



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



POPES INTENTION



PARISH CALENDAR

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Paul the apostle urges us to have a common purpose and a common mind. Let us pray as one for all in need.

READER: For Christian leaders in every land, that they will model the humble humanity of Christ who died that all might live. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the whole human family, that a groundswell of conversion will inspire all people to serve the cause of unity in our fractured world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children and young people, that as the Season of Creation draws to a close they will grow to cherish nature more and more in the joyful spirit of St Francis of Assisi. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

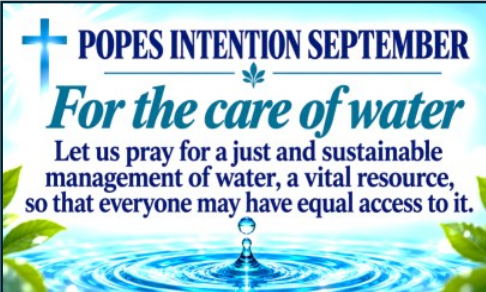
For parents, that they will have the wisdom they need to enable their children to use social media safely and fruitfully. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For teachers, students and families, that all who are on school holidays will enjoy a restful and refreshing break. 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 power and might, you raised your Son from the shame of the cross to the glory of heaven. Give us the courage to follow his way of humble service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for all who have been unfaithful to solemn pledges they made, that they will seek and find forgiveness and be able to make a fresh start.

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.

Norm Armstrong, Jim Longdon
Pat Zimmer, Christopher Gabriel
Steve Coe, Aiden Camm
Adam Crotty, John Elliott
Christine Cowell, Lorna Thornton
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

MON *Saints Wenceslaus & Lawrence*
TUE *Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*
WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Saint Jerome
THU *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*
FRI *Guardian Angels*
SAT **Mass Nimmitabel 3pm**
Mass Bombala 5pm
LW&HC Delegate 5pm



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Donna Parish

September Anniversaries

John Bates, Toby Black
Betty Callaway, Kevin Casey
Marge Casey, Donald Clayton
Angela Clear, Millicent Crotty
Elizabeth II, Jack Elton
Eva Eppelstun, Ben Ingram
Sr Margaret Keane, Maud Kilmartin
Sr Loretta Kilmartin, Andre Lukass
Bill McIntosh, Kathleen Mulligan
Cheryl Mustard, Bishop Pat Power
Rita Rayner, Julia Reed
Darcy Ryan, Sr Adrian Morris
Maurice Stevens, Carmel Thompson
Jack Thornton, Anna Vincent
Max Walker

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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

I can only dimly remember the things that were said to me, but the sensation of the calm beautiful presence of God I shall never forget. (September 1871)



Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

MEMORIAL DAY - 1 OCTOBER

Saint Thérèse, also known as the Little Flower, lived a short life in a Carmelite convent in France. She showed that great love for God can be found in small, everyday actions done with love. She promised to spend her heaven doing good on earth and to send a shower of roses.

READINGS

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES, O LORD.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

SHORT VERSION

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

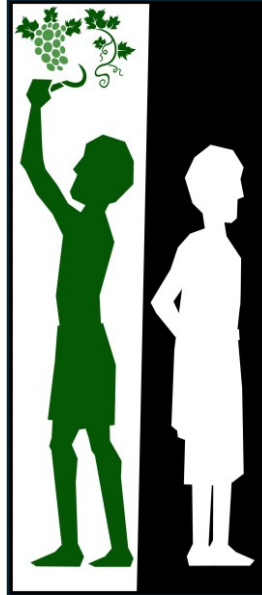
Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'. That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God.



This signalled a profound change of heart. We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span! At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.us.'

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1. Bring Forth the Kingdom *Marty Haugen*

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

2. A New Heart for a New World *Trish Watts, Monica O'Brien*

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name, We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R**

2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **R**