



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 20 FEBRUARY 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 We pray for Religious sisters and Consecrated women

We pray for these women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

We pray for PEACE in our World, especially in the Middle East and Russia/Ukraine.

We pray for those in our community who are quite unwell and others who we have been asked to pray for, especially 8-year-old Audrey Day and also for those afflicted with Coronavirus.

We pray for our deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed, may our prayers accompany them to the place that Jesus has prepared for them

God as we make decisions in our lives, **we pray** for your guidance and the strength to do your will.

May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Audrey Day, Mike Spence, Nola White, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Michael Platts, Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

Prayer of the Faithful

CELEBRANT:

The prayers we make as the worshipping Church are put before a compassionate Father, who knows our needs and who understands our weakness. Let us come to him in trust.

READER: For the Church in her Catholic ministry of mercy and forgiveness.

We pray to the Lord.

That our efforts may fill the hungry with God's bounty. We pray to the Lord.

For the sick in our community, including those with Covid, may they be blessed with healing and comfort. We pray to the Lord.

For the deceased that they may live in the house of the Lord and rejoice in the banquet of eternal life, especially our local recently deceased. We pray to the Lord.

For Our Lady's intercession for our special needs. We pray... **HAIL MARY.....**

CELEBRANT:

Lord of all history, we place our requests in your care, knowing that all peoples, times and events are within your provident plan. Grant the prayers of your people, through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



2022
Lenten Season
begins on
Ash Wednesday,
2nd March 2022

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Fr Laurie Blake, Fr Henry Byrne, Jimmy Peck, George Cotterill, Peter Woelfle, Les Hite, Jenny Hobson, John Verrell, Sr Janet Mead rsm, Sue Robinson.

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear, Ron Cowell, Jak Cuttle, Penny Hassall, Brian Lock, Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir, Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes, Daphne Smith, Sheila White.

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

PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

*Loving God, we ask your continuing protection for all now that our nations has begun opening up. We especially pray for the most vulnerable, the aged, those with underlying health issues and those who cannot have the vaccine. Keep us all responsible and safe. We also pray for the front-line medical personnel as they care for those with the virus. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord
Amen*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it.

Be protectors of God's gifts:

Pope Francis, Homily for Feast of St Joseph 2013

ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS

Archdiocesan Protocols for both NSW & ACT advise that whilst music is permitted and encouraged to enhance the Liturgy, singing is not permitted until further notice.

Congratulations

to Danielle Kelley, St Joseph's School teacher, who during the school holidays was married and now is Mrs Danielle Keighley.



**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



*Everything God blesses will prosper. 14.12.1890
What a Father we have in God-What a lover in Jesus Christ. 14.12.1890
Our courage should rise with difficulties and obstacles. 14.12.1890
Try always to be generous with God. 14.1.1882*



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20 February 2022

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus is the Word of God in human history. Jesus is the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but *comunicado*, holy *comunicado*, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day.

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