Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish





PARISH BULLETIN: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 25 OCTOBER 2026

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus gives us the Law and the Prophets in the twofold commandment of love. With love we pray to God for our neighbour and ourselves.

READER: For Pope Leo, bishop of Rome and global pastor. May he be blessed with the health and strength he needs to lead the church. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Christian communities in places of hate, division and hurt. May they be a clear example of faith and love like the Thessalonians of old. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For older people feeling lonely and isolated. May family members, friends and neighbours surround them with love. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For workers whose labour is unseen and unsung. May the service they render the community win the appreciation it deserves. 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: Just and merciful God, you call us day by day to a life of boundless love. Deepen our heart's desire to love as Jesus loved. We ask this through him, your Son, our Lord, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

POPES INTENTION



Pope's Intention • October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for all whose loving kindness has shaped and inspired us, that our work for a world of justice, peace and solidarity will give them joy.

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

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

PARISH CALENDAR

WED	**Mass Bombala 9.30am**
	Saints Simon & Jude
SAT	**LWHC Delegate 5pm**
SUN	**LW&HC Bombala 9am**

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Lorna Thornton, Pat Zimmer
Marie Chapman, Pamela Sims

October Anniversaries

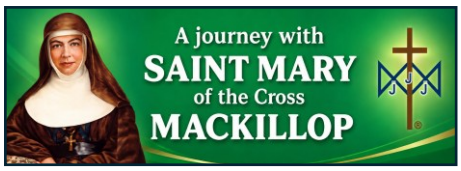
Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj
David Cottrell, Peter Cottrell
Carol de Jonge, Claudette Elliott
Dick Kennedy, Ina McGrath
John Morgan, Yvonne Murphy
Alice O'Hare, Alma Reed
Therese Rumph, Louise Stevens
Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton
Brother Andrew Travers-Bull
Des Twigg, Dawn Walker



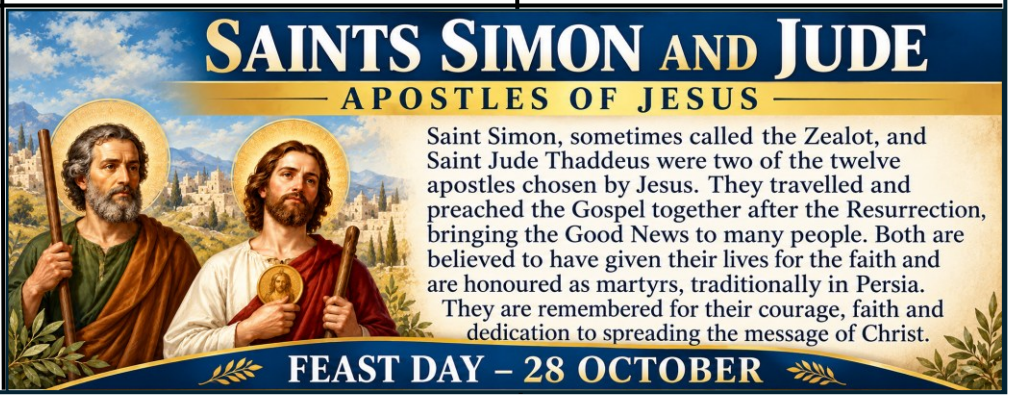
"We have loved them in Life: Let us not forget them in death."

FINDING GOD IN OUR EVERYDAY WORLD

God's love is not always found in extraordinary moments. Sometimes it is found in a friendly smile, a helping hand, a quiet prayer or the beauty of the world around us.



Out of every cross God wishes us to merit by making it an occasion of pleasing Him. (29.10.1895)
Birth of Peter MacKillop, Mary's brother, 26.10.1857



READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

REFLECTION *by Greg Sunter*

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah - the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 mitzvot (commandments) contained within the Torah - the first five books of the Bible. These 613 mitzvot governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about …?' questions.



Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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1. Glory And Praise To Our God *Dan Schutte*

Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways

1. We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings

2. In His wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save

2. Prayer of St Francis Various

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.