



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 29 October 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls us to love as he loved, wholeheartedly and freely. Let us open our hearts in loving prayer for the world that God has made.

READER: For the millions of innocent children, women and men caught up in brutal warfare, especially in Israel and Gaza, but also in Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan and other places, that the warring parties will agree to a ceasefire and allow humanitarian aid to flow through. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Jews, Christians and Muslims around the world, that their shared faith in God's word to Moses will bear fruit in justice for the stranger, the widow, the orphan and all in need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community, that the celebration of All Saints and All Souls Days this week will enliven our hope in Jesus' promise of eternal life. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the quiet volunteers doing the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, that their care for the poor will ease the hardship and isolation that so many suffer. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among us and for those who care for them. For those who have died recently. and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will forever delight in God's beauty and goodness. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For continued 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)**

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

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Fount of love, holy God, in your wisdom you have brought the world to birth. Open our hearts to love all things as Jesus did. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION OCTOBER For the Synod



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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 dedicate themselves to a life of prayer and contemplation, that they will enfold the world in the merciful love of God.



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

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: All Saints Day
Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu: All Souls Day
Fri: Saint Martin de Porres
Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 5pm
Saint Charles Borromeo



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Peter Cottrell, Alma Reed
Sue Minchin, Bill McIntosh,
Carole Mustard

October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj
David Cottrell, Carol de Jonge
Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy
Ina McGrath, John Morgan
Yvonne Murphy, Therese Rumph
Louise Stevens, Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton, Dawn Walker

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

MISSION SUNDAY DONATIONS
Envelopes available this weekend



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are "days of hope". The virtue of hope is like a bit of bread that enlarges your soul. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope you go forward and keep your eyes on what awaits us.

Pope Francis - November 2013

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Do not be troubled about the future of the Institute. I am not. He whose work it is will take care of it. (1.12.1898)
If we cannot excuse everything we can at least excuse the intention.
(4.11.1884)

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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1. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord, Beckon our lives through your word, Open our eyes to your call, United as one for your world. Heighten our minds to your thoughts, Heal us of pride and of hurt, May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**

2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land. Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **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.

Thank you!



A big thank you from St Vincent de Paul for the very generous donations for our Twin in India. A total of \$629. Many, many thanks.

Upcoming Events



**Blessing of the Flock
St Joseph's Delegate
In conjunction with
Delegate Heritage Weekend
Sunday 29 October 2023
at 11am**

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'. Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful storytelling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being. The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant. We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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