



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year B, 11 February 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, with compassion and power Jesus healed the leper and ended his isolation. Let us pray for the healing of our wounded and fractured world.

READER: For Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the church. May he always be a sure and faithful apostle of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who minister to outcasts at the margins of society, that they will give them a true sense of their human dignity and their right to belong. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Christians in the growing number of nations actively hostile to their faith, that they will draw strength from God's Spirit and our solidarity with them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Catholic faithful around Australia, that they will have their say in the national consultation for the second session of the Synod on Synodality. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, that today's World Day of the Sick will help renew their courage, hope and patience. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For an end to the bloodshed in Gaza, Ukraine and every place of war, that humanitarian aid be delivered and recovery begun. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who bring joy to our lives and raise our spirits, that their gift of grace will inspire us to love more freely and be united in hope. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and all those who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: All-loving God, you made us in your image and brought us to new birth in Christ. Send us out in his name to heal the sick. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY



For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

We pray for our parish community, that Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent will call us to truly repent and believe in the gospel

We pray for an end to all forms of prejudice, judgment and discrimination that condemn people to exclusion, that the God-given dignity of every human person be respected.

We pray for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Harry & Mary Anne Dillon,
Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash,
Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White,
Barry Reed, Jim Parkes,
Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley,
John & Anna Vincent, Marlene Kennedy,
Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone,
Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Heather Whitby,
Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell,
Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield,
Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Ash Wednesday
Mass Bombala 9.30am
First Children's Mass 2024



Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Morning tea to follow in
St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Jean Ingram, Lena Spoljaric
February Anniversaries

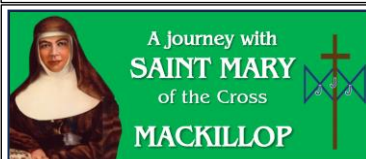
Val Buckley
Sonia Clear, Veronica Cottrell
Ron Cowell, Kevin Crotty
Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Marion O'Hehir
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith
Sheila White



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



"Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust." Fr Thomas Merton OCSO



Gratitude is the memory of the heart. (1907)
Value your crosses as the most precious presents from a good and loving God.
(26.2.1890)



PRAYERS TO THE HOLY FAMILY - FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings: who livest and reignest world without end. **Amen.**

READINGS

FIRST READING: BOOK OF LEVITICUS

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore, he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MARK

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said, 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?
2. No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

2. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**

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Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer.

The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper! This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where nobody lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, insiders with God. We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

The history of Ash Wednesday and Lent reveals the different strands in the liturgy of Lent and in our Christian lives. Its centre is the celebration of Jesus' death and rising. Lent is a time of preparation. It involves associating ourselves with Jesus in his life, deepening our faith in the God who saved the world through his death, practising prayer and penance, and deepening our understanding of the Gospel and its riches. All these elements are coloured by the needs of the world and the preoccupations with fire, war and flood which we bring to the celebration of Lent.

