



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 31 AUGUST 2025



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

**LEADER:** Dear friends, Jesus has put before us the practice of humility and selfless hospitality. With generosity of spirit, let us pray for all people to be made welcome at the table of life.

**READER:** For communities of the baptised around the world, that all will be animated by a lively spirit of equality, mutual respect and shared mission. We pray to the Lord. (R)

**For** all who grieve parents, brothers, sisters and children killed in the world's fields of war, that their anguish and pain will hasten an end to brutal bloodshed. We pray to the Lord. (R)

**For** the Catholic community in Australia, that today's Social Justice statement on homelessness and mental ill-health will impel it keep offering 'signs of hope on the edge'. We pray to the Lord. (R)

**For** refugees and asylum seekers still languishing in a limbo of uncertainty in Australia, that effective steps will be taken to settle their claims promptly and fairly. We pray to the Lord. (R)

**For** all who work in the hospitality industry, that their pay and conditions of employment will be lawful, just and respectful. 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 sent your Son among us to announce a wedding feast for rich and poor alike. In your mercy, never cease to call us together as sisters and brothers in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES 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 all who make use of social media to shape public opinion, that they choose to observe a strong code of ethics and high standard of truth.

**We pray** for the canon lawyers of Australia and New Zealand and for members of the Catholic Press Association, that their conferences this week will bear much fruit for their ministry.



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

Alice O'Hare, 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, John Elliott, Patricia Guthrie, Marilyn Holdsworth, 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

Jenny Brownlie, Fr Chris Riley  
Barbara Brownlie

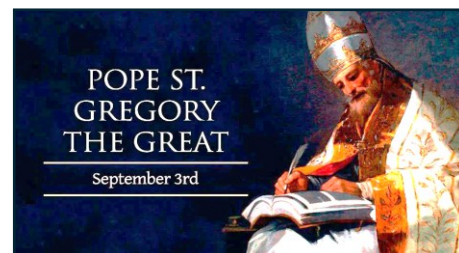
#### August Anniversaries

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  
St Gregory the Great



**FRI** Autumn Ember Day  
**SAT** **FIRST SUNDAY**  
**NOTE NEW MASS TIMES**  
Delegate Vigil Mass 3pm  
Afternoon Tea to follow  
Bombala Vigil Mass 5pm

#### HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

**1. 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**

**2. City Of God** Dan Schutte

1. Awake from your slumber, Arise from your sleep. A new day is dawning, For all those who weep. The people in darkness, Have seen a great light. The lord of our longing, Has conquered the night. **R**

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God, May our tears Be turned into dancing, For the Lord Our light and our love, Has turned the night into day.**

2. We are sons of the morning, We are children of day. The one who has loved us, Has brightened our way. The lord of all kindness, Has called us to be, A light for his people, To set their hearts free. **R**



A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**

**Be of good heart. (29.8.1876)**

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



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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**31 August 2025**

## First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,  
and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.  
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
since an evil growth has taken root in him.  
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,  
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11**

**(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Take my yoke upon you;**

**learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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