



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



**PARISH BULLETIN, 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 3 AUGUST 2025**



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

**LEADER:** Dear friends, the apostle Paul reminds us that Christ is our life and all are one in him. With one heart and mind, we pray for all creation to be made new in Christ.

**READER:** For Pope Leo and all church ministers and leaders, that they will faithfully make known the glorious mystery of our life together in Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all Australians, that this week's feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop will inspire us to care for the poor, especially young children and vulnerable women. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the Sisters of Saint Joseph who follow in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop, may their journey continue to be inspired by her unwavering faith, boundless courage and deep compassion. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Christian communities around the world, that this week's feast of the Transfiguration and the observance of Hiroshima Day will call them afresh to lives of prayer and peace. 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:** All-loving God, your Son Jesus became poor among us that we might be made rich in him. Give us the courage to accept the freedom of mind and heart he offers us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### POPE'S INTENTION AUGUST For mutual coexistence



Let us pray that that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



**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

### August Anniversaries

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



## PARISH CALENDAR

**WED** Mass Bombala 9.30am  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
**FRI** *Saint Mary of the Cross*  
**SAT** LW&HC Delegate 5pm  
**SUN** LW&HC Bombala 9am

### HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

**1. Come to the Water** Fr Frank Andersen MSC  
*Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live.*

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill, The emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to My word and you will enjoy, Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

2. Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways and thoughts beyond you! Call me your Father and know I am near! I will be Father to you! **R**

**2. Galilee Song** Fr Frank Andersen MSC

1. Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me. Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear! Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind! Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time! **R**

*Refrain: So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores! Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again, my Lord!*

2. In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain! And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind, To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry! **R**

**3. The Fullness of God** Fr Frank Andersen MSC

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give. May your hidden self grow strong and may you live, Strong in faith and built on love, until you know – How high and long, how wide and deep, the fullness of God

2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart What hope his call now holds for you, His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live, the fullness of God.

**4. Now thank we all our God** Martin Rinkart

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

Be **Fierce** for **Fair**

Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop  
8 August





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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**3 August 2025**

## First Reading Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication,

impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

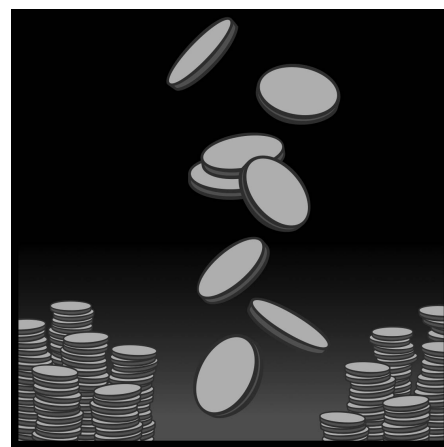
**Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 12:13-21

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

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