



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 13 August 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Response: (R) Lord, hear our prayer
CELEBRANT/LEADER:**

Christ fully reveals the love of God to us and so we offer our needs and the needs of our world in prayer.

READER: For Pope Francis and the leaders of our Church as they work together towards the Synod on Synodality. May they be filled with courage and lead us in the love of Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

In this week of celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Mary, we pray for each of us gathered here. May we, like Mary, recognise how God is working in and through us to bring life, goodness and hope to the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For world leaders, may Christ be revealed to them through the generous behaviours of those who serve their people. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all those who are married and share their faith and love in the image of Christ. May they be enriched through their loving interactions in all aspects of their lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May God reward their faith and lead them to the life he promised. 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 of all compassion, we offer you these needs with the sure hope that they will be answered in the name of Jesus, our Lord, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION AUGUST FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

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 all who are suffering severe stress from cost-of-living pressures, that they will receive the support they need from the community, from business, and all levels of government.



We pray for the sick and hospitalised: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence.

Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, Jane Nash, Keith Brownlie, Barry Reed, Wendy White, Anna Vincent, Jim Parkes Marlene Kennedy, Bill McIntosh, Jenny Ingram, 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 Maximilian Kolbe

Tue: Assumption of Mary



Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
NB: This Mass will be for The Feast of Assumption

Sat: Saint John Eudes

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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

August Anniversaries

Saint Mary MacKillop
Lou Black, Pam Clear
Kay Cuthel, Athol Duffell
Laura Elton, Pat Elton
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram
Vince Jones, Peter Martin
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard
Sr Kathleen Price
Nick Spoljaric, Ellen Stewart
Jack Stewart, John Thompson
Dick Walker, Tom Walker



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



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – 15 AUGUST

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

Quotes and Thoughts

**SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



Bear in mind that we are only poor travellers,
that our home is not here. (14.8.1866)

We must look before us, do what we do well and
refuse to undertake too much. (15.8.1900)

*Mary MacKillop celebrates her First Holy Communion, Melbourne, 1850.
Mary MacKillop pronounces her vows as the first Sister of St Joseph, 1867.*

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God..

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him, and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

1. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

1. Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. This love can never be measured. God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen, so let us place our trust in God.

2. Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God. Whose love can never grow weary. God's mercy is as though our sins have never been, if we can place our trust in God.

2. 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**

Reflection by Father Michael Tate



The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home. Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory. Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles.

There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore. We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures: 'Do not be afraid.'

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SAINT MARY MACKILLOP EDEN PILGRIMAGE NEXT WEEKEND

Sending thoughts and prayers to St Peter's Parish Pambula during this special weekend. We hope that the pilgrimage brings comfort, inspiration, and a sense of unity to all those participating and may it be a spiritual and enriching experience for all.