



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR A, 19 JULY 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, the Holy Spirit takes our prayers to God for us. Let us pray as best we can for the needs and hopes of the world.

READER: For Pope Leo, bishop of Rome and pastor of all, that he will sow good seeds of peace and wisdom wherever he goes. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the church, that it will be yeast that leavens the stuff of life and a mustard seed that grows to greatness. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the distraught people of Venezuela, that with the world's help they will rise from their grief and set out on the long road to recovery. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For students in seminaries and theological colleges, that they will learn to be leaders and teachers of prayer. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our families, friends and parish community, and all who seek our prayers, may they know strength, comfort and healing. For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord. 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: God of all goodness, you show your power by the mercy you grant us. Help us be a leaven of kindness in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



POPES INTENTION JULY

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our families and friends, that we will gracefully accept each other's limitations and rejoice in our shared strengths.

We pray for seafarers employed on merchant ships, that they will be paid fairly and assured of safe working conditions.

We pray for overseers of their nation's water resources, that they will keep them healthy, manage them wisely, and ration them justly.



We pray for those who are sick in our family and community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments.

Christopher Gabriel, Steve Coe
Aiden Camm, Adam Crotty
John Elliott, Christine Cowell
Lorna Thornton, Clive Cottrell
Joyce Crotty, John Liston
Roma Brownlie, Jenny Chaplin
Peter & Joyce Reed, Glad Hurley
Jim Parkes, Marilyn Holdsworth
Jen Farrell, Patricia Guthrie
Mary Anne Dillon
Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell
Val Perkins, Kim Peisley
Heather Whitby



PARISH CALENDAR

MON *Saint Apollinaris*
TUE *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*
WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Feast Saint Mary Magdalene
THU *Ecumenical Prayer Group*
Delegate 2pm
Saint Bridget
SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
Feast of Saint James
SUN **LW&HC Bombala 9am**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

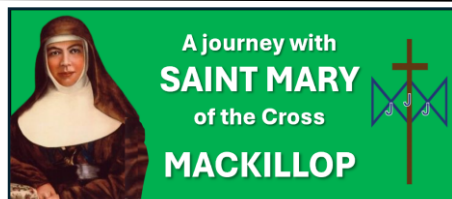
Father Troy Bobbin
Jayne Sellers, Kaye Reed

July Anniversaries

Beatrice Abrahams, Kevin Bedingfield
Shirley Bedingfield, Barbara Brownlie
Brian Callaghan, Vincent Clear
Stanley Collins, John Cusack
Harry Dillon, Claude Elliott
Jack Eppelstun, Kevin Ingram
Lou Joseph, Gwen Kimber
Val Lasker, Meryl Lock
Fr Barney Lynch, Jean Manning
Beryl Morgan, Sr Bridget O'Halloran
Bryan O'Hehir, Martin Page
Judy Periera, Janie Roberts
Graham Rumph, Bert Smith
Peter Stewart, Jean Talbot
Jim Walker, Emily Williams



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Let us love and praise God in all.
(9.7.1873)

*Death of Peter MacKillop, Mary's
brother, 23.7.1878*

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DELEGATE ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP

**Meets: Every 4th Thursday
of the month at 2.00 pm**

**Venue: St Joseph's School
Centre, Delegate**

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All are most welcome.

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The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival - perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

READINGS

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

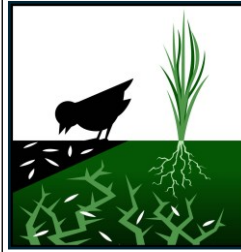
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: 11-25 SHORTER FORM

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate



One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us. One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying.

Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us. Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come. We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.. mtate@bigpond.com

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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. Come to the Water Fr Frank Andersen MSC

Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come! And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill, The emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to My word and you will enjoy Goodness and peace in your heart! **R**

2. Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways and thoughts beyond you! Call me your Father and know I am near! I will be Father to you! **R**

3. Our Supper Invitation Fr Kevin Bates

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine. Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill. Share with your people, that love has its will.

4. 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**