



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN SECOND THIRD OF LENT, YEAR B, 3 MARCH 2024



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus' words are truth and life. Responding in faith, let us give voice to the needs and hopes of the world.

READER: For Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the church. May he always be a sure and faithful apostle of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the church, global and local. May Christian communities everywhere testify to the power and wisdom of the crucified Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For scholars, preachers and teachers. May they offer wise and encouraging guidance on the practice of Christian morality in contemporary society. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For an end to the terrible bloodshed persisting in so many places around the world. May heartless perpetrators repent of their brutality and lay down their arms. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For women around the world, especially in societies that deny them freedom. May this week's International Women's Day strengthen their hope for fulfilling lives. 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 Our Lady's intercession for all our needs. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: God of all wisdom and love, you raised your Son from death that we might live in him. Help us share his life with the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION MARCH For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



We pray for our parish community, that the season of Lent will inspire within us a sincere spirit of repentance and a steadfast belief in the teachings of the gospel.

We pray for the work of Caritas Samoa in providing clean drinking water to island residents. May our support for Project Compassion help them sustain this initiative.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint Casimir

Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am

Thu: Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program 1.30pm
Saints Perpetua & Felicity

Fri: Saint John of God

International Women's Day



Sat: LW&HC Delegate 6pm

Saint Francis of Rome

Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

March Anniversaries

Lorna Callaway, Patricia Casey
Una Collins, John Coman
Olga Cotton, Edna Cottrell
Murray Garnock, Terrence Ingram
John Jones, Ruth McKay
Neville Murphy, George Reed
Enid Stewart, Thelma Stewart
Andre Teschke, Rita Thornton
Don Tindale, Myra Walker



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Mary MacKillop governess to Camerons, Penola Station, South Australia, where Mary first met Father Julian Tenison Woods. (1860-1862)



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. **Please donate to Project Compassion. Boxes & envelopes available at both churches.**

Delegate Ecumenical Lenten Program Every Thursday at 1.30pm

At alternate venues
St Joseph's School Centre & St Philips Op Shop

All are most welcome

Further info from Lorraine on 0427 781 756

Carry Your Cross Through Lent



**"Life is a song,
sing it. Life is a
struggle,
accept it."**

READINGS

FIRST READING: BOOK OF EXODUS

The Law was given through Moses. God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal.' You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, you have the words of everlasting 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. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL OF JOHN: Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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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 of God! (R)

2. City of God *Dan Schutte*

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night. R

**R: *Let us build the city of God, May our tears be
turned into dancing, For the Lord, our light and our
love, Has turned the night into day***

We're sons of the morning, we are daughters of day
The one who has loved us has brightened our way. R

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate: The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'. By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people. His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system. What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person. We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'