



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR A, 26 JULY 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls us to set our hearts on God's new world. Let us pray for all sisters and brothers to treasure this gift.

READER: For the worldwide family of the baptised, that their joyful faith will attract many new believers to the blessings of God's reign. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the leaders of every nation, that like Solomon they will value wisdom over power, wealth and military might. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who work in the delivery of government services, that they will treat their clients with respect and be well respected in return. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the powerless, that the suffering inflicted on them by war, poverty and a changing climate will be relieved by a new global movement of justice and peace. 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: Fount of wisdom, holy God, in Christ you have shown us the treasures of your kingdom. Help us share them with all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 leaders in all the world's great faiths, that they will demonstrate discernment and integrity in their exercise of moral authority.



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

WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus
THU *Saint Peter Chrysologus*
FRI *Saint Ignatius of Loyola*
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 5pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Father Troy Bobbin, Helen Peadon
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."**

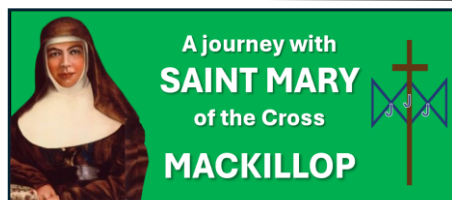


Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorge

July 2026 (the 45th anniversary message!)

"Dear children! Rejoice with me because the Most High permits me to be with you, to lead you to Him Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Rejoice, little children, and be joyful also in difficulties and you will have the strength, because you will be aware that you are transient, and you will know to offer everything to God. That is why, do not forget: I am your Mother and I love you.
Thank you for having responded to my call."

(With Ecclesiastical approval)



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Keep up your courage, it is for God
and not for creatures you are
working. (15.7.1892)

READINGS

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 8:28-30 We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

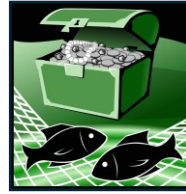
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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: 13:44-46 SHORTER FORM

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*



A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is St John Henry Newman's image of Hell. Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There would be lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell. That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime. So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God. We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.' *mtate@bigpond.com*

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1. 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**

2. 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.

3. Seek Ye First *Karen Lafferty*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3. Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

4. Christ Be Our Light *Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. **R**
Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**