



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 19 JANUARY 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus let his glory be seen at the wedding feast in Cana and his disciples believed in him. With Mary's faith in Jesus, let us pray for the power of divine love to change the world.

READER: For world leaders, especially the incoming President of the United States. May they use their power to promote peace among nations, the care of the planet and the wellbeing of the human family. **(R)**

For those who minister the sacraments of the church. May they be faithful stewards of these vital signs of God's goodness and power. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the parishes and dioceses of the church in Australia. May each one be a community of faith in which the many gifts of the Spirit are encouraged to flourish. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who have lost homes and livelihoods in early summer bushfires. May they be heartened by the support of their local community and by the provision of emergency relief. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For emergency and essential service workers on duty through the summer holidays. May they keep themselves and the whole community safe. 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: Joyous God, in Jesus your Son you united heaven and earth, flesh and spirit. Draw us ever more deeply into this mystery of your eternal love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



We pray for children, denied a school education because of war, poverty or ideology, that their families will find ways to teach them skills for life.

We pray those who are setting out on a new path of life this year. May the choices they make be wise and life-giving for themselves and for many others.

We pray the bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful of Australia's country dioceses, especially those that are most remote and under-resourced. May their grass-roots ministry strengthen the solidarity of local communities.



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

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



PARISH CALENDAR

MON	Saints Fabian & Sebastian
TUE	Saint Agnes
WED	Mass Bombala 9.30am Mass Delegate MPS 11am Saint Vincent
THU	
FRI	Saint Francis de Sales
SAT	LW&HC Delegate 6pm Conversion of Saint Paul
SUN	Mass/LW&HC Bombala 9am

Many thanks to Fr Xavier who will be assisting where possible in Fr Mark's & Fr Kose's absence.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Ruth Clarke

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Lena Spoljaric, Doris Thompson
Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg
Ruth Walker, Mary Williams

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



Message from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje

DECEMBER 2025

*"Dear children,
Pray, pray, pray that peace may begin to reign in every heart and prevail over every evil and peacelessness.*

Thank you for having responded to my call."



A journey with SAINT MARY of the Cross MACKILLOP

Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney, blessed & opened by Archbishop Michael Kelly. 18.1.1914

POPES INTENTION JANUARY

Pope Francis' January 2025 prayer intention highlights the vital role of education in fostering human values, particularly for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war. He emphasises that education should not only equip children with skills for work but also nurture their growth into compassionate and wise individuals who can contribute to a better world. This vision underscores education as an act of respect, welcoming, protection, and integration, offering hope and stability to those facing insecurity and displacement.

READINGS

FIRST READING: PROPHET ISAIAH

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PROCLAIM HIS MARVELLOUS DEEDS TO ALL THE NATIONS.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R)
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF JOHN:

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.



REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory be seen.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment. The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster. We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naive trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen. mate@bigpond.com

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1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save I have made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, If You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

2. 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**

3. 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. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine. Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill. Share with your people, that love has its will.

4. How Shall I Call You *Robin Mann*

1. How shall I call you? Maker of heaven, poet of sunset and painter of sky, Father almighty, who's running to find us, giving his Son who must suffer and die.

Refrain: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit, let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

2. How shall I call you? Lover of children, shepherd and teacher and brother and friend, healer of blind man and healer of leper; you are beginning and middle and end.

THE CHURCH YEAR IS NOW IN ORDINARY TIME WHICH IS GREEN. Because Ordinary Time begins on a Monday, there is no day called the "First Sunday in Ordinary Time". Instead, the lowest-numbered Sunday is called the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This block of Ordinary Time continues through until the Tuesday that immediately precedes Ash Wednesday which falls on 5 March 2025.