



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Commonwealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we must respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.

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'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.'

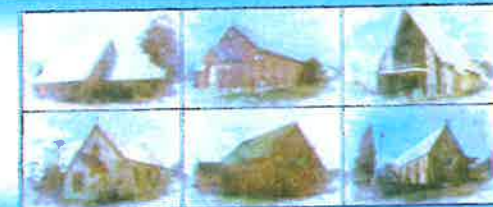
'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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## St Patrick's Parish Cooma St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

10 August 2025

### First Reading Wis 18:6-9

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

*(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

### Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

**(or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)**

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready:*

*You know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Lk 12:32-48

**(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)**

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.'





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## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 10th August 2025

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#### WEEKEND MASS & LW&HC TIMES

##### Adaminaby

No Mass until further notice

##### Berridale

2nd & 4th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 3.30pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 10am Sunday

##### Cooma

Mass Sunday 10am

Mass Tue, Thu & Fri 10am

**Except 3rd Friday**

Mass Yallambee Lodge 9.30am

Mass Hudson House Respect 11am

##### Jindabyne

2nd & 4th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

##### Nimmitabel

5th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

##### Numeralla

2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

4th Sunday Mass 5pm



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### POPES INTENTION AUGUST

##### For mutual coexistence



Let us pray that that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



#### JUBILEE YEAR 2025

##### PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

25<sup>th</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25 September - 4 October

2025 visiting holy places in Rome, Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists.

Enquiries: [pp@mibp.org.au](mailto:pp@mibp.org.au) or text 0417 259 617.



Bear in mind that we are only poor travellers, that our home is not here. (14.8.1866)



Happy are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes .

Luke 12:37



### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Week 11<sup>th</sup> August

**MON** Funeral James Sullivan  
St Clare

**TUE** 10am Mass Cooma  
St Jane Frances de Chantal

**WED** Bombala Mass 12.30 pm

**THU** 10am Mass Cooma

**FRI** 10am Mass Cooma  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**SAT** Jindabyne Mass at 5pm  
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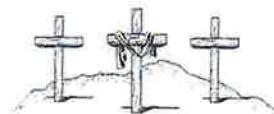
**SUN** Cooma 10am  
Delegate 8am  
Bombala Mass 10am  
Berridale LWHC 10am



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Barbara Schofield,  
James Sullivan, Adela Roach,  
Bill Fasch, Elaine Mooney  
Don McDonald, Celia Dalby  
**Anniversaries & Intentions**  
Maree Dunne, Colin Crowe



## Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)  
Lord, hear our prayer



**PRIEST:** We have listened to God's Word giving us strength for life's journey. We now turn to our God for what we need to be faithful to his call.

#### COMMENTATOR:

For all who exercise leadership in the Christian community: That they may be watchful and attentive to the signs of God's movement within the Body of Christ. (Pause)  
We pray to the lord.

For a greater faith in God: May Abraham's courage and obedience to what God wanted inspire us to be faithful in our own time, especially when we really struggle to discern God's will for us. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

For trust in God: Jesus tells us that there is no need to be afraid for we belong to God's kingdom. May this teaching comfort us in times of stress and encourage us to place our trust in God. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

For peace in our bitterly divided world: that leaders come together in an effort to cease hostilities seeking mutual understanding and cooperation before further bloodshed and suffering occurs. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom and give them the reward of their faithful service. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

We pray with Mary for our own intentions: Hail Mary

**PRIEST:** Gracious God, you are constant in caring for your people. Grant us all we need to be faithful in our response. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Chess Club - Help Required at St Patrick's Parish School

Pleasingly, we are seeing a growing interest in students wanting to learn and play chess at lunchtimes. If you have a level of expertise in chess and would like to encourage young people in this strategic game, we are looking for a volunteer at the school for 1-2 hours per week. The day(s) can be negotiable, and you would need to have your Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Come to me all, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Matthew 11:28

#### Assumption of Mary



### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

#### Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time/Year C

First: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53



### ROSTER

	10/08	17/08
<b>Acolyte</b>	Richard Cmun	Kaitlyn Bosco
<b>Usher</b>	Ron Jaajaa	Carol Byrne
<b>Reader/Commentator</b>	Jo-Anne Brown	Kevin Dunne
<b>Mass Servers</b>	Mike Introna	Suja Tessy
<b>Special Minister</b>	Joan Simpson	Jo-Anne Brown
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Belinda Wilkins	Kellie Summerville
<b>Linen</b>	Volunteer please	Jan McLean
<b>Church Care</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> J-A Brown J	23rd Shane Bilish & Family
<b>Hospital</b>	Kelly & G Mooney	Joan Simpson
<b>Flowers</b>	Kathleen Bashford	Claire Nuemeyer

Thank you to the Roach family for Church flowers

**MINISTRY TEAM:** Volunteer Rosters are being prepared for Sep - Feb '26, we would love to hear from you if you are able to assist with the volunteer ministry of our Parish, please phone Parish Office 64522062 and Sharon will be able to assist you with your availability dates. Thank You

We are looking for a Sacristy assistant who could assist Mary Bennett with the preparation for Cooma Church Services.

