



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 10 MARCH 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, happily reminded of God's gracious gift of life for us, let us pray for the whole world to be bathed in the light of Christ.

READER: For Pope Francis, that the health challenges he faces may strengthen his determination to proclaim the joy of the gospel to the ends of the earth. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who profess their faith in Jesus Christ, that through this season of Lent they might delight ever more in being God's work of art. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children orphaned, wounded and traumatised in places of pitiless warfare, that the loving care of their communities will heal their sadness and pain. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the countless people who live in exile with no hope of return, that they may have the freedom, courage and support they need to settle in new lands. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For workers of all kinds, that they may be assured of safety from workplace bullying, harassment and discrimination. 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: God of infinite grace, you made us in your image and re-created us in Christ. Help us live the good life that you meant us to live from the very beginning. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION MARCH For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



We pray for artists of every kind, that their works of imagination will help us glimpse God's beauty in humanity and in creation.

We pray for Caritas Australia's local partners in Malawi, that our giving to Project Compassion will help them maintain their training programs for rural young women.

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

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



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu: Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program 1.30pm
Sun: Mass Delegate 8am
Morning tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 10am



Can you kindly bring back any old Palm Sunday branches you have as we'd like to use them to create ashes for next year.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

March Anniversaries

Lorna Callaway, Patricia Casey
Una Collins, John Coman
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell
Murray Garnock, Terrence Ingram
John Jones, Ruth McKay
Neville Murphy, George Reed
Enid Stewart, Thelma Stewart
Andre Teschke, Rita Thornton
Don Tindale, Myra Walker



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



When we remember all God has done for us, we simply cannot but turn gratefully to St Joseph and thank him for such marks of his watchful care. (11.3.1901)



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion. Boxes & envelopes available at both churches.

Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program Every Thursday at 1.30pm

At alternate venues
St Joseph's School Centre & St Philips Op Shop
All are most welcome
Further info from Lorraine on 0427 781 756

Carry Your Cross Through Lent



**"Never reach out your hand unless you're willing to extend an arm."
Pope Paul VI**

READINGS

FIRST READING: THE SECOND BOOK OF CHRONICLES

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
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GOSPEL OF JOHN: Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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1. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

**(R) Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.**

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **(R)**

2. Hosea *Gregory Norbett*

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.

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How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us. 'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended! Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter. Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light. Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation. We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.
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