



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN, 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 24 AUGUST 2025



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

**LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus tells us that salvation is a gift for all the sincere of heart, not a privileged possession for the few. With his breadth of vision, let us pray for the needs of the whole human family.

**READER:** For the whole human family, that all will make their pilgrim way through life fired by a common spirit of faith and hope. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Pope Leo, that this week's feasts of St Augustine (28 August) and his mother Monica (27 August) will confirm and strengthen his vow to live in the spirit of St Augustine. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the global church, that its mission of proclaiming the good news to the world will be enhanced by the creative use of social media. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** ceasefires in every place of bloodshed, hate and pain, that serious negotiations can be undertaken to end suffering and promote peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all who attended the Australian Catholic Education Conference (20-22 August), that they will return to work invigorated by the conference theme of 'hope, anchored in faith'. 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:** God of all nations, you created humankind to be many and one. Help us to embrace our common humanity and live in peace with one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION AUGUST For mutual coexistence



Let us pray that that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**We pray** for the family of nations, that members will work together, not against one another, in determining how best to respond to the challenge of mass migration.

**We pray** for all who are engaged in the development of artificial intelligence, that their work will be governed by a strong code of ethics and always serve the human good.



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



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Jenny Brownlie, Fr Chris Riley  
Barbara Brownlie

#### August Anniversaries

Lou Black, Pam Clear  
Ron Collins, Kay Cuthel  
Athol Duffell, Laura Elton  
Pat Elton, Fr Peter Gannon  
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram  
Vincent Jones, Eileen Keane  
Joshua Lovegrove, Peter Martin  
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard  
Sr Kathleen Price, Margaret Ralphs  
Nick Spoljaric, Ellen Stewart  
Jack Stewart, John Thompson  
Dick Walker, Tom Walker



### PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Ss Louis & Joseph Calasanz  
**TUE**  
**WED** Mass Bombala 12.30pm  
Saint Monica  
**THU** Saint Augustine  
**FRI** Passion of John the Baptist  
**SAT** LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
**SUN** LW&HC Bombala 9am

We hold Father Mark in our prayers following the heartbreaking loss of his much-loved companion, Moe, who was tragically killed last week. Moe brought immense joy and comfort to Father Mark, and his absence is deeply felt. As a parish family, let us surround Father Mark with our love, support and prayer in this time of grief.



### HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

#### 1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home. Close to my heart, loved and forgiven; come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits. No need to fear, love never ends. Don't run away shamed and disheartened. Rest in my love, trust me again.

#### 2. The Lord Is My Shepherd *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**



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**

**God grant that today may be a truly happy one rich in graces for your soul. (28.8.1896)**



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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**24 August 2025**

## First Reading Is 66:18-21

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15**

**(R.) Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia!**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord;***

***no one comes to the Father, except  
through me.***

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 13:22-30

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

'[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.' Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists?

The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: 'Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of *any* person *any* where at *any* time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.' Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel.

If the slogan: 'No salvation outside the Church' is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes.

Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us.

We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today's Gospel.

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