



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 18 OCTOBER 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
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St Peter's Corrowong

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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope's Intention • October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

We pray for all who preach the word of God, that they do so with conviction, power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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
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PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saints Paul of the Cross,
John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
5/6 Class Leading
THU Ecumenical Prayer Group
Delegate 2pm
Saint John Paul II
FRI Saint John of Capistrano
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Lorna Thornton, Pat Zimmer
Marie Chapman, Pamela Sims

October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj
David Cottrell, Peter Cottrell
Carol de Jonge, Claudette Elliott
Dick Kennedy, Ina McGrath
John Morgan, Yvonne Murphy
Alice O'Hare, Alma Reed
Therese Rumph, Louise Stevens
Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton
Brother Andrew Travers-Bull
Des Twigg, Dawn Walker
"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."



ST JOHN PAUL II

A faithful servant of Jesus,
a tireless witness to the Gospel
and a champion for peace,
human dignity and young people.

FEAST DAY - 22 OCTOBER



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



Let us all have courage. (14.10.1871)

Pray that a great unity may prevail, that charity may shine, and a holy unworldly wisdom influence our every word and act.

(16.10.1898)

A little patience will in the end be rewarded. (17.10.1871)

Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Rome, 2010.



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to Saint Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Prayer Everywhere

There are no constraints on when, where or how we pray.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for nations struggling to recover from quickly forgotten natural disasters, that international relief efforts will be sustained for as long as needed.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the members of our parish community, that whether rich or poor, hungry or filled, we will draw strength from God like Paul the apostle.



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus directs us to the rightful claims of both human and divine authority. Let us pray for the wisdom to respond to them freely.

READER: For everyone entrusted with secular or spiritual authority. May they exercise that authority with integrity, justice and love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many and varied communities of Christian believers. May today's World Mission Sunday encourage them to be 'one in Christ and united in mission'. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the poorest peoples on earth who have the most to lose from a hotter planet. May their cry for climate justice be heard and heeded. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are struggling to cope with the cost of living. May all sectors of society join forces to work for a fair and inclusive economy. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For tertiary students preparing for end-of-course exams and discerning their future career. May they find their way to satisfying and beneficial work. 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: God of glory and power, you rule the world with unflinching justice. Free us from fear and keep us close to the Just One, Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



Looking back 50 years ago
Total Eclipse - 23 October 1976

THE DAY BOMBALA WATCHED AFTERNOON TURN TO NIGHT

About 3,500 people gathered at Bombala Racecourse to experience the wonder of a total solar eclipse. The day-long gathering brought scientists, visitors and local families together for an extraordinary afternoon, as the familiar countryside briefly slipped into darkness. Spectators caught a glimpse of the partially eclipsed sun at about 4.15pm, building anticipation for the remarkable experience still to come. At about 4.41pm, rosy colours appeared in the sky and a cool breeze moved across the racecourse. A magpie called for its mate as excitement spread through the crowd. Then, shortly after 4.42pm, afternoon became night. For approximately two and a half minutes, darkness settled over Bombala. Along the northern and southern horizons, a sunset-like glow lit the sky, creating a striking contrast with the darkened landscape. The temperature dropped by about two degrees, and the sounds of birds, crickets and sheep added to the unusual atmosphere. The changing light, cooling air and responses of the animals made the eclipse an experience that reached far beyond simply watching the sun. Together, those gathered witnessed a dramatic transformation of the countryside, sharing a moment of wonder as nature briefly changed the rhythm of the day. Daylight returned almost as swiftly as it had disappeared, accompanied by a cool wind sweeping across the countryside. A singer on a nearby hillside supplied an apt musical accompaniment with 'Here Comes the Sun'. The day also provided a little humour when one spectator spent about ten minutes searching for his sunglasses, only to discover they were sitting on top of his head. **For the thousands who gathered, it was an occasion to remember: the day Bombala's afternoon turned to night.**



HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night I will make their darkness
bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I
send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard
You calling in the night, I will go, Lord, If You lead
me, I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and
lame, I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

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**

3. One Bread One Body *John Michael Talbot*

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man, No more **R**

2. Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord, Of all. **R**

4. Sing A New Song *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**

3. Glad My Soul For I Have Seen
The Glory Of The Lord.
The Trumpet Sounds; The Dead Shall Be Raised.
I Know My Saviour Lives. **R**



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This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Parish of Bombala-Delegate, acknowledge with deep respect
that we stand upon the traditional lands of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.
We recognise the enduring legacy of their culture, which continues to enrich
the life and spirit of Australia.



At a marriage preparation course, the priest asked a young man, "Do you understand that marriage is a lifelong commitment?" "Yes, Father." "And are you prepared to make sacrifices?" "Certainly." "Good. What are you prepared to give up?" The young man thought for a moment. "Apparently, golf, fishing, the pub and having an opinion."



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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 October 2026

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.
(R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing

you grace and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when
we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God
the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,
because a man's rank means nothing
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'
But Jesus was aware of their malice and
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay
the tax with.' They handed him a denarius,
and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what
belongs to God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus first cleverly throws his
questioners on the defensive. *They*
are the ones carrying the coinage,
not him. Then he poses the crucial
question, 'Whose image is it and
whose inscription?' They said to
him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to
them: 'Render to Caesar what is
Caesar's and to God what is
God's.'

The coin bore the image and
inscription of Caesar. Genesis
teaches us that human beings are
made in the image and likeness of
God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the
political and financial authorities
have their coinage. It is their legal
tender. But they cannot have
human beings. Human beings
belong to Another. They belong to
God.'

We are fortunate to live in a
wonderful democracy. But even a
democracy can violate the dignity
of a human being created in the
image and likeness of God. As
Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic
democracy is possible only in a
state ruled by law, *and on the
basis of a correct conception of the
human person.*' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to
thank God for the inscription, 'Child
of God', effectively engraved on our
hearts by baptism.

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