



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 23 FEBRUARY 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, in everything he said and did, Jesus showed God's boundless compassion. Blessed by his mercy, let us pray with generous love for neighbour and stranger alike.

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 family of nations, that a new generation of leaders who shun blind ambition, historic rivalry and empire-building will arise and work together for world peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who have been harmed by others' hatred and violence, that by the grace of God they will be freed from the dark desire for revenge and show mercy and forgiveness. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

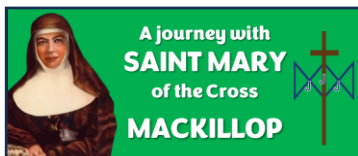
For an end to the world-wide criminal drug trade, that the countless people caught in the remorseless grip of addiction may have the opportunity to reclaim their lives. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For gardeners who enrich our lives by their love of nature, that the plants they tend will uplift our spirits with beauty, joy and peace. 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: All-loving God, the well of your mercy never runs dry. Help us draw deeply from it to quench the thirst of all who long for pardon and peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



A journey with **SAINT MARY of the Cross MACKILLOP**

My God be praised for all things (23.2.1870) *Bishop Sheil, very ill, removes excommunication from Mary MacKillop, and expresses sorrow for being misled by bad advisers, 1872.*



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 whose hearts are poisoned wells of bitterness, that by the grace of God they will be healed of hate and become missionaries of mercy.

We pray for communities traumatised by brutal warfare, especially the peoples of the Middle East, Ukraine, the Congo and Sudan, that their cries of pain and grief will compel leaders to end hostilities and negotiate for peace.

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.

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

Recently Deceased
Chris Cuttle

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."**



PARISH CALENDAR

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
THU Saint Gregory of Narek
SAT Mass Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 6pm



Reflection: By Greg Sunter

The radical teaching that was begun in last week's gospel as the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. As with the blessings and curses of the Beatitudes passage, this teaching continues the challenge to act against cultural and social expectations. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for an enemy or for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to love their enemies and to do good to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things – and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity. In this passage we find one version of the Golden Rule that appears repeatedly throughout the gospels (as well as most other religious traditions): 'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.' It is followed up with a comment that it takes no effort to treat well people whom you like – anybody can do that. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind also that there was an occupying army in the country and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching!

READINGS

FIRST READING: BOOK OF SAMUEL

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So, in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL.

1: My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

2: It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

3: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT; LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. ALLELUIA! GOSPEL OF LUKE: 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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1. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord, Beckon our lives through your word, Open our eyes to your call, United as one for your world. Heighten our minds to your thoughts, Heal us of pride and of hurt, May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on. Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land. Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**

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. Prayer of St Francis *Various*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

4. I am the Bread of Life *Suzanne Toolan rsm*

1. I am the Bread of Life
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him. **R**

Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and he who eats of this bread, he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever. **R**



Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly.

Luke 6:27