



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: FOURTH OF EASTER, YEAR A, 26 APRIL 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus tells us he is the gateway to life in its fullness. Let us pray for the human family to find life through him.

READER: For Pope Leo, bishop of Rome and world-wide shepherd. May his pleas for peace penetrate the hard hearts of warring leaders and move them to halt their bloodshed. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the countless children who have been orphaned, maimed and made homeless by cruel conflicts in their homeland. May they find solace in the care of their extended families. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the poorest peoples of the world most affected by global warming. May nations take collective action to promote climate justice. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the staff and associates of church social justice agencies. May they fulfil the prophet's command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. 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: All-embracing God, you gave us your Son to be our shepherd and guardian. Attune our ears to his voice, and our hearts to his love. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN**



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Hoping that you will be happy and full of courage (27.4.1875)

Birth of Donald MacKillop, Mary's brother, 27.4.1853.



POPES INTENTION APRIL

For priests in crisis

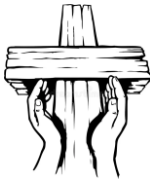
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray all who have not yet found the joy and freedom of the children of God, that the witness of baptised believers will guide them to this gift.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.



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.

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
Peter Hopkins



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased Marlene Kennedy April Anniversaries

Ellen Atkins, Larry Bedingfield
Bob Cahill, Maria Callaway
Arthur Collins, Keith Cottrell
Myreen Eppelstun, Neil Ingram
Joanne Joseph, Jill Knight
Fletcher Lee, Kerry Letts
Pope Francis
Barry Reed, Edna Reed
Wallace Roberts, Ilma Stewart
Raymond Thornton, Kate Vincent



PARISH CALENDAR

TUE Saint Peter Chanel
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saint Catherine of Siena
THU Saint Pius
FRI Saint Joseph the Worker
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 5pm

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. The Lord Is My Shepherd Brian Boniwell

1. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes. Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me. **R**

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

2. And while on the journey to where we are going, he promised to be there to help us along. And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me. **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**



St Vincent de Paul

STREET STALL



FRIDAY 8 MAY

All usual donations much appreciated ♥



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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

26 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**
or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be
safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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