



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 24 September 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: (R) Lord, hear our prayer
CELEBRANT/LEADER:

God keeps faith forever and secures justice for the oppressed. With confidence we pray on behalf of all who are in need of God's loving and abiding presence.

READER: For Pope Francis and all our Church leaders. May they continue to be inspired by the Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of life, that God's image is alive and well. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For rain in due abundance, so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the people of Libya suffering devastation and great loss of life from catastrophic floods, that the world community will come to their relief with emergency and long-term aid. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For each other, in our family, work & community relationships where difficulties have arisen, that we may receive the grace to be reconciled in a spirit of forgiveness, both given and received. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed to the heavenly banquet of God's promise. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray **Hail Mary...**

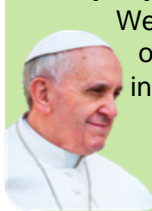
CELEBRANT/LEADER:

God of life, hear us as we seek healing, justice and peace for all who are in need. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION SEPTEMBER For people living on the margins



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.

We pray for the multitude of men, women and children enslaved by unscrupulous labour merchants, that the tide of justice will turn and set them free from bondage.



We pray for the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Sue Minchin, Jane Nash, Keith Brownlie, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, Barry & Alma Reed, Wendy White, Anna & John Vincent, Jim Parkes, Marlene Kennedy, Bill McIntosh, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Marilyn Knight, Jen Farrell, Betty Cowell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Joyce Cotterill, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:

Tue: Saints Cosmas & Damian

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Vincent de Paul

Thu: Saints Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz & companions

Fri: Feast of Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Sat: Mass Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun:



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Carmel Thompson

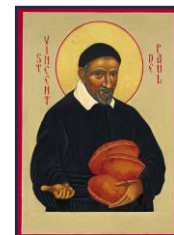
September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black
Kevin Casey, Marge Casey
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty
Elizabeth II, Jack Elton

Eva Eppelstun, Ben Ingram
Sr Margaret Keane
Sr Loretta Kilmartin, Maud Kilmartin
Kathleen Mulligan, Cheryl Mustard
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed
Darcy Ryan, Maurice Stevens
Jack Thornton



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



Feast Day

September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"We must love God in our neighbours,
our neighbours in God,
and our neighbours for God."**

Quotes and Thoughts

**SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



Let us really love one another. (15.9.1890)

May God bless you and keep you strong. (28.9.1875)

Don't you remember 'The foxes have holes and the birds of the air their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head'?

I always loved that, but now more than ever. (26.9.1871)

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said, "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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1. CITY OF GOD *Dan Schutte*

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night. **R**

**R: Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day**

We're sons of the morning, we are daughters of day
The one who has loved us has brightened our way. **R**

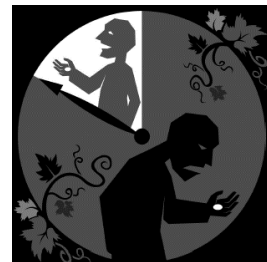
2. SEEK YE FIRST *Karen Lafferty*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3. Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Reflection by Nick Brodie



The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them. But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?