



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## PARISH BULLETIN: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 6 FEBRUARY 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** **We pray for Religious sisters and Consecrated women**

**We pray** for these women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**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 have returned for the 2022 year.

God as we make decisions in our lives, **we pray** for your guidance and the strength to do your will.

#### **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 Word of God Sunday

#### CELEBRANT:

Inspired by the message of the Gospel we bring before God our needs and the needs of people everywhere.

#### READER:

That Church leaders may be on fire with a passion to proclaim your Gospel in the world and may we all preach the Gospel through our daily lives. **We pray to the Lord.**

That those who serve in public office may lead their people to live in freedom, security and peace. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for God's blessing on those who have worked tirelessly to find a cure for the health and wellbeing of the world's communities. **We pray to the Lord.**

For all living with anxiety and the grief of family tragedy and for those in our community who are sick. **We pray to the Lord.**

For teachers and students as they begin a new school year: fill them with your Spirit that they may walk together in faith. **We pray to the Lord.**

For those who have died, especially the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever in God's presence. **We pray to the Lord.**

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

**CELEBRANT:** Loving God, we thank you for all your blessings. Hear these prayers and grant what we need in the Church and in the community through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Wed:** Mass Bombala 9.30  
**Fri:** Feast of our Lady of Lourdes  
**Sat:** LW&HC Delegate 6pm  
**Sun:** LW&HC Bombala 9am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

John Verrell (father of Fr Luke Bega),  
Sr Janet Mead rsm,  
Jenny Hobson, Sue Robinson,  
Ron Grey, John Levitsky,  
Adelle Walker, Babs Bakewell.

#### February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear,  
Ron Cowell, Jak Cuttle,  
Penny Hassall, Brian Lock,  
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir,  
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes,  
Daphne Smith, Sheila White.

***“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*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*The earth is too small a star and we too brief a visitor upon it for anything to matter more than the struggle for peace.*

*....Colman McCarthy*

#### 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.

#### World Day of Prayer for the Sick Friday 11 February 2022



The World Day of Prayer for the Sick was initiated by St John Paul II in 1992. It coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.



**ST MARY  
OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP**



*Be full of forgiveness, hope and love. 26.11.1873  
Let not your cross make you unhappy. 28.2.1890  
Let us ever remember we have been called by God  
and God has a right to our perfect service. 12.3.1899  
Make no reserves with God. 14.12.1890*



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

**6 February 2022**

## First Reading Is 6:1-8

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,  
for I am a man of unclean lips  
and I live among a people of unclean lips,  
and my eyes have looked at the King, the  
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,  
your sin is taken away,  
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v.1**

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.'

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 5:1-11

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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