



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR A, 25 JANUARY 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus' preaching and healing shone the light of salvation wherever he went. We pray for the light of Christ to dispel the darkness of sin from the world.

READER: For Pope Leo and all the bishops of the church, that like the first disciples Jesus called they will follow him without hesitation. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For unity within and between the Christian churches, that they will bear undivided witness to the mystery of Christ crucified. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have lost homes and livelihoods in the bushfires and floods, that their heartbreak will be eased by the support of the local community and all levels of government. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For children, parents and teachers as school returns year, that together they will enjoy a new year of discovery, learning and development. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For holidaymakers beginning to return home, that they will travel safely and remain refreshed by their time of leisure. 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, especially Fr Frank, 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: Eternal God, at the dawn of time you divided light from darkness, and in time's fulness sent your Son to be the light of the world. Help us to live always as children of the light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to the eternal life of happiness. (28.2.1890)

Mary MacKillop baptised by Father Geoghegan OSF in St Francis Church, Melbourne 1842.



POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for all who dwell in this great land of the Southern Cross, that the trauma of the Bondi killings will prompt deep reflection and fresh pledges of solidarity on tomorrow's Australia Day.

We pray for our parish community, that all members will appreciate the grace of their baptism and live it more fully.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.

We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

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
Peter Hopkins, Marlene Kennedy



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased January Anniversaries

Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Lena Spoljaric, Alan Standen
Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson
Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker
Mary Williams



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Australia Day



TUE Saints Timothy, Titus & Angela Merici

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
Saint Thomas Aquinas

SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 5pm

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1. Bring Forth the Kingdom

1. You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavour of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

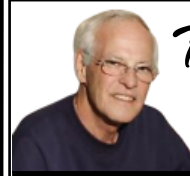
2. You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God!

2. Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

2. Was Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
We have already come, 'Twas
Grace that brought us safe thus far,
And Grace will lead us home.



Remembering
Fr Frank

FATHER FRANCIS FUCHS

Born 29 January 1939

Born into eternal life

7 January 2026

Former Parish Priest Bombala/Delegate
2000 - 2004

*Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him.*



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 January 2026

First Reading Is 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of
Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From

what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 4:12-17

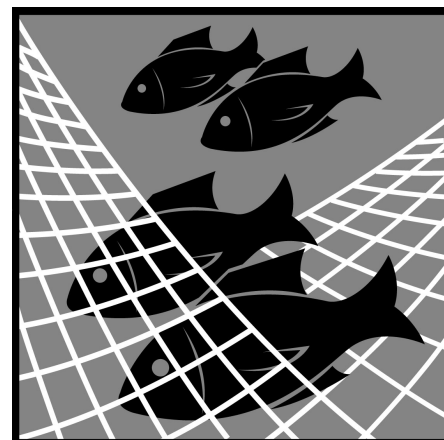
(or longer form Mt 4:12-23)

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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