



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 16 AUGUST 2026



PARISH VISION STATEMENT 2004



"Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve."

St Mary's Bombala
St Joseph's Delegate
St Peter's Corrowong

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION AUGUST

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.



We pray for every child in every land, that they will be given their daily bread and have all hunger satisfied.

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
Mass Delegate MPS 11am
Saint John Eudes
THU *Saint Bernard*
FRI *Saint Pius X*
SAT LW&HC Delegate 5pm
Queenship of Mary
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."



SAINT POPE PIUS X

1835-1914 • POPE 1903-1914

POPE OF THE EUCHARIST

Champion of frequent Holy Communion
and children's First Communion

FEAST DAY • 21 AUGUST

To restore all things in Christ



A JOURNEY WITH
SAINT MARY
OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP



Quietly leave all to God. (16.8.1870)

We must look before us, do what we do well and refuse to undertake too much. (15.8.1900)

*Mary MacKillop celebrates her First Holy Communion,
St Francis' Church, Melbourne, 1850.*

Mary MacKillop pronounces her vows as the first Sister of St Joseph, 1867.

August - The Month of the Sacred Heart



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion, which dates back to the 16th century, honours Mary's physical heart as the seat of her love, virtue, and inner life, especially her love for Jesus. It encourages similar love and virtue in the faithful. This devotion was emphasised in the 20th century through visions given to Lucia Dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, in 1925 and 1926. Our Lady requested the practice of the Five First Saturdays to atone for offences against her heart, paralleling the Nine First Friday's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

Let us Notice

Jesus is present in the ordinary rhythm of our days. So near is He that we simply need eyes open enough to notice Him already at work around us...

Daily Prayer Intention - for women deprived of freedom, education and opportunity by oppressive regimes, that they will not lose faith in themselves and one another.

Weekly Prayer Intention - social educators working to change the culture of domestic violence. May they succeed in making every home a haven for all.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, meeting in this house of prayer where all are welcome, let us commend the whole human family to our loving God.

READER: For the many different peoples that dwell on earth. May they all come to know the saving power of God. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the members and leaders of the world's great faiths. May they be a haven of peace and mercy in every place of violent discord. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the many who live in lands strewn with mines and unexploded bombs. May they be kept safe amid this lethal legacy of war. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For scientists and civil authorities striving to protect Australia from deadly diseases. May they keep us and all our living creatures safe and well. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For communities in Europe and North America devastated by fires, heatwaves and drought. May their disastrous losses summon the world to act as one on climate change. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength comfort, and healing. For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. 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...**

CELEBRANT/LEADER: Ever-faithful God, you stay true to your covenant of love with all creation. Help us thirst for justice and act with integrity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



10TH ANNUAL ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

Last Saturday 8 August, the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Dad, my sister Vicki and I attended the 10th annual pilgrimage held in her honour at Eden. A capacity congregation filled Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden, united in celebrating Australia's first saint and her enduring legacy. Archbishop Christopher Prowse led the Mass, concelebrated by Pambula Parish Priest Fr Kose, Fr Adrian from Bega and Fr Joshua from Moruya. Fr Kose warmly welcomed everyone to the parish and reflected on the spirit of faith and unity that the pilgrimage represents. Eden Josephite, Sr Marie Carson, spoke movingly about Mary MacKillop's parents, Alexander and Flora, and Flora's tragic death in the shipwreck of the *Ly-ee-Moon* off Eden in 1886. Mary never forgot the kindness shown by the people of Eden during this time, and the annual pilgrimage continues that special connection. The beautiful singing and piano accompaniment provided by students from MacKillop College Canberra and Lumen Christi Catholic College Pambula were among the highlights of the Mass. Their participation showed how Mary's faith and teachings continue to inspire younger generations. Following Mass, pilgrims gathered outside for a barbecue lunch overlooking the sea. It was a wonderful conclusion to a prayerful and uplifting celebration of faith, community and the lasting legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Well done, Eden!

Greg Crotty

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go, Lord, If You lead me,

I will hold Your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

2. I am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan rsm

1. I am the Bread of Life
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him. **R**

**Refrain: And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever. **R**

3. The Fullness of God *Fr Frank Andersen MSC*

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give.
May your hidden self grow strong and may you live,
Strong in faith and built on love, until you know –
How high and long, how wide and deep, the fullness of God.

2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your minds that you may see, deep in your heart
What hope his call now holds for you,
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,
the fullness of God.

3. Know the way you learned from Christ, to live life anew
Let your hearts be drawn to Him, let Christ renew,
The hope in you, to grow into. – goodness and truth
And living so you'll come to know, the fullness of God.
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4. 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

DID YOU KNOW?

It is called the **Prayer of the Faithful**, not *Prayers of the Faithful*. This is often written incorrectly in Mass booklets. Although there are several individual petitions, together they form one united prayer offered by the whole congregation.



One Sunday, the church roof began leaking badly. The priest stood before the congregation and said, "As you know, our church urgently needs repairs. Today we are taking up a special collection, and there will also be a special prize. Whoever gives the largest donation will be allowed to choose three hymns." The collection plate was passed around, and soon the counting was completed. The treasurer handed the priest a note, and the priest smiled. "I have some wonderful news. Miss O'Brien has generously donated \$1,000!" The entire congregation applauded. "Miss O'Brien, please come forward and choose your three hymns." Miss O'Brien walked to the front, looked around the congregation, pointed to three handsome men and declared, "I'll have him, him and him!"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Parish of Bombala-Delegate, acknowledge with deep respect
that we stand upon the traditional lands of the Bidwell, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.
We recognise the enduring legacy of their culture, which continues to enrich
the life and spirit of Australia.



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16 August 2026

First Reading **Is 56:1.6-7**

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
(R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the

mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom**

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 15:21-28**

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

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