



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 30 JANUARY 2022



*“Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve.” Parish Vision Statement, 2004*



### PRAYER INTENTIONS



#### Popes Intention For true human fraternity

**We pray** for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**We pray** for PEACE in our World, especially in the Middle East and Russia/Ukraine.

**We pray** for all the people in Tonga who have been affected by the eruption of the undersea volcano, especially those who no longer have clean water supplies.

**We pray** for all in our community who are unwell, especially those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

**We pray** for our Principal, Mrs Tighe, staff and the students of St Joseph's school who return for 2022 this week.

#### May the sick be comforted by our prayers:

Nola White, Therese Rumph, Judy Periera, Michael Platts, Libby McGruer, Moira Tindale, Edna Reed, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Jen Farrell, Carmel Croker, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Yvonne Murphy, Margo Birmingham.

### Prayer of the Faithful

**CELEBRANT:** Jesus taught with authority and strengthened by his teaching we ask God for what we need.

#### READER:

For Church leaders and people: that they may be open to new understandings of God's purposes for the Church and society.  
*We pray to the Lord.*

For all who hold public office: that they may make the needs of the poor a priority.  
*We pray to the Lord.*

We pray for peace and co-operation among nations and for a just solution for the Ukraine/Russian problem.  
*We pray to the Lord.*

For parents: for wisdom and humility in their task of parenting and for blessings on the new school year.  
*We pray to the Lord.*

For those who are sick and have requested our prayers: may they know that God walks with them in their suffering bringing them peace and healing according to his will.  
*We pray to the Lord.*

For those who have died, especially Adele Walker, Sue Robinson, Ron Grey: may they enjoy God's presence forever.  
*We pray to the Lord.*

For Our Lady's intercession for our personal concerns. We pray: **Hail Mary.**

**CELEBRANT:** Loving God, we give thanks for Christ, the good teacher. Help us to be faithful to his message and grant what we need through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30  
**Sat:** Vigil Mass Delegate 6pm  
**Sun:** Mass Bombala 8am  
Mass Nimmitabel 10am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Sue Robinson, Ron Grey, John Levitsky, Adele Walker, Babs Bakewell, David Cottrell.

#### January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear, Tony Clear, Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch, Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman, Shirley Ladmore, Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley, Anthony Roberts, Val Reid, Ralph Sims, Gary Thompson, Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker, Marty Williams.

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

### PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC:

*Loving God, we ask your continuing protection for all now that our nations has begun opening up. We especially pray for the most vulnerable, the aged, those with underlying health issues and those who cannot have the vaccine. Keep us all responsible and safe. We also pray for the front-line medical personnel as they care for those with the virus.*

*We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen***

### PRAYER FOR CRITICAL COURAGE

*I ask the Spirit of Courage to give me the gift of courage, especially when I begin to lose heart in the face of huge lifestyle changes, loss of certainty and critical health care.*

*(Fr. Michael Hansen, S.J.)*

### ARCHDIOCESAN PROTOCOLS

Unfortunately, current Archdiocesan Protocols for both NSW & ACT advise that whilst music is permitted and encouraged to enhance the Liturgy, singing is not permitted until further notice.

### HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Bring Forth the Kingdom
2. Living Water
3. Micah's Theme
4. Here I Am Lord

  
**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*If we cannot excuse everything, we can at least excuse the intention. 4.11.1884  
May the spirit of unity and love reign amongst us. 12.9.1884  
Today God has been so good to me. 1874  
True happiness here below depends on ourselves not on those around us. 1907*



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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**30 January 2022**

## First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15**

*(R.) I will sing of your salvation.*

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. *(R.)*
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. *(R.)*
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. *(R.)*
4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 4:21-30

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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