



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 12 November 2023



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

**LEADER:** The Lord is faithful and will guard us from the evil one. We ask God to receive our prayers and to answer them in justice and mercy.

**READER: For** Pope Francis, all bishops and priests of our Church who proclaim the Gospel of life. May their positive affirmation of the dignity of each person give us confidence that we are all welcome in God's house. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the whole human family, that leaders with deep wisdom, breadth of vision and true humanity will arise to rekindle the world's hopes for peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the Christian churches, that their communities will be a joyful sign of the divine wedding feast to which all are invited. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** those who are driven by power, hate or revenge to wage war on the innocent, that by the power of God's Spirit they will forsake their rage and lay down their arms. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** parents blessed with the birth of their first child, that they will treasure the gift of new life and grow together as a loving family. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be brought to the fullness of life with Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

**LEADER:** We are confident, God of mercy, that you will continue to encourage our hearts and strengthen them through grace. Hear our prayers, we pray, through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### POPES INTENTION NOVEMBER

#### For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**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 children orphaned by war or natural disaster, that the loss of their parents will be eased by the loving care of relatives, friends and the community.



**We pray** for all who are sick, may the healing love of God strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits:

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



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Wed:** No Mass Bombala  
Father Mark on Retreat  
Saint Albert the Great

**Thu:** Saint Margaret of Scotland  
Saint Gertrude

**Fri:** Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

**Sun: Mass Delegate 8am**  
Morning Tea to follow in  
St Joseph's School Centre  
**Mass Bombala 10am**



## REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

### Recently Deceased

Peter Cottrell, Alma Reed

### November Anniversaries

Rita Black  
Terry Peisley  
Bert Rayner  
Charlie Reed  
Geoff Stewart  
Sheila Tiernan  
Christine Walker



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



**"I will never attend an anti-war rally;  
if you have a peace rally, invite me."**



**Mary MacKillop receives a letter from  
Cardinal Franchi conveying the Josephite  
Constitution; Central Government  
confirmed by Rome, 15.11.74  
Birth of Julian Tenison Woods  
London, 15.11.1832**

## READINGS

### FIRST READING: FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God..*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary, to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

**1. Come to the Water** *Frank Andersen*  
**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. City of God *Dan Schutte*

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**

**R: 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**

We're sons of the morning, we are daughters of day  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way. **R**

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time. For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching. We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!' [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)

