



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 8 September 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus opens our ears to hear his word and our mouths to proclaim it. With faith in his healing power, let us pray for the world to be made whole.

READER: For Pope Francis, that he will be blessed with the health and strength he needs to maintain his global mission of peace, hope and fellowship. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our divided world, that the International Eucharistic Congress taking place in Ecuador this week will achieve its aim of building 'fraternity to heal the world'. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who cannot read or write, that today's International Literacy Day will help them acquire these fundamental life skills and use them for mutual understanding and peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who are deaf or have a verbal disability, that teachers and practitioners of sign language will enable them to bridge the communication gap. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our local faith community, that the poor and disadvantaged will always be made welcome and feel at home in our midst. 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: Ever-loving God, you make all things new in Christ. Send us forth in his name to tend the wounds of the world. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION SEPTEMBER

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



We pray for the parents, godparents, family and friends of every newly baptised infant, that they will be a community of faith, hope and love in which the child will grow to maturity.

We pray for people experiencing the onset of dementia, that they and their loved ones will respond to this challenge with dignity, peace and patience.

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

John & Anna Vincent, Betty Callaway, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Tom Nunan, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jim Parkes, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, John Elliott, John & Anna Vincent, Patricia Guthrie, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON** Saint Peter Claver
- WED** Mass Bombala 9.30am
- THU** Holy Name of Mary
- FRI** Saint John Chrysostum
- SAT** Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- SUN** Mass Delegate 8am
Morning Tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre



Mass Bombala 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Henry Sellers, Margaret Ralphs

September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black
Kevin Casey, Marge Casey
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty
Elizabeth II, Jack Elton
Eva Eppelstun, Ben Ingram
Sr Margaret Keane RSJ
Maud Kilmartin

Sr Loretta Kilmartin OLSH
Kathleen Mulligan, Cheryl Mustard
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed

Darcy Ryan, Maurice Stevens
Carmel Thompson, Jack Thornton

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



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – 14 SEPT

The cross, now a universal symbol of Christian faith, was originally seen as a symbol of shame and execution by early Christians. It wasn't depicted in art because of its association with crucifixion, a brutal punishment for those who defied Rome. Early Christians often disguised the cross in art using symbols like the anchor, until Constantine the Great edict of toleration allowed it to be openly recognised as a symbol of salvation.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



God loves generous souls. Let us try to be the generous ones. (12.8.1881)

God loves us all. (2.9.1906)

Do not let sorrow and care dishearten you. (14.9.1869)

May the spirit of unity and love reign amongst us. (12.9.1884)

With God on our side, what need we fear. (15.9.1890)

READINGS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak. Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.(R)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

SECOND READING: LETTER OF ST JAMES

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MARK:

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



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1. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst, You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way, You shall speak your words to foreign men, And they will understand, You shall see the face of God and live **R**

**Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, You shall not drown, If you walk amid the burning flames, You shall not be harmed, If you stand before the power of hell, And death is at your side, Know that I am with you through it all **R**

2. Open My Eyes, Lord *Jesse Manisuban*

1. Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see.

2. Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear.

3. Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love.

4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you, Rest now in me.

A Prayer for Rain

Heavenly Father, Creator of all, we humbly come before You in this time of need. We pray for Your mercy and compassion upon the lands around Bombala and Delegate. Please send forth Your gentle rain, in due abundance, to nourish the parched earth and to bless the people who dwell there. May Your blessing bring relief, renewal and hope to our communities. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It would not be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical. Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing. It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith. We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

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