



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 11 OCTOBER 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus invites us again to God's banquet of boundless life. Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters to hear and accept this invitation.

READER: For Pope Leo, the college of bishops and all church leaders, that they will be unfailing beacons of hope for humanity in this time of global upheaval and uncertainty. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For humanitarian workers in places of deadly danger, that they will stay safe while caring for those in urgent need of medical care, shelter and food. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For nations struggling to recover from quickly forgotten natural disasters, that international relief efforts will be sustained for as long as needed. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the members of our parish community, that whether rich or poor, hungry or filled, we will draw strength from God like Paul the apostle. 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 all goodness, you gave us your Son to shepherd us through the valley of darkness to your heavenly realm. Help us follow him in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



POPES INTENTION

Pope's Intention • October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who farm the land or the oceans to produce the world's food, that their work will be both fruitful and sustainable.

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 Longden
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



PARISH CALENDAR

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Callistus
THU *Saint Teresa of Avila*
FRI *Saints Hedwig & Margaret*
Mary Alacoque
SAT Mass Delegate 3pm
Afternoon Tea to follow in
St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 5pm

THANK YOU

St Vinnies thanks all who donated so generously to the Frederick Ozanam Appeal over the past two weekends.

\$430

An amazing amount was sent to our twin in India.

Most grateful, Svdp



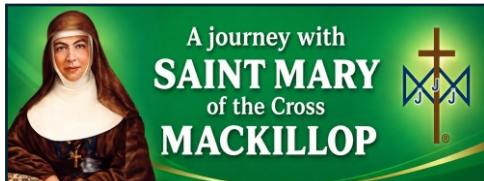
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini
Sr Betty Bourke rsj
David Cottrell, Peter Cottrell
Carol de Jonge, Claudette Elliott
Dick Kennedy, Ina McGrath
John Morgan, Yvonne Murphy
Alice O'Hare, Alma Reed
Therese Rumph, Louise Stevens
Ann-Maree Stokes
Katie Thornton
Brother Andrew Travers-Bull
Des Twigg, Dawn Walker

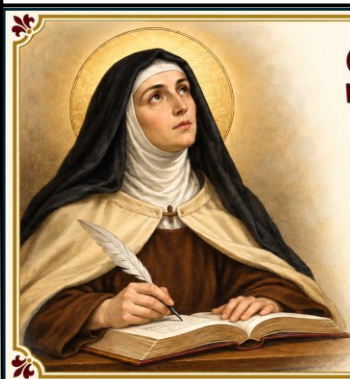


**"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."**



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Let us study the Heart of God and, in doing so, we shall learn many beautiful lessons of patience and love. (11.10.1871)



Saint Teresa of Avila

Feast Day: 15 October

1515-1582

A Carmelite nun, reformer and Doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa taught that prayer is a close friendship with God.

Her life inspires us to pray with trust, courage and love.

READINGS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek. On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

1. 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: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me. I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: 22:1-10 SHORTER VERSION

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding. Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

REFLECTION *by Greg Sunter*

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world.



This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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1. Come As You Are *Deidre Browne*

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?
2. No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.
3. I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

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**