



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, 23 July 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

Dear friends, encouraged by the stories Jesus tells, we pray for God to reign fully in our hearts and in our world.

READER: For Pope Francis and the priests of our Church who lead us in prayer. May Jesus foster in them a deep sense of response to the Spirit, as he taught his disciples. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those oppressed by any need. When life seems difficult, may Jesus' encouragement to persevere in prayer help them to pray in good faith. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the needs of the local community. May the Lord's Prayer be a source of inspiration, especially for those who struggle to find their own words to pray. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For grandparents and the elderly. May our love and care for them show that 'God's mercy is from age to age'. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for those who care for them. For all those who sleep in Christ, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be brought to the fullness of life with Christ. 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 eternal wisdom, you guide us by your indwelling Spirit. In our weakness, help us to live in accordance with your will.. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JULY FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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 and give thanks for our grandparents and elderly as we come together today to celebrate our 2023 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



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

Jane Nash, Keith Brownlie, Wendy White, Anna Vincent, Barry Reed, Marlene Kennedy, Bill McIntosh, Jenny Ingram, Kim Peisley, Natalie Lestone, Val Perkins, Jim Parkes, John Caldwell, 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 Sharbel Makhluf
Tue: Feast of Saint James
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saints Joachim & Anne
Thu:
Fri:
Sat: LW& HC Delegate 5pm
Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Jade Smith (Moree)
Irene Illes

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams,
Kevin Bedingfield,
Shirley Bedingfield,
Brian Callaghan, Vince Clear,
Stan Collins, Claude Elliott
Jack Eppelstun, Kevin Ingram,
Lou Joseph, Val Lasker
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan
Sr Bridget O'Halloran
Bryan O'Hehir, Martin Page
Janie Roberts, Graham Rumph,
Bert Smith, Peter Stewart,
Jean Talbot, Jim Walker



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"If we can find a way not to give into the temptation then we will find God with us the whole time..."

Saint James



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2023

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Let us love and praise God in all. (9.7.1873)
It never gives me pleasure to cross or disappoint anyone. (25.7.1899)
May God bless you all.
With all the love in my hearts I pray that God may do this. (25.7.1899)
God is stronger than the world which opposes God's teachings. (28.6.1874)
Death of Peter MacKillop, Mary's brother, 23.7.1878.

READINGS

FIRST READING: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R)**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **(R)**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **(R)**

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

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words..

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW *Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, If You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, My hand will save, Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied, I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

2. City of God *Dan Schutte*

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night. **R**

**R: Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day**

We're sons of the morning, we are daughters of day
The one who has loved us has brightened our way. **R**

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us. One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us. Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come. We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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World Day for Grandparents and Elderly MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS "His mercy is from age to age"



"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on **Sunday 23 July 2023**.

It takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb". The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old.



Thank You!

Heartfelt gratitude once again to everyone who contributed in any way to our recent stall. Thanks to your incredible support we have successfully raised \$1,400 plus for this vital cause!