



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 17 July 2022



"Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve." Parish Vision Statement, 2004



PRAYER INTENTIONS



Popes Intention The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of people, may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

We pray for peace in the world; for all the African countries and the Middle East and especially for the continuing war in Ukraine.

We pray for all who are sick in our local communities or suffering from the effects of the cold weather; may they see Jesus as their healer and comforter.

We pray for all in Australia who are homeless and living on the streets during this very cold winter, may they be blessed to withstand their trials of life.

We pray for all young people - many of whom are also homeless - and are facing the challenges of our time.

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

Tom Kennedy, Yvonne Murphy, Marty Brick, Carl Crotty, Peter Hopkins, John Elliott (Eilie's son), Jack Ventry, Therese Rumph, Libby McGruer (Lomas), Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Margo Birmingham

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*Please assist the team by having items
in by Wednesday pm.*



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: Mass 9.30am Bombala

Thu:

Fri: Saint Mary Magdalene

Sat: Saint Bridget
LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Judy Periera, Athol (Slip) Reid,
Moira Tindale, Kaylie Hopkins

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams,
Kevin Bedingfield, Shirley Bedingfield,
Vince Clear, Stan Collins,
John Cusack (Canb), Claude Elliott,
Jack Eppelestun, Warren Haley,
Kevin Ingram, Lou Joseph,
Gwen Kimber, Val Lasker,
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch,
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan,
Sr Bridget O'Halloran,
Martin Page, Janie Roberts,
Graham Rumph, Bert Smith,
Peter Stewart, Jean Talbot,
Neindra Tarrant, Jim Walker,
Emily Williams



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Trust the past to God's mercy,
The present to God's love,
And the future to God's providence.

Saint Augustine



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



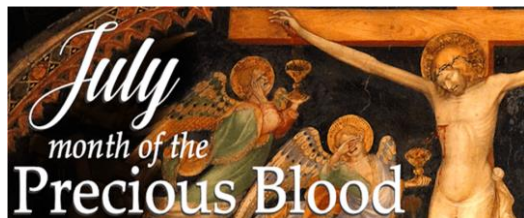
**ST MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP**



Loving God, Help us to be always open to surprises, to discover what we can be the source of strength. May you be our rock. AMEN

***June, 1874: Mary MacKillop arrives in Dublin, Ireland, seeking postulants.

We can remember and pray for the three Keane sisters, Teresa, Margaret & Betty who later came to Australia to join the Sisters of St Joseph.



This passage was found in one of the oldest documents from the first century of the Christian era - to be exact from Pope St Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realise how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

In the presence of God

The aim is to develop a personal prayer life to such an extent that whatever you are doing or wherever you are, you are praying.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for the whole human family, that guided by the Spirit of love all will value and protect human life from beginning to end.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for the world to be steeped in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, that human beings everywhere will come to each other's aid in times of need.

Prayer of the Faithful

CELEBRANT: Aware that we are in the presence of Jesus, we present our needs to our God.

READER: For the Church: that its leaders and people may be inspired to sit at the feet of Jesus and like Mary listen and be guided by his teaching.

We pray to the Lord.

For peace in the world: that all nations and groups within nations will strive to ensure that non-violence will become the basis of conflict resolution.

We pray to the Lord.

For all young people: That God's spirit will fill them with wisdom and understanding so that they may not be lead astray by false values.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick: that God's healing spirit will bring them wholeness.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died especially Moira Tindale and Judy Periera; may they wake to eternal life in the sight of God.

We pray to the Lord.

For the intercession of Our Lady for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine.

We pray: Hail Mary.....

CELEBRANT: Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to serve you in our sisters and brothers and be welcomed by you into heaven.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. AMEN



Pope to Ukrainian Bishops: 'Stay close to your flock'

Pope Francis urged the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops to be shepherds of their flock and to be close to the faithful entrusted to their care, giving them courage and hope. The Ukrainian Bishops held their annual Synod to discuss the theme of synodality in their Church. The meeting, which ran from 7-15 July, had to be moved from Kyiv to Przemysl, in Poland, due to the ongoing war in Ukraine.

In a letter addressed to the Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, **Pope Francis** first of all reiterated his prayers and closeness to the Ukrainian people enduring the war waged by Russia against their country. "Today from the Heavens they protect their people who suffer," said the Pope entrusting all the Members of the Synod to these martyrs killed by the communist regime in the Soviet era.

Reflecting on the theme of the meeting - "Synodality and universality: experience of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church," **Pope Francis** underscored that the primary objective of the synod should be "the good of the Church and of each faithful." Furthermore, it must be a place of encounter and mutual help on the common path of life, in the search for new means of accompanying the faithful."



The preacher bought a lawn mower at a garage sale. "It runs great," the seller said. The next day the preacher brought it back. "Runs great? I couldn't even start it!" "Oh, it runs just fine," the seller said with a smile, "but in order to start it you first have to cuss up a storm." "I'm not sure I can do that," the preacher protested indignantly. "I haven't used that language in years." "Not to worry," the seller said. "Just keep pulling on the start cord and it will all come back to you in no time."

1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits
No need to fear, love never ends
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened
Rest in my love, trust me again

2. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go *Br Michael Herry*

Refrain Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life

1. Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R**

2. O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. **R**

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3. 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

4. Companions On The Journey *Carey Landry*

Refrain: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God.

1. No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers in God's house; we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care. **R**
2. We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God, to walk humbly with our God. **R**



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Plenary Council Report - From Fr Mick

It would not do justice to the delegates and their hard work last week if I thought I could report on all the decisions in a few paragraphs. The Council deliberative meeting lasted from Monday to Friday and the Council officially ended with Mass on Saturday morning. We will no doubt be hearing more and more about the decisions being implemented, once the Vatican and the Pope have approved them. I thought I might put down in dot form, the major decisions.

- An apology to Australia's First Nations peoples for the Church's role in the harm they have suffered since 1788
- Support for the Uluru Statement From the Heart
- An apology to all Australian Catholics for the governance structures which facilitated the shocking sexual assaults on people and the cover-ups of those crimes
- Ongoing justice, spiritual accompaniment of the victims of clergy and religious crimes
- All Parishes are to have a missionary focus so that evangelisation – announcing the faith in Christ, can be the work of all Catholics, not just the ordained
- Parishes are to be environments for hearing God's word, growth in the Christian life, places of dialogue about the faith and places of proclaiming the faith, places of charitable outreach, worship and celebration
- Catholic Schools to receive more practical support to assist them to carry out their mission of evangelisation
- A National Forum to be established so Catholic Social Services organisations and chaplaincies can learn from each other and support each other
- Ecumenism and Inter-Faith dialogue to again play an important part in the life of each diocese
- More support to be given to Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees so they can truly play their part in Parish life
- Since Pope Francis asks that we become a Synodal (walking together) Church, a national support group will be established to help all Catholics to understand this
- Catholics will be asked at Parish level and Diocesan and National levels to care for the Earth – our common home by planning for action
- The Church needs to be known and recognised as the Sacrament to the world. Such an understanding will help all Catholics to know their vocation
- A new translation of the Missal to be undertaken
- Rites of Penance and Reconciliation to be resurrected
- Formation for all ministries to be given

The motions which caused the most angst were two in regard to the equal dignity of women and men in the Church. They failed at first to receive a majority of votes from the Bishops before being re-worded by a group of women religious and then carried on the last day of the Council. These motions oblige the Bishops to work for a Church where women can take their place at the tables of Church governance and in situations where their voices need to be heard and acted upon for the good of the whole Church. The Council voted to support the introduction of women Deacons if the universal Church decides to do so. As individual topics/decisions are more widely discussed we all will have an opportunity to study those matters and decide how best to apply them at Parish level.



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First Reading Gn 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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