



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 2 MARCH 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls on his disciples to be clear-eyed, honest and good-hearted. In that spirit, let us offer our prayers to God for the wellbeing of the world.

READER: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that God may grant him strength, healing and peace in his time of illness, and continue to guide him in his mission of love and service to the Church and the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the baptised people of God, that the light of Christ will dispel all darkness from their hearts and guide them on the way of truth. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community as Lent approaches, that all members will be inspired this year to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For community workers reaching out to disaffected young people, that they will gain their trust and succeed in diverting them from the path of radicalisation and crime. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the leaders of every spiritual tradition, that they will speak with one voice for the good of humanity and the life of the earth. 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: Good and faithful God, your Son Jesus showed us the way to true life. Give us the freedom of heart to follow him each day. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION MARCH

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



We pray for all who have lost hope and wish to take their own lives, especially young men and Indigenous children, that the faithful loving-kindness of others will rekindle their desire to live.

We pray for women around the world, that this year's International Women's Day (8 March) will hasten an end to discrimination and disadvantage and enable them to flourish.

We pray that we will discover in this Holy Year, Jesus Christ as our Hope, now in this present life, leading us to eternal life.



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

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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

March Anniversaries

June Beileiter, Keith Brownlie, Lorna Callaway
Archbishop Francis Carroll, 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, Lawrence Tighe
Don Tindale, Myra Walker

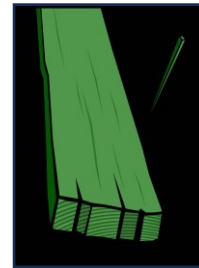
**"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."**



PARISH CALENDAR

- TUE** Saint Casimir
- WED** Ash Wednesday
Mass Bombala 12.30pm
- THU** Ecumenical Lenten Program
Delegate School Centre 2pm
All welcome
- FRI** Saints Perpetua & Felicity
- SAT** LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Saint John of God
International Women's Day
- SUN** LW&HC Bombala 9am

Reflection: By Greg Sunter



In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally.

We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an overarching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life. On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion. For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.



A journey with SAINT MARY of the Cross MACKILLOP

Pray that prosperity may not elate, nor adversity ever shake your courage and generosity in the service of God.
(4.3.1891)

READINGS

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTICUS Sirach 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LORD, IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU.

1: It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

2: The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

3: Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: SHINE ON THE WORLD LIKE BRIGHT STARS; YOU ARE OFFERING IT THE WORD OF LIFE!

GOSPEL OF LUKE: 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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1. Strong and Constant *Frank Anderson*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you! You will be always in my hand! Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. Should you wander far away from me, I will search for you in every land! Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. A Trusting Psalm *Kevin Bates*

**Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. His love can never be measured. His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen, so let us place our trust in him. *R*

2. The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God. His love can never grow weary. His mercy is as though our sins have never been if we can place our trust in him. *R*

3. We Remember *Marty Haugen*

**We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you when you come in
your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people and hold them to your heart.

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal. Sign of grace and mercy

4. Holy God We Praise Thy Name *Ignace Franz*

1. Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim,
All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus
praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program

Every Thursday at 2pm

St Joseph's School Centre Delegate

All are most welcome

Further info from Lorraine on 0427 781 756



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. **Please donate to Project Compassion. Boxes & envelopes available at both churches.**



Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorje

February 25, 2025, Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear children, May this springtime be an encouragement for personal conversion for you, that with your lives you may pray and love God above all, for all those who are in need. Little children, be my hands of peace and prayer; be love for all those who do not love, do not pray and do not want peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."