



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 26 JANUARY 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, today as we listen Jesus reveals his mission of healing and liberation. Moved by his prophetic Spirit, let us pray for a world made new.

READER: For Pope Francis and all church leaders, that they be Spirit-filled prophets of a new heaven and a new earth. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who dwell in this ancient land, that today's national observance of Australia Day will be an opportunity to give thanks for our blessings, reconcile our differences and commit ourselves afresh to work for the common good. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the parishes and dioceses of the church in Australia. May each one be a community of faith in which the many gifts of the Spirit are encouraged to flourish. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children, parents and teachers at the start of this new school year, that it will be a rewarding year of discovery, growth and achievement. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish and faith community, that we will give thanks for being one body in Christ, blessed with the many gifts of the Spirit. 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: God of all goodness, by the power of your Spirit you make all things new in Christ. Help us renew the face of the earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



We pray for the church, that in every land it will proclaim the good news of God's unfailing grace and favour.

We pray for peace in Gaza, that the ceasefire will allow humanitarian aid to reach those most in need of food, shelter and medical care.

We pray for the bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful of Australia's country dioceses, especially those that are most remote and under-resourced. May their grass-roots ministry strengthen the solidarity of local communities.



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

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



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saints Timothy & Titus
TUE Saint Thomas Aquinas
WED No Mass
THU
FRI Saint John Bosco
SAT LW&HC Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 6pm
SUN

Please note that there are still difficulties in providing a relief priest. Some Masses may be LW&HC. No weekday Mass until the return of Fr Mark/Fr Kose.



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

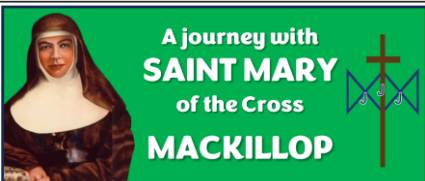
Recently Deceased

Harrison Campbell, Alan Standen

January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Lena Spoljaric, Doris Thompson
Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg
Ruth Walker, Mary Williams

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



A journey with SAINT MARY of the Cross MACKILLOP
Mary's remains transferred from Gore Hill Cemetery to the Chapel erected in her memory, North Sydney, 28.1.1914.



Australia Day

On Sunday we again mark Australia Day. It is a day with many reverberations. For families it tends to mark the end of the long summer holidays – a time of perhaps equal relief for the parents and sorrow for the children. For others, especially as this year the holiday will be observed on the Monday, the long weekend offers a chance for one last summer barbecue or get-together with family and friends. It may be a weekend of joy, especially for new Australians, while for others, especially Australia's First Peoples, it may be a time of sorrow and loss. And for some, it will be all those things.

Blessings, Michele Frankeni, Australian Catholics Editor

READINGS

FIRST READING: BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R)

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF LUKE:

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

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1. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! **R**

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom. **R**

2. Like A Shepherd *Bob Dufford*

Refrain:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock,
And gathers the lambs in his arms.
Holding them carefully close to his heart,
Leading them home.**

1: Say to the cities of Judah prepare the way of the Lord
Go to the mountain top lift your voice
Jerusalem here is your God. **R**

2. I myself will shepherd them
For others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them giving them rest. **R**

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE:

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would ‘set the downtrodden free’. But, in proclaiming ‘the Lord's Year of Acceptance’, Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax!! Holiness is not a matter of our striving, but of accepting that we are accepted by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God. How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is. We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in ‘the Lord's Year of Acceptance’, that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

