



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR A, 9 AUGUST 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus called his storm-tossed disciples to put their faith in him. Let us take his challenge to heart and place our troubled world in God's safe hands.

READER: For Pope Leo and all entrusted with the ministry of the apostles, that they will be inspiring examples of courageous faith and leadership. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For church communities across the land, that this week's Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be a celebration of heavenly hope. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the members of all Christian churches, that, like the apostle Paul, they will hold the Jewish people in esteem as God's beloved daughters and sons. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the people of Australia, that this week's national census will teach us much about ourselves and help us join forces to work for the common good. 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 peace, you never cease to call us to Jesus your Son. In your love, dispel our doubt and confirm our faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



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For evangelisation in the city

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative ways to build community.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for aged care residents, staff and volunteers, that together they will create a friendly community of care and compassion.

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.

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

MON Saint Laurence
TUE Saint Clare
WED Mass Bombala 12.30pm
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
THU Saint Pontian & Hippolytus
FRI Saint Maximilian Kolbe
SAT Mass Delegate 3pm
Afternoon Tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 5pm
Assumption of Mary



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Father Troy Bobbin, Helen Peadon

August Anniversaries

Lou Black, Pam Clear
Ron Collins, Kay Cuthel
Athol Duffell, Laura Elton
Pat Elton
Fr Peter Gannon
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram
Vincent Jones, Eileen Keane
Joshua Lovegrove, Peter Martin
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard
Sr Kathleen Price RSJ
Margaret Ralphs
Nick Spoljaric
Ellen Stewart, Jack Stewart
John Thompson
Dick Walker, Tom Walker



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



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



I am full of confidence in our good God's mercy that by working together the common good will be secured.
(To Monsignor Kirby 10.8.1874)



Property Renovations!

After four years of discussions, renovations to the Cooma Presbytery are due to commence shortly, including the removal of asbestos. As the Presbytery provides the living quarters for the priest serving the Monaro Mission, each community will contribute to the renovation costs.

Fr Mark Croker

READINGS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: MATTHEW 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people. This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory. That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'. We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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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. Be Not Afraid *St Louis Jesuits*

1. You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live. **R**

**Refrain: Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all. **R**