



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 13 SEPTEMBER 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, gathered here in this haven of mercy, let us pray together for God's healing to bless our wounded world.

READER: For the members of our parish community. May we encourage one another to belong to the Lord of both the living and the dead. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the multitude of Australians in the long queue for home care or aged care. May urgent reforms to the system enable them to receive timely and adequate support. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Christian communities around the world. May the Season of Creation deepen their gratitude for nature and spur them to care for the earth, our common home. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Nepalese people in Australia, especially those who have lost loved ones in the terrible flood or do not know their fate. May they comfort one another and be given every support by their local community and civic authorities. 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 infinite mercy, you never cease to offer us forgiveness. Open our hearts to receive your gift of pardon and share it with all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



POPES INTENTION

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For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray all who have suffered grave injustice, that by God's grace they will not be consumed by bitter resentment but find the freedom to forgive.

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.

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

MON Exaltation of the Holy Cross
TUE Our Lady of Sorrows
WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Mass Delegate MPS 11am
Saints Cornelius & Cyprian
THU Saint Robert Bellarmine
Saint Hildegard of Bingen
FRI
SAT **Mass Delegate 3pm**
Afternoon Tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Saint Januarius
Mass Bombala 5pm

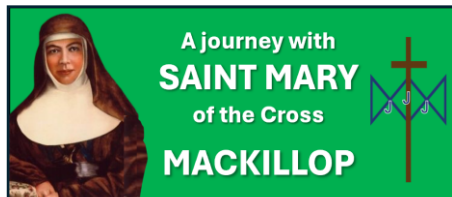


REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased September Anniversaries

Brian Duffell, Elizabeth Cuthel
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

Try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act. (15.9.1890)
Birth of Lexie MacKillop, Mary's sister, 17.9.1850.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our Lady of Sorrows honours the Blessed Virgin Mary in her suffering as the Mother of Jesus. Faithful from Simeon's prophecy to the burial of Christ, Mary shared deeply in the sorrow of her Son and teaches us compassion, courage and trust in God.

The Seven Sorrows

1. Prophecy of Simeon
2. Flight into Egypt
3. Loss of Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary
5. Crucifixion and death of Jesus
6. Jesus taken down from the Cross
7. Burial of Jesus

Feast Day - 15 September

READINGS

FIRST READING: SIRACH 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL; SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN COMPASSION.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others. When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness.



If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life. It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it. We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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1. Prayer of St Francis *Various*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

2. 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!