



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year B, 28 January 2024**



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

**LEADER:** Dear friends, inspired by the power and truth of Jesus' teaching, let us pray with confidence for all our sisters and brothers in need.

**READER: For** Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the church. May he always be a sure and faithful apostle of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** or all who have been designated as teachers of faith, that they will be credible witnesses to the good news announced by Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all peace-loving people caught up in wars not of their making, in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, Myanmar and Yemen. May those who are negotiating for peace hasten an end to their suffering. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the frail aged and all who are vulnerable to Covid infection or the extremes of summer heat. May they stay safe and strong. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the staff and volunteers of all emergency services, that their dedication to the safety of the community through the summer holidays will be effective and appreciated. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** children, parents and teachers, that they will enjoy a smooth and happy start to the new school year. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

**For** Our Lady's intercession for all our needs. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**LEADER:** Holy God, you never cease to bless us with the light of Christ. Help to walk always as children of the light. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.. **AMEN**



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### POPES INTENTION JANUARY



### For the gift of diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**We pray** for young adults searching for values and beliefs to live by, that they will find their way to authentic teachers of the way of Christ.

**We pray** for rural dioceses & 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 those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

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



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am**  
Saint John Bosco

**Sat: Mass Bombala 5pm**  
**LW&HC Delegate 6pm**



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Lena Spoljaric, Reg Tetley  
**January Anniversaries**

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear  
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker  
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch  
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman  
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead rsm  
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley  
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts  
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith  
Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson  
Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker  
Mary Williams



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

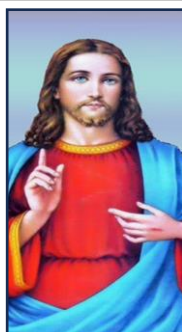


**THOUGHT**  
FOR THE WEEK



**We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to become good.**

**Saint John Bosco**



## January - Month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

There is great power in the spoken name of Jesus. Repeating His name prayerfully or speaking it aloud brings Him close and gives you strength, provided you recite His name in faith. The name of Jesus casts out fear, arouses trust, and unites your heart to His. Sadly, the Most Holy Name of Jesus is so holy that the evil one often tempts people to invoke it as a curse when angry, without even considering what they are doing.

## READINGS

### FIRST READING: BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. (R.)

### SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL OF MARK

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. 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**

### 2. Glory and Praise *Dan Schutte*

**Refrain:** *Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives  
light to our days. Many are the blessing he bears to  
those who trust in his ways.*

1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the  
valleys and plains, Praise the wonders our God has  
done in every heart that sings. **R**
2. In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's  
tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our  
God is there to save. **R**

## REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups. 'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit. Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul. We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil! [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

