.

Congratulations to Gary Giles and Jane Fitzgerald who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St Mary's Church, Bombala, on Saturday, 15 November.

We pray that God will bless their union with lasting love, faith and happiness, and that their married life will be a witness to Christ's presence in the world.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



**Don't fret: you have done your best. (14.11.1898)
Have courage. (25.11.1871)**

**May God teach us all patience and the prudence we require (17.11.1879)
Be without fear, do your work humbly in sweet charity and for God alone. (19.11.1873)
Birth of Julian Tenison Woods, London, 15.11.1832.**

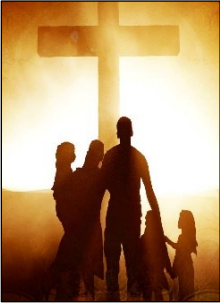


Over the past week, we joined with people across our nation and the world to commemorate the Armistice that brought an end to the First World War. The ceasefire took effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. This year, as the world continues to witness the suffering of war, in Ukraine, in Israel and Gaza, and in so many other places, we are reminded that, more than a century after “the War to End All Wars,” peace and justice still elude us. Let our remembrance not only honour those who served and sacrificed but also stir within us a deep longing for peace. May we pray for healing where there is hatred, hope where there is despair, and the courage to be instruments of peace in our own families and communities.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Point of balance

We need to be at peace with ourselves so as not to endanger the peace of others.



Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for preachers, teachers, catechists and all the baptised, that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to bear bold witness to God’s promise of eternal life.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for our parish community, that it will long be a dwelling-place in which all can feel welcome and be at home.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, amid his warnings of turmoil and trial, Jesus assures us of God’s protection and encourages us to stay strong. With steadfast faith let us pray for our troubled world.

READER: For all who are rejected, threatened or harmed for their religious faith, that they will have the courage to stay true to their conscientious beliefs. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the countless innocent people caught up in wars not of their making, that their tragic suffering will come to an end and healing can begin. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children around the world, that this week’s United Nations Children’s Day (20 November) will celebrate their progress and spur investment in their needs. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many who feel constant loneliness and isolation, that they will find a way to connect with supportive friends and a welcoming community. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick within our parish community and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing. For those who have recently departed this life, and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they be welcomed into 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: God of all the ages, you hold the world in your loving hands. Deepen our trust in your goodness and help us live with invincible hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Sisters of Saint Joseph elect new Congregational Leadership Team



L-R: Sisters Catherine Mead, Brigitte Sipa, Josephine Dubiel (Congregational Leader), Susan Connelly and Mary Ellen O’Donoghue.

Sr Monica Cavanagh, the Congregational Leader, is pleased to announce that the Members of the General Chapter held at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre Baulkham Hills have elected a new Congregational Leadership Team to take forward the vision and directions of the Congregation for the next five years. Sister Josephine Dubiel was elected as the Congregational Leader with Sisters Brigitte Sipa, Mary Ellen O’Donoghue, Catherine Mead, and Susan Connelly, as the other members of the Congregational Leadership Team. Members of the Chapter considered the available skills and experience as well as the current needs of the Congregation as together they discerned the leadership to best progress the Congregation’s future directions. The Direction statement ‘Let the Yeast Rise’ (Luke 13:21) created during the Chapter process is grounded in the Sisters’ lives in God’s mission with an emphasis on a prophetic stance for inclusion. The Chapter Members recognised that in the context of a world where truth and trust are diminished and separation and exclusion prevail, a renewed commitment to contemplative action, enables them to bring about healing and hope wherever they find themselves. The Sisters of Saint Joseph was founded in Penola, South Australia in 1866 by Saint Mary MacKillop and English priest, Father Julian Tenison Woods with the very first General Chapter held 150 years ago in Kensington, South Australia. Sisters today minister throughout Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, Ireland, Peru and Brazil. The new Leadership Team will officially take up their duties on 1 February 2026.

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1. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in 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!

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.

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**

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**



Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

**Medjugorje, Our Lady's Message
on October 25, 2025
Given to Marija**

"Dear children

The Most High in His goodness gave me to you to lead you on
the way of peace. Many have responded and are praying, but
there are many so creatures who do not have peace and have
not come to know the God of love. Therefore, little children,
pray and love, create prayer groups to encourage each other
to the good. I am with you and am praying for your conversion.

Thank you for having responded to my call"
(With Ecclesiastical approval)



COWBOY JOE

Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow
cowboys back on the ranch about his first
visit to a big-city church. "When I got
there, they had me park my old truck in
the paddock," Joe began.
"You mean the parking lot," interrupted
Charlie, a more worldly fellow.

"I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued.
"The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him.
"Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on.
"That would be the usher," Charlie explained.
"Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said.
"You mean the aisle," Charlie said.
"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there," Joe
continued.
"Pew," Charlie retorted.
"Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's what the lady said when I sat
down beside her."

BOMBALA-DELEGATE CATHOLIC PARISH - IN THE MONARO MISSION Country of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin People



Our History



The inaugural Catholics to settle in the region arrived in 1826 as designated servants, primarily convicts. The community's foundation expanded with the influx of Scottish, Irish and subsequently German immigrants starting in 1833. Father Patrick Newman assumed the role of the first resident priest in 1864, succeeding a period during which priests were dispatched from Queanbeyan and Cooma. Churches were erected to serve the growing Catholic population, including St Mary's Bombala in 1867 & 1942, St Joseph's Delegate 1877 & 1915, St John's Cathcart in 1878 and St Peter's Corrowong in 1894. Educational institutions also emerged with privately Catholic schools opening between 1866 and 1886, followed by the establishment of Catholic schools in Bombala in 1886 and Delegate in 1921. In 1888, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (North Sydney) co-founded by St Mary MacKillop, arrived, embarking on a continuous ministry that spanned 134 years. Monaro & South Coast Parishes transitioned from the Sydney Archdiocese to the Goulburn Diocese in 1917 and later to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in 1948. The first local priestly vocation was Fr Ernest Baragry, ordained as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart in 1941. The Parish of Delegate operated independently from 1955 to 1973. Significant events marked parish history in 2008, including the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross & Icon and the Consecration of St Mary's Church Bombala following extensive repairs and restoration. St Joseph's Church Delegate commemorated its Centenary in 2015.



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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 November 2025

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!**

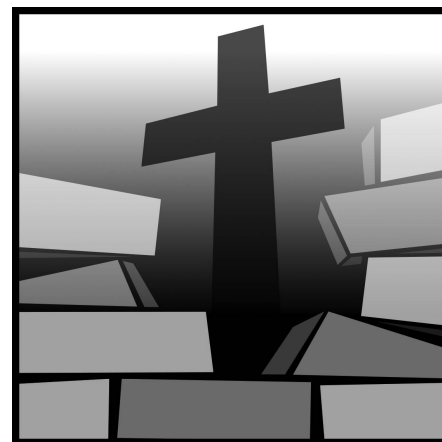
Gospel Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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