



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 8 October 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: (R) Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER:

Dear friends, once rejected by the builders, Christ has become the cornerstone of our faith. Relying on this solid foundation, let us pray for the life of the world.

READER: For the worldwide church, that the synodal process Pope Francis has set in motion will revitalise its missionary spirit. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For continued rain in due abundance, so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the Christian faithful around the world, that all the baptised in Christ will nourish their minds with what is true and noble and good. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all seminarians preparing to be ordained ministers in the Australian church, that they will become caring pastors and joyful preachers of God's word We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among us and for those who care for them. For all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share fully in the glory of God's promise. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine. We pray **Hail Mary...**

CELEBRANT/LEADER:

God ever faithful and good, you have joined us to Jesus as branches of the one true vine. Bless us with your love, that our lives may bear much fruit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION OCTOBER For the Synod



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.

We pray for every nation on earth to outlaw the death penalty, that no human being be subject to judicially sanctioned execution.



We pray for the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

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



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint Denis & companions
Saint John Leonardi

Tue: School returns

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Poep Saint John XXIII

Thu:

Fri

Sat: Saint Callistus

Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Morning Tea in St Joseph's
School Centre

Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

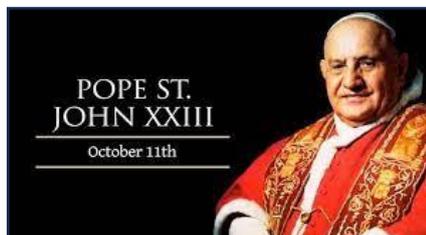
Bill McIntosh, Carole Mustard,
Carmel Thompson

October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj
David Cottrell, Carol de Jonge
Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy
Ina McGrath, John Morgan
Yvonne Murphy, Therese Rumph
Louise Stevens, Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton, Dawn Walker



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



Pope Saint John XXIII

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"A peaceful man does more
good than a learned one."**

Quotes and Thoughts

**SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



May God give to us what is best. (26.9.1884)
It is our good God who is our support and strength. (10.10.1871)
We are all in the loving hands of a good God. (11.10.1871)
Pray that God may direct, and that St Joseph's humble
spirit may guide. (16.10.1898)

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?' 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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1. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **(R)**

2. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?, Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be
satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control. When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.