



# Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



## MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER - YEAR A, 2 APRIL 2026



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer**

**LEADER:** Sisters and brothers, like the apostles of old we gather at the table of the Lord and learn the meaning of humble service.

**READER:** For the Church in every place that faith in Jesus in the Eucharist will sustain, nourish and fill them with charity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Pope Leo, that his Christ-like love of the poor will lead the Christian community to care for them as a fruit of their sharing the Eucharist. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Archbishop Christopher, Fr Mark, Fr Daniel and all priests and deacons who serve in the Archdiocese, that their lives will be dedicated to serving the people after the example of Jesus, the Suffering-Servant. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the people of the Holy Land where Jesus first shared his Body and Blood with his disciples, that he may save everyone from of the hatred and violence of war and bring them peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** all Christians who suffer persecution, that with a firm faith in Jesus Christ, they will be united with him in his sufferings and come to know the glory of his resurrection. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** the sick of our parish and all those who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**For** Our Lady's intercession for all our needs. We pray **Hail Mary...**

**LEADER:** Father, we pray for the community of the Church and the clergy called to serve, that the Eucharist will be the source and centre of the Christian life of every Catholic. Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**FIRST READING:** A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS *The law for the passover meal.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.'"

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (R.) OUR BLESSING-CUP IS A COMMUNION WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

1. How can I repay the Lord, for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

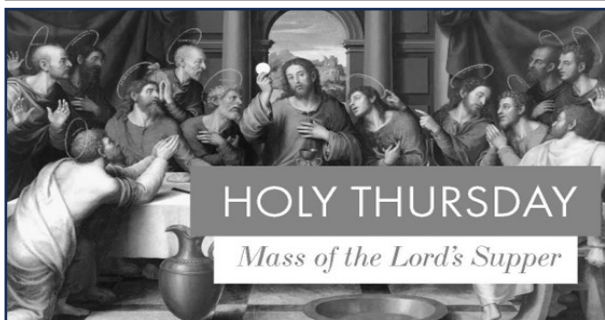
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL OF JOHN:

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was. They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.' When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again, he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

**Historical Context – Passover** As we see in the first reading, the Feast of Passover commemorates the rescue of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. God instructed the people to sacrifice a lamb and smear its blood on their doors so that they would be saved from the punishment God unleashed on the Egyptians. Over these days of Easter, we are reminded that Jesus took on the role of the sacrificial lamb. He surrendered himself to death in order to bring about salvation for all people. What would seem to be the lowest point in his life actually becomes his moment of triumph.



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

## HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

### 1. Our Supper Invitation *Fr Kevin Bates*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.  
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find  
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.  
Food for the journey will answer your need.  
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

### 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**

### 3. The Servant Song *Richard Gillard*

1. Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, We are trav'lers on the road;  
We are here to help each other, Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow, 'Til we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together, Of Christ's love and agony.

### 4. Companions On The Journey *Carey Landry*

**R: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God.**

1. No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers in God's house;  
we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care. **R**
2. We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God, to walk humbly with our God. **R**

**Gospel Focus – Eucharist** It is proper that on Holy Thursday we give great emphasis to the mystery and centrality of the Eucharist for Christians. Yet it is an irony that the gospel of John, that provides the gospel passage for this feast, does not include the words of institution. From the writings of Paul (incorporated into the other three gospels) we get the words of blessing and the instruction to 'do this in memory of me'. In this way, Jesus gave new meaning to the Passover meal of remembrance. Now it is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate in the Eucharist.