



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 30 July 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: (R) Lord, hear our prayer CELEBRANT/LEADER:

Today we lift up our hearts in prayer that God's compassion and mercy will be open to those most in need.

READER: For Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and pastor of all, that his apostolic ministry at this week's World Youth Day (1-6 August) will call many to new discipleship. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all travelling to Lisbon to join the universal Church for World Youth Day, that they encounter grace and courage and return safely home. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who work in all areas of human rights. Driven by their belief in the dignity of every human being, may their efforts bear fruitful outcomes. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our faith community as we gather in worship. May we find meaning and fulfilment in what we already have and reach out to provide for those in need. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For foreigners on short-term working visas in Australia, that they will be provided the living and working conditions that is their right. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who are ill may they be strengthened in their struggle and pain. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they share fully in the glory of God's promise. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

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

CELEBRANT/LEADER:

God of life, receive these prayers of intercession. May your mercy flow in abundance upon all who are in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JULY FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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 the young people attending World Youth Day in Lisbon this week, that they will encourage one another to follow Jesus ever more closely.



We pray for the sick and hospitalised: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence.

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



PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint Ignatius of Loyola
Tue:
Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am
Thu:
Fri:
Sat: LW& HC Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 5pm
Sun:



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Jade Smith (Moree)
Irene Illes

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams,
Kevin Bedingfield,
Shirley Bedingfield,
Brian Callaghan, Vince Clear,
Stan Collins, Claude Elliott
Jack Eppelstun, Kevin Ingram,
Lou Joseph, Val Lasker
Meryl Lock, Fr Barney Lynch
Jean Manning, Beryl Morgan
Sr Bridget O'Halloran
Bryan O'Hehir, Martin Page
Janie Roberts, Graham Rumph,
Bert Smith, Peter Stewart,
Jean Talbot, Jim Walker



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



**"Teach us to give and not to count the cost.."
Saint Ignatius of Loyola**



WORLD YOUTH DAY

**LISBON, PORTUGAL
AUGUST 1-6, 2023**

Quotes and Thoughts
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



How very good God is to us all. (2.8.1870)
Patience and God will reward you all the more in the end. (4.8.1874)
Pray with great and humble faith. (2.6.1890)
God is watching over you. (4.7.1876)
Sudden death of Mother Bernard whilst Mary MacKillop was visiting the Sisters in New Zealand, 1898.

READINGS

FIRST READING: FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R)**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple

SECOND READING: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW (SHORT VERSION)

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

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

Reflection by Father Michael Tate

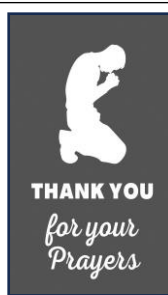


A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image. Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth. What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell. That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the

choices and actions of a lifetime. So, our lifetime project is to "learn the language of heaven." We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God. We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practicing the language of Heaven.



Over 400,000 young people have registered to take part in World Youth Day on 1-6 August 2023. In a video message released earlier this month, the Holy Father said that the desire of these young people to travel to the Lisbon fills him with joy. Pope Francis has presided over four World Youth Days, having previously done so in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2013; Krakow, Poland, in 2016; and Panama City, Panama, in 2019. World Youth Day in Lisbon will be the 37th and was originally scheduled to take place in the Portuguese capital in 2022 but was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Pope will depart for Lisbon on 2 August.



John Caldwell expresses his heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners who have offered their prayers for him. He is pleased to share the wonderful news that he has received a positive report from his doctor. Your prayers and support have meant a lot to him during this time, and he is deeply appreciative.