



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, 25 June 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

Dear friends, Jesus keeps encouraging us not to be afraid. With faith in God's unfailing care, let us pray for all the needs of the world.

READER: For Pope Francis, that he will be blessed with the health and strength he needs for his mission of worldwide leadership. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Catholics who are disillusioned with the church and no longer practise their faith, that God's Spirit will continue to guide them on paths of mercy, justice and love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For people in need – that all who are Christian, extend to the hungry, the unemployed, the under-employed, the low paid and the desperate, - the compassion of the Good Shepherd. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish family who worship together. May we hear and heed the word of God and find strength in the Eucharist we share. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have gone to their eternal rest, particularly those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they find peace in eternal life among the communion of saints. 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:

Faithful God, you have freed us from sin and death through your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our eyes and hearts to the gift of your divine grace. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS



POPES INTENTION JUNE For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

We pray for Christian minorities living under hostile regimes, that the worldwide church will support them in every way possible.

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 for the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



“Through a tree we were made debtors to God; so through a tree we have our debt cancelled.”

Saint Irenaeus



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon:

Tue: Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Saint Irenaeus

Thu: Saints Peter & Paul

Fri: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

**Sat: Mass Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 5pm**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Ruth Allan, Jim Badewitz, Philip Rumph, Edna Pitt, Dawn Rutherford

June Anniversaries

Sr Mary Agnes, Shirley Baker, Jessie Bedingfield, Eric Cuthel, Gwen Haebich, Wilga Ingram, Peter Kimber, Slip Reid, Moira Tindale, Norma Toms, Gordon Walker, Madge Walker



“We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death.”



Lovely to have a surprise visit from Fr George last Sunday for Mass at Delegate. Fr George, now Parish Priest at Pambula, had an opportunity to join us, much to our delight.

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



God will provide for the future. (11.6.1877)
We have all very much for which to thank and love God. (27.6.1873)
May the Sacred Heart shield you and uphold you in every trouble. (27.6.1873)
My heart would sink but for the firm conviction that God's word can never fail. (28.6.1877)
Do be faithful in little things. (30.6.1873)

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **(R)**

SECOND READING: LETTER OF ST PAUL TO ROMANS

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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1. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

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! **R**

**Refrain: 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. **R**

2. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words to foreign men, And they will understand, You shall see the face of God and live. **(R)**

**Refrain: Be not afraid I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown, If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed. If you stand before the power of hell,
And death is at your side, Know that I am with you through it all. **(R)**



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says, 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death. Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century. One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them? So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining. *mtate@bigpond.com*