



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN, EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, YEAR C, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus was raised on the cross that we might be saved for life. Looking on him with eyes of faith, let us pray for healing and peace in our world.

READER: For the people of today being crucified by war, poverty or sickness, that they will not be overcome by their ordeal but hold fast to the hope of life. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are actively engaged in murderous combat in zones of war, that the sight of the dead and the cries of the maimed will convert them to the cause of peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who wield social influence, that they will use the media at their disposal to foster a culture of respect, inclusion and solidarity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

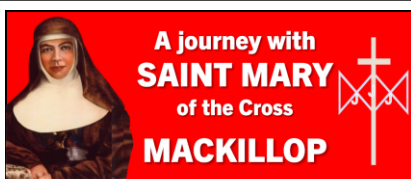
For refugees and asylum seekers still languishing in a limbo of uncertainty in Australia, that effective steps will be taken to settle their claims promptly and fairly. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community, that in this Jubilee of Hope it will be animated by a spirit of consolation for those who are experiencing pain or affliction of any kind. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick within our parish community and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing. For those who have recently departed this life, and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they be welcomed into the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. 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: Saving God, by the power of your Spirit the cross of Jesus has become our tree of life. Give us the courage to take up our cross and find life in it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



Try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act. (15.9.1890)
Refuse nothing to God's love. (18.9.1906)



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION SEPTEMBER For our relationship with all of creation



Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

We pray for victims of injustice, imprisonment, torture and execution, that in all their pain they will never abandon the hope of final redemption.

We pray for promoters of a healthy planet, that their efforts to bequeath a habitable world to future generations will bear abundant fruit.



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

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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Ron Chaplin

September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black
Betty Callaway, Kevin Casey
Marge Casey, Angela Clear
Millicent Crotty, Elizabeth II
Jack Elton, Eva Eppelstun
Ben Ingram, Sr Margaret Keane
Maud Kilmartin, Sr Loretta Kilmartin
Kathleen Mulligan, Cheryl Mustard
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed
Darcy Ryan, Sr Adrian Morris
Maurice Stevens, Carmel Thompson
Jack Thornton, Anna Vincent



PARISH CALENDAR

MON	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
TUE	<i>Saints Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
WED	Mass Bombala 9.30am <i>Saint Robert Bellarmine</i> <i>Saint Hildegard of Bingen</i>
THU	<i>Saint Januarius</i>
FRI	Vigil Mass Delegate 3pm Afternoon Tea to follow
SAT	Vigil Mass Bombala 5pm <i>Saints Andrew Kim Taegön,</i> <i>Paul Chông Hasang & companions</i>

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1. 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**

2. The Lord Is My Shepherd Brian Boniwell

1. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes. Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me. **R**

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

2. And while on the journey to where we are going, he promised to be there to help us along. And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me. **R**



I couldn't afford to buy an Ancestry DNA kit...so I started a rumour that I'd won the lottery. Found out who all my relatives were in record time.



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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September 2025

First Reading Nm 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would
seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was
their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere
flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;

and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**We adore you, O Christ, and we praise
you,**

**because by your cross you have
redeemed the world.**

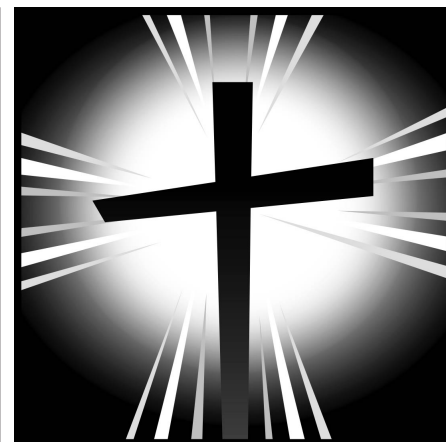
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from
heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the
desert,
so that everyone who believes may have
eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may
not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might
be saved.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

The message of the Cross is not condemnation, but salvation. Not despair, but hope.

Such themes are strongly evident in Pope Leo's comments on migrants and refugees. 'In a world darkened by war and injustice,' he says, 'even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death.'

Indeed, he suggests, they 'remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland.'

'Their presence, then,' the pope declares, 'should be recognised and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church.'

We too, in turn, have the opportunity to 'be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognised.'

We are called therefore to be people who welcome the stranger, manifesting the hope of the Cross where and when we can.

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