



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 20 SEPTEMBER 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
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items in by
Wednesday pm.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION SEPTEMBER

For the care of water



Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

We pray for all employers, that they ensure their workers are paid justly and are provided with safe and healthy working conditions.

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:

Pat Zimmer, Christopher Gabriel, Steve Coe
Aiden Camm, Adam Crotty, 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
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Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins
Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Kim Peisley
Maureen Peisley, Heather Whitby



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saint Matthew
TUE
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
THU Ecumenical Prayer Group
Delegate 2pm
FRI
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saints Cosmas & Damian
SUN LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Val Crawford

September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black
Betty Callaway, Kevin Casey
Marge Casey, Donald Clayton
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty
Elizabeth II, Jack Elton
Eva Eppelstun, Ben Ingram
Sr Margaret Keane, Maud Kilmartin
Sr Loretta Kilmartin, Andre Lukass
Bill McIntosh, Kathleen Mulligan
Cheryl Mustard, Bishop Pat Power
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed, Darcy Ryan
Sr Adrian Morris, Maurice Stevens
Carmel Thompson, Jack Thornton
Anna Vincent, Max Walker
"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Loving God, Creator of all things,
we ask you to look with kindness upon our land.
Send gentle, life-giving rain across Australia,
to refresh our dry earth, fill our rivers and dams,
and bring new life to our farms and communities.
Protect those whose livelihoods depend upon the land,
and give us grateful hearts to care wisely
for the precious gift of your creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

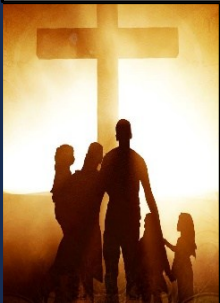


My God grant you courage and true wisdom in all you do and say (21.9.1875)
Let us really love one another. (15.9.1890)
Keep your mind in peace whatever happens. (15.9.1890)
Truly wonderful are the ways of God. (22.9.1873)
Excommunication: 47 Sisters in and around Adelaide, South Australia, expelled, 1871.



September - The Seven Sorrows of Mary

September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.
We reflect on Mary's suffering, steadfast faith,
and her loving union with Christ.
Her sorrows lead us to compassion, prayer
and deeper trust in God.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD Grace is a gift

God's love is not something
we earn or deserve.
It is freely given, generously offered,
and always greater than we imagine.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the multitude of
Australians in the long queue for home care or aged care.
May urgent reforms to the system enable them to receive
timely and adequate support.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for all who have
suffered grave injustice, that by God's grace they will not be
consumed by bitter resentment but find the freedom to
forgive.



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, reminded of God's
freely given love for everyone, let us pray for all our sisters
and brothers in need.

READER: For Pope Leo, that his pastoral visit to France
(25-28 September) will be a manifestation of God's all-
embracing love for the whole world to see. We pray to the
Lord. **(R)**

For the human family, that the growing gap between the
ultra-wealthy few and the many poor will be bridged by a
peaceful global revolution of justice. We pray to the Lord.
(R)

For nations facing extreme El Nino weather conditions this
summer, that they will do all they can to prepare for the
risks, stay safe and take steps to reduce harmful
emissions. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

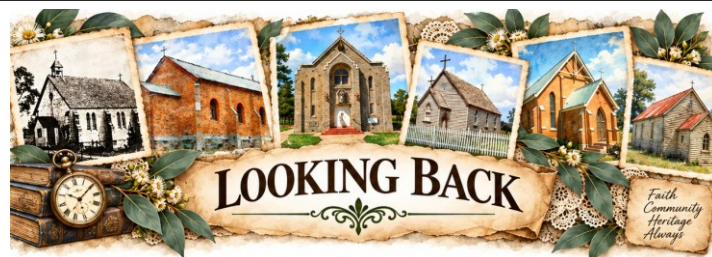
For the executives of social media and artificial
intelligence enterprises, that they will ensure their
operations do not exploit the vulnerable, sow division or
inflammation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For housing industry and government policy-makers, that
they will work together to find the best way of addressing
the housing crisis. 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 mystery, beyond our
grasp yet ever close, help us make known the bounty of
your love far and wide. We ask this through Christ our
Lord. **AMEN**



Parish Record 1952

Convent Spring Ball Bombala

This ball, which winds up the functions organised to provide
the annual subsidy to the Sisters at Bombala, promises to
be an outstanding success this year. The Committee,
Mesdames Byrne, Rayner, Kavanagh and Crotty, have
matters well in hand. They are pleased to be able to
announce that our Federal Member, Mr. Allan Fraser,
M.H.R., has accepted the invitation to open the Ball. Mr.
Fraser accompanied his letter with a cheque for two
guineas towards the funds and expressed his pleasure at
being with us on 26th October. A very popular feature this
year will be the presentation of Miniature Debs, and
applications are invited for children eight years and under,
to be made to Miss Mary Williams.

First Holy Communion at Cathcart

Everything was spic and span at Cathcart for First Holy
Communion Day. We had more grown-ups at the Altar rails
than at any day during the Mission. The ten children were:
Robyn McCoy, Irene Whitby, Therese and Carmel Ryan,
Dawn Gaunson, George, Bob and Brian Brotherton, Robin
Savage and Neville Murphy.

Children of Mary

The Children of Mary from Bombala travelled to Cathcart
for early Mass, so that the First Communion hymns might
be sung. The ladies arranged a lovely breakfast in the hall
where, besides the children, our visitors from "down the
mountain" were provided for too.

Delegate Ball

Matron Commane and Mrs Watling have reason to be
proud of themselves for this year's Delegate Ball, £185
clear (approx. \$8,700 in 2026), an all-time record. It was
noticed that Mrs B Ingram, who had borne the responsibility
so often in the past, was still in the thick of the work in the
super-room.



HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Glory And Praise To Our God *Dan Schutte*

*Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways*

1. We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save

2. 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.

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. 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**



A wife said to her husband, "Our anniversary is coming up. I'd really like something shiny that goes from zero to one hundred in a few seconds." On their anniversary morning, she found a beautifully wrapped present waiting for her. Inside was a set of bathroom scales. The funeral is on Thursday.

A priest asked an elderly couple who had been married for sixty years: "Have you ever considered divorce?" The wife replied: "Divorce? Never." Then she paused. "Murder, several times."

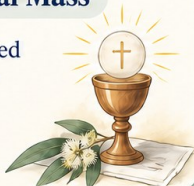
Interesting Facts about the Catholic Church in Australia

A few milestones from our Catholic story

*In Christ
we build
a brighter Australia*

1 The first official Mass

The first officially authorised Catholic Mass in Australia was celebrated in Sydney in 1803 by Father James Dixon.



2 St Mary's Cathedral site

St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney stands on the site of the first Catholic chapel in Australia. The foundation stone of the first chapel was laid in 1821.



3 Australia's first bishop

John Bede Polding was appointed Vicar Apostolic of New Holland in 1834 and later became the first Archbishop of Sydney in 1842.



4 The oldest diocese

Sydney is the oldest diocese in Australia. It was established in 1834 and became an archdiocese in 1842.



5 The newest dioceses

The Dioceses of Broken Bay and Parramatta were both established in 1986, making them the newest Latin-rite dioceses in Australia.



6 Australia's first saint

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop became Australia's first canonised saint on 17 October 2010. She co-founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.



FAITH • HISTORY • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

*A brighter Australia
together in Christ*

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.





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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 September 2026

First Reading Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,
is Christ, but then death would bring me
something more; but then again, if living in
this body means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want
to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay
alive in this body is a more urgent need for
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out at
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them, "You go
to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair
wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour
and again at about the ninth hour, he went
out and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more
men standing round, and he said to them,
"Why have you been standing here idle all
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they
answered. He said to them, "You go into
my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner
of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the
workers and pay them their wages, starting
with the last arrivals and ending with the
first." So those who were hired at about the
eleventh hour came forward and received
one denarius each. When the first came,
they expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took it,
but grumbled at the landowner. "The men
who came last" they said "have done only
one hour, and you have treated them the
same as us, though we have done a heavy
day's work in all the heat." He answered
one of them and said, "My friend, I am not
being unjust to you; did we not agree on
one denarius? Take your earnings and go.
I choose to pay the last-comer as much as
I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like
with my own? Why be envious because I am
generous?" Thus the last will be first, and
the first, last.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

The complaining workers in today's
Gospel assumed they were near
the top of some unspoken
hierarchy. They thought they
deserved more than some of their
co-workers. If we think of the earth
as God's great vineyard, we can
see obvious parallels today.
Nations can think they deserve
more than their less developed
neighbours; perhaps because their
economies have been
industrialised longer. People can
assume they are right to own
multiple properties while others
remain homeless; perhaps
because they inherited or worked
hard for them.

But we Christians are called to
work in the vineyard for its good,
and for the good of all, not merely
ourselves. 'The way humanity
treats the environment influences
the way it treats itself, and vice
versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI
in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*,
reminding us that justice for others
and good stewardship of our world
are intimately connected. During
this Season of Creation, we might
ask ourselves: How can we tend
the vineyard into which God has
sent us? Do we attend to the
needs of our fellow workers,
especially refugees and immigrants
who have only recently arrived?

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