



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR A, 28 JUNE 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus calls on the apostles to make his mission their highest priority. Let us pray in faith for the coming of God's new world.

READER: For Pope Leo and for Vatican diplomats around the world. May they be trusted intermediaries in the work of promoting of peace and justice for all. We pray to the Lord. **(R)** For all who have died and risen with Christ in the waters of baptism. May they be fully alive for God and neighbour. We pray to the Lord. **(R)** For the Australian community. May there be a new appreciation of the role of taxes in funding the services that make for a fair society. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our parish community. May this week's feasts of the apostles Peter and Paul (29 June) and Thomas (3 July) inspire all to bear witness to the Gospel. 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)**

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POPES INTENTION JUNE

FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for administrators in the world's many refugee camps, that they will make a safe, healthy and hope-filled life possible for all in their care.

We pray for rural towns facing closures and an uncertain future, that local communities will come together to meet the challenge of change.

We pray for international students in Australia. May they be made welcome, supported and enabled to flourish.



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



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

June Anniversaries

Sr Mary Agnes, Shirley Baker
Jessie Bedingfield, Bernie Crotty
Eric Cuthel, Mark Ingram
Wilga Ingram, Peter Kimber
Terry Mulligan
Sr Christina O'Connor
Moira Tindale, Norma Toms
Gordon Walker, Madge Walker



PARISH CALENDAR

MON *Saints Peter & Paul*
TUE *First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*
WED **Mass Bombala 12.30pm**
THU
FRI *Saint Thomas*
SAT **LW&HC Delegate 5pm**
Mass Bombala 5pm
SUN

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1. Sing A New Song *Dan Schutte*

Refrain: Sing A New Song Unto The Lord; Let Your Song Be Sung From Mountains High. Sing A New Song Unto The Lord, Singing Alleluia.

1. Yahweh's People Dance For Joy. O Come Before The Lord, And Play For Him On Glad Tambourines, And Let Your Trumpet Sound. **R**

2. Rise, O Children, From Your Sleep; Your Saviour Now Has Come. He Has Turned Your Sorrow To Joy And Filled Your Soul With Song. **R**

2. **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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



My heart would sink but for the firm conviction that God's word can never fail. (28.6.1877)



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

28 June 2026

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by

the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

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