



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 14 August 2022



“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.” *Parish Vision Statement, 2004*



PRAYER INTENTIONS



Popes Intention Small businesses

We pray for small and medium businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

We pray for peace in the world; for all the African countries and the Middle East and especially for the continuing war in Ukraine.

We pray for the people of Sri Lanka for the political and social unrest in their country.

We pray for all the homeless in our country, especially those families trying to find some suitable accommodation to “be a family”, especially in this cold winter weather.

For those who have died, may they wake to eternal life in the sight of God.

We pray for all young people - many of whom are also homeless - and are facing the challenges of our time.

For our Church community and all its members: may they keep alert and stand firm in the faith.

We pray for those who are sick, may they feel the support of our prayers and our compassion.

For the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

Christine Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Yvonne Murphy, Marty Brick, Carl Crotty, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Jack Ventry, Therese Rumph, Libby McGruer, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham

YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Tue:

Wed: School Mass 9.30am Bombala

Thu:

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Mass Bombala 10am
First Holy Communion for Children



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Judith Durham, Olivia Newton-John,
Wayne Mustard, Brian Callaghan,
John Feilen, Max Brotherton

August Anniversaries

Lou Black, Pam Clear,
Kay Cuthel, Athol Duffell,
Jack Elton, Laura Elton,
Norma Farrell, Lil Goodyer,
Jean Ingram,
Nat Ingram, Vince Jones,
Peter Martin, Mary Monk,
Martin Page, Sr Kathleen Price,
Nick Spoljaric, Ellen Stewart,
Jack Stewart, John Thompson,
Dick Walker, Tom Walker



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God’s presence seems to follow me everywhere
And makes everything I do. or wish to do. a prayer.




ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



May our loved patron and father, St Joseph,
watch over us and obtain for us the spirit he wishes to see in his children. 16.10.1898
I would advise all to trust more to God, and of course,
prayerfully to seek God’s guidance. 1.12.1898
Do your best and God will bless your efforts. 22.11.1899



The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays devotion. On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD
Small businesses build better communities

Pope Francis' August prayer intention for small and medium-sized businesses is once again a reminder of the need to nurture community.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the growing multitude of people suffering from hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity, that concerted international co-operation will address their plight.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the people of Sri Lanka, that the political and economic crisis they face will be peacefully evolved.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Let us bring our needs before God praying for a rekindling of the Gospel challenge that Jesus gives us.

READER: For Pope Francis and the College of bishops: that they may be inspired by the examples of prophets, witnesses and saints in their leadership of the Church. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For political leaders: that they may act justly and give priority to the needs of the poorest. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For families which are divided or in conflict: that God will help them to hear and understand one another and find ways to support each other on life's journey. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For peace in the world: that God will inspire people of violence with an attitude of peace and promote the safety and dignity of every person. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For those who are sick and for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones: that God will give them strength and renew their hope. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For those who have died especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever in the Communion of saints. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For all our needs through Our Lady's intercession, we pray.....**Hail Mary....**

CELEBRANT: Loving God, help us to live with generosity and in service of others, keeping our lamps burning brightly that we may be ready when Jesus calls us to the eternal banquet. We ask this in Jesus' name.

AMEN

POPE APPLAUDS UKRAINIAN GRAIN DEAL AS SIGN OF HOPE FOR PEACE

Pope Francis expresses his satisfaction that grain ships have been allowed to leave Ukrainian ports, saying the deal offers a sign of hope that a just and lasting peace can be found.

"I would like to welcome the departure from Ukraine's ports of the first ships loaded with grain." Pope Francis made that remark last Sunday while speaking at the noon-day Angelus prayer.

Four bulk carrier ships set sail from Ukrainian Black Sea ports on Sunday, after the first ships left the port city of Odessa early last week following Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February.

The Pope said the deal charts the path forward toward peace.

"This step shows that it is possible to dialogue and achieve concrete results, which benefit everyone. Therefore, this event can be seen as a sign of hope, and I sincerely hope that, following this path, we can put an end to the fighting and arrive at a just and lasting peace."

YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER

Archbishop Christophe Prowse has announced with great joy that the Archdiocese immediately embark on a **YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER**. Just as the Risen Lord *walked alongside* (SYNODALITY) the disciples on the road to Emmaus and drew them from anxiety to hope, may we open ourselves up to do the same. In this year we will actively pursue solidarity as an Archdiocese, fostering a "mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all."

We will include more on this over the weeks as space permits. You can read the Archbishop's letter at the following website: <http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx> and search on Parish News on the left-hand side.

Congratulations



Deacon Gavin Keating

Was Ordained a Permanent Deacon on 23 July at Holy Family Church, Gowrie, where he was on pastoral placement.

Deacon Gavin is married with 2 sons and was an Army Colonel. He will serve Defence Force personnel as part of the Military Ordinariate (Diocese).

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WOOD RAFFLE

Truck load of good wood, sponsored by Forestry Corporation

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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. Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now am found
 Was blind but now I see

 2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear
 And Grace, my fears relieved
 How precious did that Grace appear
 The hour I first believed

Evangelisation



We hear the word evangelisation a lot in our Church. The recent Plenary Council talked about the role of all Catholics in evangelising people. But what is it precisely? Who will evangelise? How do you start to evangelise? Evangelisation is the proclamation of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Redeemer to a person or people. **It is not Bible-bashing or ramming religion down someone's throat.** It is the proclamation to a person that they can have a personal relationship with Jesus and the Father through the Holy Spirit which is at work in every person preparing them to receive the proclamation.

Who evangelises? Every Catholic can evangelise, you don't have to do courses or have degrees in theology. You just have to love Jesus and the Father and act under the promptings of the Holy Spirit. How do you evangelise? There are some do's and don't's.

Do share your faith in God. Personal testimony is the best way to evangelise: *"I believe in God..... I pray to God..... I think God is like..... I've felt God closest when I..... Religion is good for me because..... I've had some hard times and even thought that God was not there until I"*

Don't use these..... *You should try praying..... You should come to church... You should believe in God..... God is always there for me..... God is the answer to everything..... everyone can believe in God.....*

After planting the seed when you meet the person again, go a little deeper, sharing a little from your journey of life and believing. Emphasis on the little. The objective is to build a relationship with the person and to allow them to see through your life and believing that God is real, not some fairy tale. This stage could take anywhere from months to years. When the situation calls for it, you can then invite the person to take the next steps.

**Now we come to the more formal stage of evangelisation.
 Each parish needs an RCIA Team - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

The Team prepares itself by study and practice to assist any enquirers to explore faith and the Catholic Church's beliefs in order to sustain a calling to believe in Christ, the Father and the Holy Spirit. You're not off the hook just yet. Each enquirer needs a sponsor, to accompany the person through the RCIA journey. You may choose to attend the RCIA sessions with your friend, you may not. But, they will benefit from having you as a friend of their believing. They have you to ask questions and sound you out on things because of the trust you have built up with the person.

Solemnity of Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Loving God, we thank you for the example of Mary MacKillop who, in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person.
 She faced life's challenges with faith and courage.
 We pray through her intercession for our needs,
 in these days of change in Australia, and the world.
 May her holiness inspire us to be people of hope, love and forgiveness.
 We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen



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First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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