



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 16 FEBRUARY 2025



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

**LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus calls his listeners to consider the choices they make, either to promote life or stifle it. Let us pray for the world to find and take the path of life.

**READER:** We welcome back Fr Mark, our beloved parish priest, after his recent time of rest and recovery. May God continue to bless him with strength, good health and renewed spirit as he resumes his ministry among us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the whole human family, that this week's World Day of Social Justice will unite everyone in the work of reducing inequality, exclusion and disadvantage. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** conferences of Catholic bishops in countries with autocratic and hostile leaders, that they will speak out with one voice in favour of fundamental human rights. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

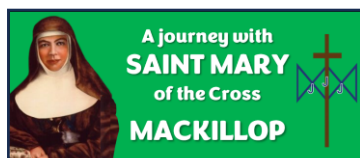
**For** an end to all forms of racial, religious or cultural prejudice, that the Australian community will provide a safe space for all to live peacefully together. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all who have lost loved ones, homes or livelihoods in this summer's floods and fires, that emergency aid and the support of their local community will give them the strength they need to go on. 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 all goodness, through your Son Jesus you promise life and joy to those who put their trust in you. Help us to hear and heed his word. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



I knew God would take care of all and make everything right in the end.  
(17.7.1892)



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



**We pray** for political leaders, media personnel and social influencers, that they will use their platforms to encourage respectful public debate, not divisive argument.

**We pray** for who have been subjected to financial abuse by controlling spouses or partners, that they will break free from this domination and claim their proper independence.

**We pray** for Pope Francis and all teachers of wisdom, that they will inspire many to find their hearts' true desires and make choices that are life-giving.



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

Peter & Joyce Reed, Jenny & Ron Chaplin, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, John Elliott, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield.



WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

World Day of Social Justice, established by the UN in 2007, promotes fairness through employment, social protection & fundamental rights. Pope Francis urges awareness of poverty and the structures that perpetuate inequality, emphasizing justice and dignity for all. Catholic Care advocates for inclusion, human rights, and support for diverse communities, striving to remove barriers and enhance social equity.



### PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Seven Founders of the Servite Order  
**WED** Mass Bombala 9.30am  
**FRI** Saint Peter Damian  
**SAT** LW&HC Delegate 6pm  
**SUN** Mass Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

**Recently Deceased**  
Chris Cuttle

#### February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear  
Veronica Cottrell, Ron Cowell  
Kevin Crotty, Gordon Ingram  
Heather Jones, Brian Lock  
Jean Muir, 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."



### DELEGATE ECUMENICAL LENTEN PROGRAM

Delegate Parishioners warmly welcome everyone to join their Ecumenical Lenten Program (starting date to be advised early Lent and continuing weekly until Easter). This cherished tradition has been well received in past years, providing a meaningful space for reflection, fellowship and spiritual growth. Gatherings will be held at St Joseph's School Centre, inviting people of all faith backgrounds to come together in prayer and discussion. Whether you are a returning participant or attending for the first time, all are encouraged to be part of this journey of faith and renewal.

## READINGS

### FIRST READING: PROPHET JEREMIAH 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought and never ceases to bear fruit.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: HAPPY ARE THEY WHO HOPE IN THE LORD.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

### SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL OF LUKE: 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

### Pope Francis Appoints Fr Tony Percy as Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

Pope Francis has appointed Fr Tony Percy, currently the parish priest of St Gregory's Parish in Queanbeyan, as the next auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Fr Percy, 62, was born in Sydney but moved to Cooma with his family at a young age. Despite this relocation, he has maintained strong ties to Sydney, earning a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) from the University of New South Wales before answering his vocational call.



## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. Praise To The Lord

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Come all who hear, Now to His altar draw near; Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend thee, Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, Who with His love will befriend.

### 2. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Take of my life and live, branch of my vine. Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill. Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find Just what the journey means; walk while there's time. Food for the journey will answer your need. Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

### 3. Open My Eyes, Lord *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see Your face  
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see

2. Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear Your voice  
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear

3. Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like You  
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love

4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, oh, love  
I live within you, Rest now in me

### 4. Galilee Song *Frank Andersen*

1. Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.  
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!  
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

**Refrain:** So, I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again, my Lord!

2. In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains  
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!  
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind,  
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!

His leadership in priestly formation saw him serve as rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 2009 to 2014. Ordained to the priesthood in December 1990, Fr Percy ministered in the parishes of Young, Queanbeyan, Ariah Park, Ardlethan and Barellan before pursuing advanced theological studies in the United States, where he obtained a Licentiate and Doctorate in Sacred Theology. On his return to Australia, he took up the role of parish priest in Goulburn before being personally invited by Cardinal George Pell to lead the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. Following his tenure as rector, Fr Percy returned to Canberra, where he served as the archdiocesan Vicar General from 2015 to 2023. During this period, he also ministered as parish priest in Wanniasa before taking up his most recent role at St Gregory's, Queanbeyan. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP warmly welcomed Fr Percy's appointment, expressing great anticipation for his arrival in Sydney and upcoming episcopal consecration. "I've known Fr Tony for many years and know him to be a man of deep faith, joy, and courage," Archbishop Fisher said. "His experience in pastoral leadership and theological formation will be an invaluable asset to the Archdiocese of Sydney."