



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 23 AUGUST 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, with faith in Christ, Son of the living God, let us pray with him for the needs and hopes of the human family.

READER: For baptised believers. May their faith in Christ disarm all worldly powers fuelled by greed, fear and hate. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have not yet heard the Good News. May they come to know how rich are the depths of God and how deep God's wisdom and knowledge. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For families caring for children with special needs. May they have all the support they need and treasure the grace of each day. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many people enduring heatwaves, fires and droughts. May this year's World Water Week (23-27 August) highlight the need for civic leaders to manage this vital resource 'for people and progress'. 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 unfathomable mystery, you uncovered your face to us in Christ your Son. Help us proclaim his name far and wide. We ask this through the same 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 all who have been invested with civic authority, that they will exercise it wisely and justly for the common good.

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	<i>Saint Bartholomew</i>
TUE	<i>Saints Louis & Joseph Calasanz</i>
WED	Mass Bombala 12.30pm
THU	Ecumenical Prayer Group Delegate 2pm
	<i>St Joseph's School Centre</i>
	<i>Saint Monica</i>
FRI	<i>Saint Augustine</i>
	Fifth Sunday
SAT	LW&HC Delegate 5pm
	<i>Passion of John the Baptist</i>
SUN	LW&HC Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

August Anniversaries

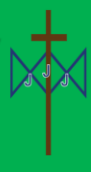
Lou Black, Pam Clear
Ron Collins, Kay Cuthel
Athol Duffell, Laura Elton
Pat Elton
Fr Peter Gannon
Jean Ingram, Nat Ingram
Vincent Jones, Eileen Keane
Joshua Lovegrove, Peter Martin
Mary Monk, Wayne Mustard
Sr Kathleen Price RSJ
Margaret Ralphs
Nick Spoljaric
Ellen Stewart, Jack Stewart
John Thompson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



Be of good heart. (29.8.1876)
*Sisters take possession of
Kensington property,
South Australia, 1872.*

**THE PASSION OF
SAINT JOHN
THE BAPTIST**
FEAST DAY - 29 AUGUST
**John bore faithful witness to truth,
even unto death.**



READINGS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL; DO NOT FORSAKE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.

1: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2: I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3: The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: MATTHEW 15:18

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock-solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky', which in the Greek is Petros. Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given, the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus.

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, for example, modes of Roman Imperial rule or a Eurocentric mindset. We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the successor of St Peter with every blessing, so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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1. Strong and Constant *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. I will be Your God who walks with you!

You will be always within my hand!

Take your heart and give it all to me!

Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. Should you wander far away from me

I will search for you in every land!

Should you call then you will truly know

Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

3. When you know sorrow within your life

I will come I will embrace your heart!

Through your pain you will discover Me!

Strong and constant is my love! Strong and constant is my love!

2. One Bread One Body *John Michael Talbot*

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless**

**And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

1. Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man, No more **R**

2. Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord, Of all. **R**