



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 25 August 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, with the apostle Peter we hold fast to our faith in Jesus, the Word of Life. Let us pray in his name for the life of the world.

READER: For the world-wide church, that in every place it will truly become one Body, one Spirit, in Christ. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the Australian Church on this Social Justice Sunday, that it will demonstrate the truth and peace of God's Word in our violent world. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For all who are preparing to take part in the Paralympics in Paris, that they will inspire the world with their skills, courage and fellowship. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For children maimed and traumatised in places of pitiless warfare, that they will receive the loving care they need to be delivered from bitterness, hate or despair. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For husbands and wives, that the grace of marriage will sustain them on the path of love, in good times and in bad, all the days of their lives. 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: Holy God, you never cease to draw us into the love you share with Christ Jesus your Son. Free us fear and confirm us in faith. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION AUGUST

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



We pray for marriage celebrants, religious and civil, that they will help couples prepare well for lives of faithful, fruitful and fulfilling love.

We pray for all people on Earth, that World Water Week (25-29 August) will show them the way to bridge borders for a peaceful and sustainable future.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



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

Betty Callaway, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Tom Nunan, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, John Elliott, John & Anna Vincent, Patricia Guthrie, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON	
TUE	Saint Monica
WED	Mass Bombala 9.30am Saint Augustine
THU	Passion of Saint John the Baptist
FRI	
SAT	Saint Stephen of Hungary LWHC Delegate 5pm Mass Bombala 5pm
SUN	



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Father Peter Gannon
Barry Milliner

August Anniversaries

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

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



PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - 29 AUGUST

The Church commemorates one of the oldest feasts within the Church, the Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Just as John preceded Jesus in birth, preaching, and baptising, so too did he precede Jesus in death, dying as a prefiguration of the one who would give His life sacrificially on the Cross.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You



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)

Be of good heart. (29.8.1876)

Great is the strength we possess in our unity. (30.8.1874)

Never lose courage under your sufferings (1.9.1873)

Sisters take possession of Kensington property, South Australia, 1872.

READINGS

FIRST READING: BOOK OF JOSHUA

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF JOHN:

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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1. 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**

2. 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**

3. Isaiah 49 *Carey Landry*

1&3. I will never forget you, My people, I have carved you on the palm of My hand. I will never forget you, I will not leave you orphaned, I will never forget My own

2. Does a mother forget her baby? Or a woman the child within her womb? Yet even if these forget, Yes, even if these forget, I will never forget my own.

4. Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

Refrain: Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves, I shall not fear, the dark of night, Nor the arrow that flies by day.

1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men, He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice, To find a dwelling place secure. **R**

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night, Nor stand alone before the light of day, No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, No evil settle in my soul. **R**

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence. There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life. But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy. The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries. Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me. That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me. mtate@bigpond.com