



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR A, 8 FEBRUARY 2026



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer

LEADER: Dear friends, Jesus commissions us to take his zest and light to the world. Answering his call, we pray for the advance of God's reign.

READER: For the leaders and followers of the world's great faiths. May their steadfast practice of justice, love and peace draw the human family together as one. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For our dear friends. May we treasure the gift of their friendship and prove ourselves faithful and true to them. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all who face danger, detention and even death for standing up to repressive rulers. May their courage help bring tyranny to an end around the world. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the staff and associates of church social justice agencies. May they fulfil the prophet's command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. 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 mercy and justice, in Jesus your Son you made your saving will known to the world. Kindle in our hearts the fire of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Truly our great God will be gratified by the love and zeal of many. (30.6.1873)

*Maori Mission at Matata,
New Zealand, 1891.*



POPES INTENTION FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

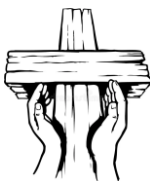
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for unsung practitioners of prophetic justice, that their humble care of the needy will produce a rich harvest of hope and life.

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

Fr Frank Fuchs

February Anniversaries

Val Buckley, Sonia Clear
Veronica Cottrell, Ron Cowell
Kevin Crotty, Gordon Ingram
Heather Jones, Brian Lock
Jean Muir, Marion O'Hehir
Jean Parkes, Keith Parkes
Sue Robinson, Daphne Smith
Sheila White

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



PARISH CALENDAR

TUE *Saint Scholastica*
WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Our Lady of Lourdes
SAT **Mass Delegate 3pm**
Afternoon Tea to follow
St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 5pm
Saints Cyril & Methodius

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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. 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, T'was
Grace that brought us safe thus far, And
Grace will lead us home.





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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8 February 2026

First Reading Is 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for
the upright.*

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour *(R.)*
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *(R.)*
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;*

*the man who follows me
will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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