



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 27 JULY 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, directed by Jesus to pray with persistence and confidence, let us open our hearts in love and ask for God's blessing on our world.

READER: For all communities of the baptised, that the constant praying of the Lord's Prayer will draw their members together in faith and send them forth as missionaries of mercy. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For parents, teachers and pastors, that they will lead children by example in the practice of daily prayer. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For young people of faith, that this week's Jubilee of Youth will be a joyful celebration of the life they share in Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

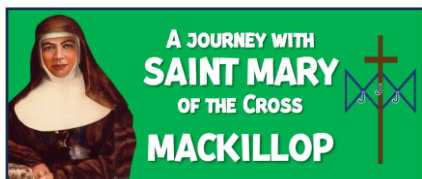
For grandparents and the elderly, that today's United Nations observance in their honour will be an occasion of contentment and thanksgiving for them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all whose love is life-giving for us, that we will treasure the gift of their affection and be ever thankful for the blessing of friendship. 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: God of all goodness, your Son taught us to call you Abba, Father. Help us truly live as your children of grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

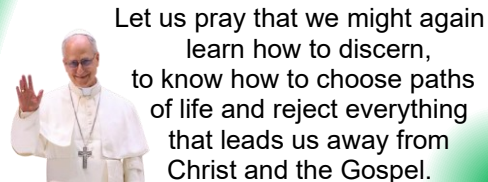


Cling to the will of God. (19.7.1870)
Love one another and help one another.
(9.7.1873)
Let not weakness make you discouraged.
(4.7.1876)
Death of Peter MacKillop, Mary's brother,
23.7.1878.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPE'S INTENTION JULY For formation in discernment



Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

We pray for the world-wide people of God, that they will be blessed with the grace of faithful and fruitful prayer.



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

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, Marilyn Holdsworth, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, 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

Barbara Brownlie, Helen Haslington
Harry Dillon

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams
Kevin Bedingfield, Shirley Bedingfield
Brian Callaghan, Vincent Clear
Stanley Collins, John Cusack
Claude Elliott, Jack Eppelstun
Kevin Ingram, Lou Joseph
Gwen Kimber, Val Lasker
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan
Sr Bridget O'Halloran
Bryan O'Hehir, Martin Page
Judy Periera, Janie Roberts
Graham Rumph, Bert Smith
Peter Stewart, Jean Talbot
Jim Walker, Emily Williams



PARISH CALENDAR

TUE Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saint Peter Chrysologus
THU Saint Ignatius of Loyola
SAT Mass Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 5pm

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1. Strong and Constant

Fr Frank Andersen MSC

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong
and constant is my love!
2. Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love! Strong
and constant is my love!
3. When you know sorrow within your life
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover Me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong
and constant is my love!

2. Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see
2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home



**The World Day for
Grandparents and
the Elderly** is
celebrated for the
fifth time in 2025

on 27 July - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme that was chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"**.
(cf. Sir 14:2)



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 July 2025

First Reading Gn 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

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