



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 18 January 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 JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



We pray for today's children and young people, that they will not be daunted by the world's troubles but sustained in hope by God's invincible Spirit.

We pray for young people discerning career options for their future, that they will find opportunities for work or study that is personally fulfilling and of social benefit.

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

MON

TUE

Saint Fabian

Saint Sebastian

WED

Mass Bombala 9.30am

Saint Agnes

THU

Ecumenical Prayer Group

Delegate 2pm

Saint Vincent

FRI

SAT

LW&HC Delegate 5pm

SUN

LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear

Tony Clear, Carmel Croker

Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch

Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman

Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead

Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley

Val Reid, Anthony Roberts

Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith

Lena Spoljaric, Alan Standen

Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson

Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker

Mary Williams



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



**“The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort.
You were made for greatness.”**

Pope Benedict XVI



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



*Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney, blessed & opened by
Archbishop Michael Kelly. 18.1.1914*
Much that is hidden from us is known to God, and many things which we condemn are pleasing to God because God sees the motives and we see only the result. (Book of Customs)
Mary MacKillop visits New Zealand convents, 1894 till 1895.

JANUARY – MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvellous implications, for it means "saviour." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Make me a channel of your peace

A couple of examples from popular culture provide clues on where and how to find peace. Think about it.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for holidaymakers beginning to return home, that they will travel safely and remain refreshed by their time of leisure.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for Pope Leo and all bishops and ministers of the church, that they will be led by the Spirit of God on the path of synodality.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, we are blessed to be God's holy people, one in the Spirit of Jesus. Let us pray for our sisters and brothers in every land.

READER: For the human family, that God's saving light will shine forth in every nation and uncover the path of peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the world in all its present turmoil, that warring leaders will renounce aggression, hate, vengeance and personal ambition and choose to campaign for the good of all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For emergency personnel and volunteers on alert for the season's fires, floods and storms, that they will stay safe as they protect others' lives and possessions. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the families, friends and all who still carry the pain of loss of the Granville Rail Disaster, 49 years ago today, that they may know comfort, healing and the gentle presence of God in their grief. 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: God, our light and our strength, you sanctify us with your Spirit and send us out as heralds of hope. Bless all that we do in your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 105 YEARS AGO

16 January 1921

Opening of St Joseph's Convent Delegate

St Joseph's Convent, Delegate was solemnly blessed and officially opened on 16 January 1921 by Fr WF Cahill, Administrator of Goulburn Cathedral, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, Dr John Gallagher. The occasion drew a very large and enthusiastic gathering of both Catholics and non-Catholics, and the day itself was an ideal summer's one. The new convent and its grounds were attractively decorated with flags and bunting in honour of the celebration. The day began with High Mass at 11 am in St Joseph's Church, sung by Fr Roche, with Fr Cahill presiding and delivering an eloquent sermon on the Gospel of the day. Special music was provided by the choir under the direction of Duncan Campbell, and during the Offertory a violin obbligato was beautifully played by William Haydon, adding to the solemnity of the occasion. At 3 pm Frs Cahill and Roche proceeded to the new convent, where it was formally blessed and opened. Following the religious ceremonies, Fr Roche spoke of the long-held desire of the people of Delegate to have a convent of their own. Now that this hope had been fulfilled, he expressed his confidence that the Sisters of St Joseph would be warmly welcomed and supported by the whole community. He encouraged parents to send their children regularly to the convent school and to ensure the Catechism was read and explained in the home. Fr Cahill also addressed the gathering, warmly congratulating the people on the fine church they had built at Delegate. While he acknowledged that the church and convent placed a financial burden on the district, he said it was clear their hearts were in the right place. He expressed the hope that when he next returned to Delegate he would see a fine school standing proudly beside the church on the hill. A subscription list was then opened and a collection taken up, raising the substantial sum of £190 (approx \$18,600 in 2026) in support of the new convent and its mission to provide a convent school in Delegate.



HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. 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*

2. 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

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. City Of God *Dan Schutte*

1. Awake from your slumber, Arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning, For all those who weep
The people in darkness, Have seen a great light
The lord of our longing, Has conquered the night. *R*

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God, May our tears
Be turned into dancing, For the Lord
Our light and our love, Has turned the night into day.**

2. We are sons of the morning, We are children of day.
The one who has loved us, Has brightened our way.
The lord of all kindness, Has called us to be
A light for his people, To set their hearts free. *R*



Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorje

At the last daily apparition to Jakov Colo on September 12th, 1998, Our Lady told him that henceforth he would have one apparition a year, every December 25th, on Christmas Day. This is also how it was this year. The apparition began at 2:38 pm and lasted 8 minutes. Our Lady came with little Jesus in her arms.

Through Jakov, Our Lady gave the following message:

Today, on this day of grace, in a special way I am calling you to complete surrender to Jesus.

Little children, surrender to Him your wounds and pains, your past and future, and permit Jesus to begin to rule in your lives.

My children, only with complete surrender, Jesus gives Himself in your life, and this is the greatest gift that you can receive.

Pray that you may comprehend how precious you are for Jesus and how much He loves you.

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

DELEGATE ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP

"Where hearts meet in prayer"

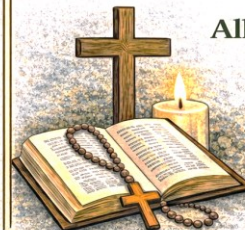
**Meets: Every 4th Thursday of the month
at 2.00 pm**

Venue: St Joseph's School Centre, Delegate

A warm and welcoming time of
prayer, reflection and fellowship for people
of all denominations.

All are most welcome.

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A passenger jet was flying straight through a violent thunderstorm. The cabin lights flickered, the seatbelt sign chimed nonstop, and the plane shuddered as if it were being shaken by an invisible hand. Nervous passengers clutched their armrests, some whispering prayers, others staring wide eyed at the ceiling as another jolt hit. In the middle of it all, a young woman glanced at the calm looking minister seated beside her. With a shaky smile and a nervous laugh, she said, "Reverend, you are a man of God. Can't you do something about this storm?" The minister adjusted his collar, looked out the window at the swirling clouds, then back at her and said quietly, "Lady, I'm in sales, not management."



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First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

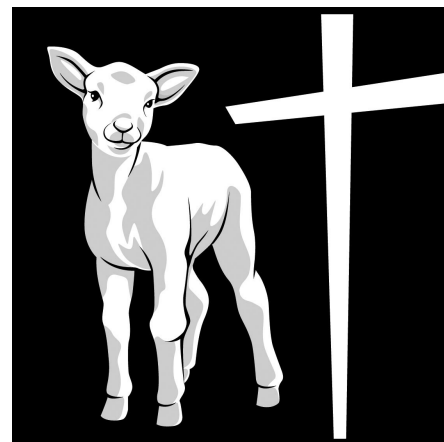
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was the Matthean account of the baptism of Christ we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus. The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasise that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel. We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say 'He is the one!' Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

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