



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN, 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 10 AUGUST 2025



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer**

**LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus urges us to set our hearts on the gift that is God's reign among us. While we wait and watch for the Son of Man, let us pray for our sisters and brothers in their need.

**READER:** For the whole human family, that all will make their pilgrim way through life fired by a common spirit of faith and hope. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** world leaders to whom much has been given and of whom much is expected, that they will live up to their responsibilities, especially to care for the earth and the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all members of our parish community, that Friday's solemn feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will confirm their faith in God's promise of heavenly glory. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** young people of every land and culture, that this week's International Youth Day (12 August) will highlight their role in promoting global cooperation through technology and partnerships. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the families of prisoners who have died in custody in Australia, especially Indigenous detainees, that their grief will hasten effective reform in the administration of justice. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus. 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...**

**LEADER:** God of might and majesty, you never cease to offer us the gift of your kingdom. Free us from fear and guide us on our pilgrim way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**

**Bear in mind that we are only poor  
travellers, that our home is not  
here. (14.8.1866)**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION AUGUST For mutual coexistence



Let us pray that that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**We pray** for all whose loving service and steadfast faith bear witness to God's reign, that their example will inspire us to live with gratitude and generosity.

**We pray** for anguished parents who have seen their children killed or traumatised by injury, starvation and terror in theatres of war, that they will find the strength to support and comfort one another.



**We pray** for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

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



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Fr Chris Riley

Barbara Brownlie, Harry Dillon

#### August Anniversaries

Lou Black, Pam Clear

Ron Collins, Kay Cuthel

Athol Duffell, Laura Elton

Pat Elton, Fr Peter Gannon

Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram

Vincent Jones, Eileen Keane

Joshua Lovegrove, Peter Martin

Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard

Sr Kathleen Price, Margaret Ralphs

Nick Spoljaric, Ellen Stewart

Jack Stewart, John Thompson

Dick Walker, Tom Walker



### PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Saint Clare  
**TUE** St Jane Frances de Chantal  
**WED** Mass Bombala 12.30pm  
Ss Pontian & Hippolytus  
**THU** Saint Maximilian Kolbe  
**FRI** Assumption of Mary



**SAT** Mass Delegate 3pm  
Afternoon Tea to follow  
Mass Bombala 5pm  
Saint Stephen of Hungary

#### HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

#### 1. Sing to the Mountains Bob Dufford

**Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.**

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and song. **(R)**

2. Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. **(R)**

3. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice. He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glory of God. **(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**



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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**10 August 2025**

## First Reading Wis 18:6-9

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready:**

**You know not when the Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 12:32-48

**(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)**

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



## Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the *Parousia*). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the *Parousia* at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the *Parousia* will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as if the *Parousia* were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the *Parousia*, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

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