



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 28 APRIL 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, when united with Jesus the true vine, our lives give glory to God and bear much fruit for others. Let us offer our prayers with his for all our sisters and brothers.

READER: For Pope Francis and all leaders in our Church. May they be inspired to continually open up the Scriptures to reveal the Good News of the resurrection. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For God's people around the world, that their lives will testify to the transforming power of the Spirit dwelling within us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the human family, that in every nation the God-given dignity of each human being will be recognised, respected and upheld. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who bear a daily burden of grief or guilt, that the steadfast love of family and friends will help lighten their load and set them free. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For journalists, especially those reporting from dangerous places, that this week's World Press Freedom Day will reinforce their commitment to bringing the truth to light. 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 unending love, you make us new in Christ. Remain with us always and make our lives bear much fruit for life of the world. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION APRIL

For the role of women



Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

We pray for Orthodox Christians beginning Holy Week today, that their celebration of the paschal mysteries will refresh their faith in the crucified and risen Lord.

We pray for an end to violence against women, that their right to live in safety in their own homes and in public places will be respected by all.

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

Chris Cuttle, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Jane Nash, Val Perkins, Jim Parkes, Barbara Brownlie, Jen Farrell, Heather Whitby, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Betty Cowell, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, John Elliott, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint Catherine of Siena

Tue: Saint Pius

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Joseph the Worker

Thu: Saint Athanasius

Fri: Saints Philip & James

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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Sr Colleen O'Sullivan rsj
Barry Reed

April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Bob Cahill
Maria Callaway, Arthur Collins
Keith Cottrell,
Myreen Eppelstun,
Neil Ingram, Joanne Joseph
Jill Knight, Fletcher Lee
Kerry Letts, Edna Reed
Wallace Roberts, Ilma Stewart
Raymond Thornton, Kate Vincent



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



God's presence is before me almost in everything, and I love to come to God in prayer as to my dearest and only Friend.

(To Monsignor Kirby 1873)

Father Woods draws up the first simple Josephite Rule, 1867



Thank You

Thank you to the wonderful women who helped with washing and ironing of the altar clothes at Bombala. Your support has been greatly appreciated. Also thanks to those who volunteered to help - we'll surely reach out for your assistance in the future.



THOUGHT
FOR THE WEEK

"Nothing makes one feel so strong as a call for help."

Pope Paul VI

READINGS

FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

SECOND READING: FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF JOHN: Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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1. Come To The Water *Frank Andersen*

**R: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.**

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R**

2. Prayer of St Francis *Various*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history. There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen? For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.' So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerons desires. We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.
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