

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 FEBRUARY 2025

‘BLESSED’ ARE YOU ...

Like Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount, Luke has Jesus teach his disciples. It occurs on a plain with the teacher surrounded by a great crowd of his disciples and others. We learn that his audience comes from around Judea, even from ancient Syria (Tyre and Sidon, in present-day Lebanon). In Luke, Jesus teaches about the primary qualities of discipleship and warns of the subtle attractions or seductions that compromise that discipleship.

Wealthy and poorer Greco-Romans make up Luke’s late first-century Gospel audience, and Luke directs Jesus’ words deliberately at them. The first half of his teaching is to those who are economically poor, hungry and grieving. Those are the members of Luke’s world who do not have the power or status to respond to their social, economic or personal situation. They are utterly powerless and live, perhaps, on the margins of Luke’s Gospel household. God will reverse their status. Luke reminds them that they are ‘blessed’ by God.

The translation, ‘happy are you...’ doesn’t capture the powerful sense of Jesus’ teaching. To be happy is a personal emotive response to good fortune. To be ‘blessed’ comes from above. This is God’s act, God’s gift, independent of one’s emotional state. Blessedness places one in the realm of the holy. The second half of Jesus’ teaching is addressed to those in the Lukan household who are wealthy, have all they need and are dismissively laughing, perhaps at others’ misfortune. Their situation will also be reversed. Jesus’ words are insightful and sobering. They invite us, contemporary disciples, to identify what we struggle with and what seduces us.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

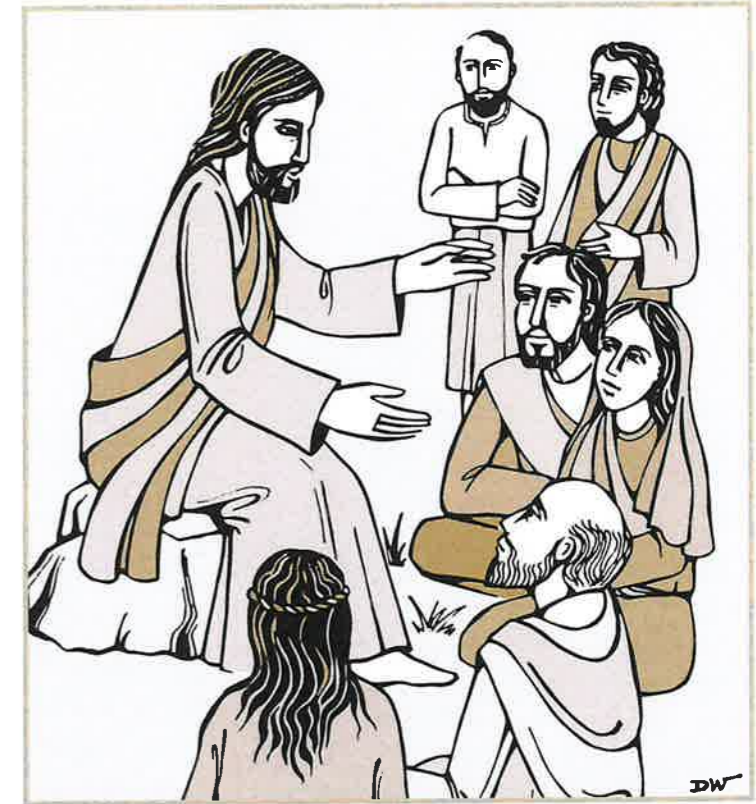
Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in the way of sinners / nor sits in the company of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of the Lord / and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside the flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in due season / and whose leaves shall never fade; / and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away by the wind. / For the Lord guards the way of the just / but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



*Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark and Fr Kose will be available to celebrate Baptism during mass on 2nd Sunday of the month
 CatholicMarriagePrep
<https://cgoatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/engaged>*

St Patrick's Cooma Mass
 Mass Sunday's at 10am
 Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass
 Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
 Except Third Friday of Month for Nursing Home Masses -postponed
 Yallabee Lodge
 Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -2nd Sunday month
 Next date =TBA (priest A/Leave)

Nimmitabel
 Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
 Liturgy of Word
 LITURGY 2nd 4th Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale-
 3.30pm Sat 2nd & 4th Sundays
 Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday's
 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month

Jindabyne
 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

We would like to wish our new School Principal Dr Sean Mangan and the teachers of St Patrick's Parish School a wonderful and productive school year.

We are grateful for Fr Mark's return to Parish duties this weekend, we wish him a speedy recover as he continues to recover from recent surgery.



We have an EFT TAP n Go available in Church entrance

for your cashless donations (Archdiocese split 70/30: 1st & 2nd JUST TAP! The New Smart Device at door has the option to Choose donation \$amount Thank you for supporting our Parish

Roster	16 th Feb	23 rd Feb
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Church Care	23 rd C Byrne J Upton P Stewart	2 nd Mar J-A BrownJ Kelly & G Mooney
Hospital	Joan Simpson	Kathleen Bashford

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer

Next weekend Readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / C	
1 st Reading	1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 15: 45-49
Gospel	Luke 6: 27-38

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":

Doug Payne of Kiama formerly of Cooma; Walter Neumeyer in Germany Claires brother-in-law, Debby Merrill formerly of Cooma, John Alexander, Joan Taylor, Lola Povey
Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends: the Seage family, Leanne Miners, Tony Heaton, Terry Redden, Rene Kingston

VOLUNTEERS: many vacancies exist in our Church.

If you would like to assist our Parish please let us know your availability and talents for Cleaning/ Reading/ Children's Liturgy/ Eucharistic Ministry/ Usher/ Acolyte and Catechist. **Special request for a Catechist Assistant for public schools**, you will be assisting Catechist Leader with children's coloring in and completion of worksheets as a 2nd person in the scripture room. If you would have ½ hour available time on a Tuesday or Thursday we would love to hear from you.



Archdiocesan News - Fr Tony Percy

Pope Francis has appointed Fr Tony Percy, currently the parish priest of St Gregory's parish, Queanbeyan, as the next Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Fr Percy, 62, was born in Sydney but relocated to Cooma with his family soon after. He is well acquainted with Sydney, however, having studied a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) from the University of New South Wales and, more recently, serving as the rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd from 2009-2014.

Following his ordination to the priesthood in December 1990, Fr Percy served at the parishes of Young, Queanbeyan, Ariah Park, Ardlethan and Barrellan before heading to the United States for further studies, obtaining his Licentiate and Doctorate in Sacred Theology.

After his return from studies, he served as parish priest in Goulburn before being invited by Cardinal George Pell to head the seminary.

Following his term as seminary rector, Fr Percy returned to Canberra and served as the archdiocesan Vicar General from 2015-2023. During that time he also served as parish priest at Wanniasa and then—until this appointment—as the parish priest of St Gregory's, Queanbeyan.

Before Fr Tony's departure for Sydney, there will be a Mass and Farewell for Fr Tony at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Patrick's Cooma. This is a part-time permanent position (12 hours pw/ days Tue/Thu/Fri 9am to 1pm)
 Essential Requirements:

- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 02 83317608 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest Fr Mark Croker must be received by 19th Feb 2025.

Who's job is it?

There is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, But Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized the Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.