



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 26 OCTOBER 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, let us stand humbly before our loving God and offer our prayers with trusting hearts.

READER: For the church, that Pope Leo's first apostolic appeal will inspire all communities of faith to love and honour the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the mediators engaged in securing agreements to end wars around the world, that the fragile shoots of peace they plant will take root and flourish. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For parents welcoming the birth of their first child, that they will treasure the new life entrusted to them and rise to the challenge of parenthood. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

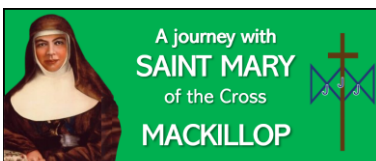
For all members of our parish community, that All Saints Day will renew their desire to follow Christ gladly with all their hearts. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the organisers of next month's Australian Catholic Youth Festival, that they will lay the foundation for a joyful and spirit-filled event. 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: All-loving God, you make the sun shine and the rain fall on the proud and the humble alike. Teach us to give thanks for your blessings and share them freely. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



Out of every cross God wishes us to merit by making it an occasion of pleasing Him.
(29.10.1895)

*Birth of Peter MacKillop, Mary's brother,
26.10.1857.*



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION OCTOBER For collaboration between different religious traditions



Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

We pray for Indigenous leaders, young and old, that they will enrich the whole nation with their age-old culture and love of country.

We pray for teachers in every place of learning, that this week's Teachers Day will honour them and encourage them in their invaluable mission of education.



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

Christine Cowell, Alice O'Hare, Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty, John Liston, Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin, Peter & Joyce Reed, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth, Sr Margaret Maloney, John Elliott, Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
John Reed

October Anniversaries
Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj,
David Cottrell, Peter Cottrell,
Carol de Jonge
Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy
Ina McGrath, John Morgan
Yvonne Murphy, Alma Reed
Therese Rumph, Louise Stevens
Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton
Brother Andrew Travers-Bull
Des Twigg, Dawn Walker



PARISH CALENDAR

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 5pm
All Saints Day



SUN All Souls Day

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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. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord, Beckon our lives through your word, Open our eyes to your call, United as one for your world. Heighten our minds to your thoughts, Heal us of pride and of hurt, May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**



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You!*

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Thank you for your generosity
Bombala \$438
Delegate \$117
**Total of \$555 which is magnificent
for such a small parish!**



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

26 October 2025

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's
supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers
judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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 just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to
be gone. I have fought the good fight to
the end; I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved
for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will give to me on that Day; and not only to
me but to all those who have longed for his
Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support
me. Every one of them deserted me – may
they not be held accountable for it. But
the Lord stood by me and gave me power,
so that through me the whole message
might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some
people who prided themselves on being
virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two
men went up to the Temple to pray, one
a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer
to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like
this tax collector here. I fast twice a week;
I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector
stood some distance away, not daring even
to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me,
a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did
not. For everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage flows on
directly from last week's gospel and
continues the teaching of Jesus about
prayer. Whereas the preceding passage
emphasised the need for persistence in
prayer, this passage is about the way in
which we come before God in prayer. It
is the tax collector, whose simple prayer
is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,'
who goes home at rights with God. In
this simple prayer, the tax collector
recognises that he is not in right
relationship with God and asks for
God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the
lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke:
they recognise their need and seek
God's forgiveness and mercy. The
model of faith that is depicted over and
over again in this gospel is the one who
recognises their need for God's loving
mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly
reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness
and abundant love are constantly out-
flowing towards us and all we have to
do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable.
The Pharisee is representative of those
who are assured of their own rightness
but who rely on comparison with others
to make themselves feel righteous and
justified. The actions of this man were
not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are
they limited to a particular time and
place. This man's attitude of asserting
his own faithfulness and religious
observance by comparison with others
can be easily seen in the world today.
All faiths seem to be afflicted with these
characters who assure themselves of
their own 'goodness' by railing against
those who are different. But, as the
parable assures us, it is the humble
who are exalted by God.

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