



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 25 FEBRUARY 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, the sight of Jesus' divine glory spurs us on our Lenten way. Let us pray with God's Beloved Son for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER: For Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the church. May he always be a sure and faithful apostle of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the people of God. May the eyes of our minds be opened to see the glory of Christ present in the whole of creation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who revere Abraham as their father in faith. May Jews, Christians and the followers of Islam gladly work together for peace in the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. May the work of the Faithful Companions of Jesus enable young women to gain the education they need to secure the future of their families. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For new parents. May they wonder at the gift of new life and cherish the child that has been entrusted to them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and all those who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: Holy God, in Christ we glimpse your glory. Keep our eyes fixed on him, our Leader in faith and your Beloved Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY



For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

We pray for our parish community, that the season of Lent will inspire within us a sincere spirit of repentance and a steadfast belief in the teachings of the gospel.

We pray the victims of human trafficking, especially women and children, that they be set free from slavery and this cruel trade be ended.

We pray for rural dioceses & parishes, their spirits bold, that they may discover inventive ways to build bridges of faith, keeping the Gospel's message alive with every step.



We pray for our sick and infirm family, friends and parishioners; may the light of God's presence bring them healing and comfort:

Harry & Mary Anne Dillon,
Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash,
Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White,
Barry Reed, Jim Parkes,
Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley,
John & Anna Vincent, Marlene Kennedy,
Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone,
Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Heather Whitby,
Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell,
Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield,
Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

St Gregory of Narek

Thu: Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program 1.30pm

Fri: Autumn Ember Day



Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Jacqui Heffernan, Bruce Brownlie

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley

Sonia Clear, Veronica Cottrell

Ron Cowell, Kevin Crotty

Gordon Ingram

Heather Jones, Brian Lock

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."**



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

How good God is to me and how much reason
I have to be grateful. (22.2.1899)

*Mary MacKillop seriously
ill in Melbourne, 1892.*



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. **Please donate to Project Compassion. Boxes & envelopes available at both churches.**

Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program Every Thursday at 1.30pm

At alternate venues

St Joseph's School Centre & St Philips Op Shop

All are most welcome

Further info from Lorraine on 0427 781 756

Carry Your Cross Through Lent



"Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour".
Elizabeth II



READINGS

FIRST READING: BOOK OF GENESIS

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL OF MARK: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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1. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. *Refrain*

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

2. Glory And Praise To Our God *Dan Schutte*

Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days, Many are the blessings He bears

To those who trust in His ways

1. We the daughters and sons of Him, Who built the valleys and plains, Praise the wonders our God has done, In every heart that sings.

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us, Like gold that's tested in fire, Though the power of sin prevails, Our God is there to save.

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE



St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light. The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear. We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord. mtate@bigpond.com