



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 9 FEBRUARY 2025



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls Simon Peter to forget his fear and put his faith in the power of God's word. Trusting in God's pledge to make all things new, let us place our hopes and needs in God's loving hands.

READER: For those whose preaching of the Gospel puts them at risk of ridicule, rejection, harassment or even death, that they will continue to bear resolute witness to Christ. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who work in the field of religious media, that they will fulfil their mission of communication with fidelity and creativity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who have been forced to flee their homes and abandon their life's belongings, that they will have the courage to begin again, wherever they have found refuge.. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For women who grieve at having given up their baby for adoption, that whether reunited with their child or not they will find peace of heart and fulfilment. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all those impacted by the devastating floods in Queensland, may they receive the aid and support they need to rebuild their lives and communities with strength and hope. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

LEADER: Holy God, you sent your Son among us to open our eyes to the wonder of your love. Give us the freedom of heart to share gladly in his mission. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY For vocations to the priesthood and religious life


Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



We pray for all who are employed in church agencies and institutions, that they will undertake their work gladly in service of the gospel.

We pray for sick people around the world, that this week's Day of Prayer for the Sick (11 February) will give them comfort, strength and connection with others.

We pray for children who arrive at school hungry, that they will be offered the nourishment they need to fuel their learning and development.

 We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

Jenny & Ron Chaplin, Fr Mark, John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, John Elliott, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Kim Peisley, Heather Whitby, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Marlene Kennedy, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield.



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Saint Scholastica
TUE Our Lady of Lourdes
WED No Mass
FRI Saints Cyril & Methodius
SUN Mass Delegate 8am
Morning to follow in Saint Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 10am

Please note that there may still be difficulties in providing a relief priest as required. Some Masses may be LW&HC. No weekday Mass until the return of Fr Mark/Fr Kose.



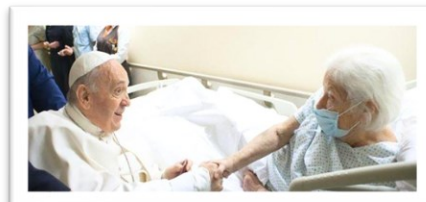
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear
Veronica Cottrell, Ron Cowell
Kevin Crotty, Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith
Sheila White

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

Pope Francis' message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick emphasises that hope strengthens us in times of suffering and is a gift from God. He highlights three ways God remains close to the sick: through encounters that reveal His presence, the gift of hope rooted in Christ's resurrection, and the power of shared compassion in caregiving. He calls for recognising the dignity of the sick, appreciating acts of kindness, and fostering a communal spirit of love and support.



Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorje

January 25, 2025

"Dear children, In this year of grace, I am calling you to conversion. Put God, dear children, in the centre of your living and the fruits will be love towards neighbour and joy of witnessing; and the holiness of your life will become a true witness of faith. Thank you for having responded to my call."



A journey with SAINT MARY of the Cross MACKILLOP

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.
(1907)
God's will be done (10.2.1882)

READINGS

FIRST READING: PROPHET ISAIAH 6:1-8

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: 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. On the day I called, you answered; 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: CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

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. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL OF LUKE: 5:1-11

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.

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1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

2. City Of God *Dan Schutte*

1. 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**

**Refrain: 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.**

2. We are sons of the morning, We are children of day.
The one who has loved us, Has brightened our way.
The lord of all kindness, Has called us to be
A light for his people, To set their hearts free. **R**

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Fish in the Sea of Divine Life

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.

