



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Christ the King , Year A, 26 November 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, through our Shepherd King, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

READER: For Our Holy Father Pope Francis, that he will show us the way in extending love and care to the poor and needy. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the hungry. May the ample resources of the world be shared justly with them, especially children barely surviving in places of war and famine. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the thirsty. May the powerful of the world ensure that all members of the human family have ready access to safe drinking water. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those in prison. May they be treated fairly and be encouraged by the hope of freedom and new life. 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 rain in due abundance, so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we pray with gratitude for all the faithful who have worked to preserve the spirit of our communities in the past year. May our churches always be places of communal prayer as we celebrate the Eucharist together. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: Lord God, you reveal the mystery of your kingdom through Christ our King. Hear our prayers and help us to proclaim your name confidently as we wait to enter the kingdom you have prepared for us. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION NOVEMBER

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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 all who practise the works of mercy without fanfare, that their humble service may advance the reign of God in our world.



We pray for all who are sick, may the healing love of God strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits:

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



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Thu: Feast of Saint Andrew

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE SUN 24 DEC

Delegate 5.30pm

Bombala 7.00pm

Times to be confirmed



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Jenny Moser (Tura Beach/Delegate)

Peter Cottrell, Alma Reed

November Anniversaries

Rita Black

Terry Peisley

Bert Rayner

Charlie Reed

Geoff Stewart

Sheila Tiernan

Christine Walker



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



"If I ever become a Saint—I will surely be one of darkness. I will continually be absent from Heaven to light the light of those in darkness on earth."



Quotes and Thoughts

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



We are but travellers here. (27.11.1866)

Keep up your courage. (30.11.1868)

All is in the hands of God. (1.12.1881)

Only what you will, my God. (1.12.1898)

Mary MacKillop seriously ill in

Melbourne, Victoria, December 1891.

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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1. The Lord Is My Shepherd *Brian Boniwell*

1. The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes. Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me. (R)

Refrain: *I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

2. And while on the journey to where we are going he promised to be there to help us along, and over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me. (R)

2. How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, When I, in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. (R)

Refrain:

***Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.***

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (R)

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate



The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners). Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is completely incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'. We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way. We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' mtate@bigpond.com

Upcoming Events



St Joseph's School Bombala
Year 6 Graduation & End of Year Mass
St Mary's Church Bombala
Wednesday 13 December 2023



Delegate Ecumenical Christmas Carols
St Joseph's Church/School Centre
Saturday 16 December 2023