



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 2 FEBRUARY 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, in company with Simeon and Anna, we bless God today for the dawning of the light of Christ. Let us pray, with Mary and Joseph, for the world to find hope in God's saving power.

READER: For all faithful believers, that on this Word of God Sunday their hearts will burn within them when they hear the scriptures proclaimed and preached. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the members of all institutes of consecrated life, especially those inspired by today's feast, that their dedication to lives of prayer, service and mission will bring them peace and enfold the world with love. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For world leaders, that they respect the international bodies and treaties whose mandate is to keep the world safe and serve the common good of humanity. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For parents, that like Mary and Joseph they will see their children grow to maturity with grace and wisdom. We pray to the Lord. (R)

For our parish and faith community, that we will give thanks for being one body in Christ, blessed with the many gifts of the Spirit. 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: Saving God, by taking our flesh and blood to himself your Son became our true high priest and set us free from sin and death. Help us live always in the light of Christ. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



We pray for all engaged in negotiations to bring murderous wars to an end, that they will never cease pursuing peace, no matter how unpromising the prospects.

We pray for world leaders, that they respect the international bodies and treaties whose mandate is to keep the world safe and serve the common good of humanity.

We pray for the bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful of Australia's country dioceses, especially those that are most remote and under-resourced. May their grass-roots ministry strengthen the solidarity of local communities.



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

Fr Mark, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, John Elliott, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON	Saints Blaise & Ansgar
WED	No Mass Saint Agatha
THU	Saint Paul Miki
SAT	LW&HC Delegate 6pm Saint Jerome Emiliani Saint Josephine Bakhita
SUN	LW&HC Bombala 9am

Please note that there are still difficulties in providing a relief priest. Some Masses may be LW&HC. No weekday Mass until the return of Fr Mark/Fr Kose.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Harrison Campbell

February Anniversaries
Val Buckley, Sonia Clear
Veronica Cottrell, Ron Cowell
Kevin Crotty, Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith
Sheila White



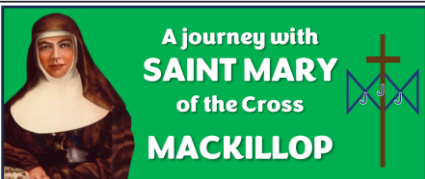
**"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."**



Congratulations Stephen Reed Citizen of the Year Award

A huge Bombala-Delegate congratulations to our fellow parishioner, Stephen Reed, who was honoured as the 2025 Bombala Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Awards last weekend. This well deserved recognition celebrates Stephen's decades of dedication and service to the wider Monaro community. Stephen has been a valued member of our parish and community for many years having been born and raised in Delegate, attended St Joseph's School Delegate, and in later years making Bombala his home with wife Sheree and their family. His commitment and contributions have left a lasting impact and we couldn't be prouder to see him acknowledged in this way.

Well done Stephen!



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Many things we condemn are pleasing to God, because God sees the motives. (1907)

READINGS

FIRST READING: PROPHET MALACHI 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? IT IS THE LORD!

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! (R)
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. (R)
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! (R)
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. (R)

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF LUKE: 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

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1. How Shall I Call You *Robin Mann*

1. How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
poet of sunset and painter of sky,
Father almighty, who's running to find us,
giving his Son who must suffer and die. **R**

**Refrain: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
let's sing it again and again.**

**Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.**

2. How shall I call you? Lover of children,
shepherd and teacher and brother and friend,
healer of blind man and healer of leper;
you are beginning and middle and end. **R**

2. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! **R**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom. **R**

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

The Word of God for young and old

In a time (in the Western world at least) when there seems to be a growing gap between the old and the young, it is good to reflect on this Gospel incident. A young woman, still in her teens, a newly-wed cradling her newborn son in her arms, places that baby in the arms of a very old stranger who embraces her child with all the fervour of a now fulfilled hope.

Is this the model for overcoming the distance between young and old in our culture? Can the young, like Mary, listen to the wisdom of tradition from an elder? Can the old like Simeon still be open to a moment of serendipity mediated by the young?

The answer is: 'Yes, when young and old come together around Jesus.' As Pope Francis remarks of this encounter: 'Jesus is at the centre.' At whatever age we find ourselves, Mary is only too willing to place Jesus in our arms to fulfil our hopes and our yearnings. Perhaps we could pause for a moment to accept the gift of Jesus placed in our arms and hearts so that we can say with Simeon: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace...'

