



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 30 AUGUST 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Paul and Jesus call us to seek out and follow God's way. Let us turn to God in prayer for all humankind.

READER: For Pope Leo, bishop of Rome and successor to Peter. May he guide the church along the way of the cross to the joy of the Resurrection. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many peoples made homeless and hungry by wars ignored by the world. May their pleas for help be heard and answered. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For health workers of every kind. May investment in health promotion make their care of the community more effective. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all Australians who feel ignored or disadvantaged by economic and political decision-makers. May their grievances be addressed for the sake of justice and civic harmony. 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 our days and years, you never cease to draw us to yourself. Give us the courage to follow Jesus on the path of life. 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 all teachers of divine wisdom, that they will lead many to the joy and peace of Spirit-informed life.

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

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
THU Saint Gregory the Great
FRI Spring Ember Day
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Mass Bombala 5pm
First Communion
Saint Teresa of Kolkota



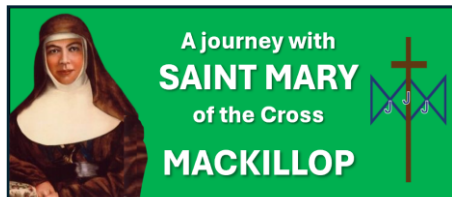
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

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

Great is the strength we possess in
our unity. (30.8.1874)
How good God is to us all.
(31.8.1869)

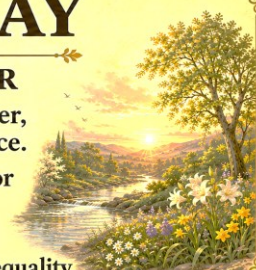
SPRING EMBER DAY

FIRST FRIDAY OF SEPTEMBER

Spring Ember Day, held on the first Friday of September, is a special Australian Catholic day of prayer and penance.

It encourages us to reflect on our responsibility to care for God's creation and use the Earth's resources wisely.

Through prayer, fasting and acts of penance, we also stand in solidarity with those suffering from famine, poverty and inequality.



READINGS

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD.

- 1.O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
- 2.So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
- 3.So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
- 4.For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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: MATTHEW 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love. First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death. The temptation to avoid that dreadful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.'



We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for 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!