



enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA


We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.


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**St Patrick's Parish Cooma**

**St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne**



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**21 September 2025**

## First Reading Am 8:4-7

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

*(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*  
*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

## Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.*  
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 16:1-13

**or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)**

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong





# St Patrick's Parish Cooma

## St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



Twenty-Fifth Sunday / YEAR C, 21<sup>st</sup> September 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

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation



Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

#### Clergy Retirement Foundation

Donations can be returned via collection baskets. Thank you for your support



St Vincent de Paul local Monaro Conference will be holding the

#### Appeal collection

Thank you for your valued support, envelopes can also be returned via collections for delivery.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025

All parishioners and school community members are invited to a Christmas Lunch on **Sunday 21 December 2025 after 10am Mass** at the Ex-Services Club. Tickets will be **\$30 for adults** and **\$15 for children** (15 and under). There will be a 3-course Christmas style buffet lunch for adults and platters or kid's meal menu. Tickets will be available from St Patrick's Parish School Office in person (Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm) or over the phone on **6452 1721**. Tickets are also available now at the Parish office to purchase Mon Wed Thu 9-4pm We are also looking to provide some Christmas entertainment for this function.



### PARISH CALENDAR

Week 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2025

- TUE** 10am Mass Cooma  
*St Pius of Pietrelcina*
- WED** Bombala Mass 12.30pm
- THU** 10am Mass Cooma
- FRI** 10am Mass Cooma  
*Sts Cosmas and Damian*  
*Weekend 4th Sunday of month*
- SAT** Jindabyne Mass at 5pm  
Nimmitabel LWHC 5pm  
*Sts Andrew Kiri Tae-gon,*  
*Paul Chong Hasand*
- SUN** Cooma 10am Mass  
*St Vincent de Paul*  
Numeralla 5pm Mass



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Bishop Pat Power (1942-2025),  
*Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese*; The funeral Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 7pm at the the Cathedral will be livestreamed  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/FpXEdxiYLYA>

Let us pray,

May your merciful kindness,  
O Lord, be with your departed servant, Patrick. May he know the eternal company of Christ, in whom he hoped and whom he preached. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN

Angela Blyton, Joan Cahill,  
George Karooz, Brian Standen,  
Barbara Schofield, James Sullivan  
Adela Roach, Bill Fasch,  
Elaine Mooney, Don McDonald,  
Celia Dalby

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

Franco Mondolo, Betty Mattner



## Prayer of the Faithful



Response (R): Lord, hear our prayer

**PRIEST:** We have been nourished by God's Good News and its word both comforts and disturbs us. As we reflect on its meaning for our lives we ask God for what we need to be faithful to it.

#### COMMENTATOR:

For the church; that we may be good stewards of the gifts God has given us and use them to benefit all God's people. (pause)

We pray to the Lord. (R)

For all who prophetically announce God's word: that the Spirit will sustain them and renew them in times of trial and rejection. (pause)

We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the children of our parish who will be receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in Cooma today, that they will be able to experience God's love as they take the next step in their spiritual journey.

We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish: that many Christians may be inspired to help those in need in whatever way they are able. (pause)

We pray to the Lord. (R)

For the gift of peace: that the Spirit of God will inspire all negotiators to new efforts to end violence and establish peace through justice, especially at the present time in the Middle and particularly Gaza.

We pray to the Lord. (R)

For all who have died: especially Bishop Pat Powe, that they may find life in God's eternal kingdom. (pause)

We pray to the Lord. (R)

**PRIEST:** Loving God, giver of all gifts, teach us to be grateful for what we have received and generous in your service. We ask this and all our prayers through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.



### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

#### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time /Year C

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Tim 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31



### September – The Seven Sorrows of Mary

September is the month devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, with the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th of September. The feast is preceded by another important feast, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the 14th of September which commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena and the dedication of the Basilica that was built on the site of the Crucifixion. Together, these two feasts remind us to reflect on the intense spiritual sorrows and martyrdom of the Blessed Virgin Mary that began when she heard the prophecy of holy Simeon and reached a high point at the foot of the Cross, during the agony of Our Lord Jesus on the Cross. She suffered her spiritual martyrdom along with her Beloved Son Jesus for the salvation of all mankind.

### First Holy Communion Congratulations

Best Wishes on your First Holy Communion Day.  
May Jesus bless you with all the prosperity and guide you to His path. May the Lord always be in your heart.



Ava Bilish

Mathew de Rooy

Samay Mazzucco

Bryce O'Reilly

Finn Penn

Alvina Shinoy

Paula Alvarado Rojas

Willow Brazulaitis

George Hastings

Olivia Pendergast

Remy Preston

Zarlia Shaw

Quinn Stewart



### ROSTER

	21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep
<b>Acolyte</b>	Richard Cmun	Darren Steinke
	Pauline	
<b>Usher</b>	Radosavljevic	Carol Byrne
<b>Reader/ Commentator</b>	Heather Collin	Heather Collin
	Tony Goodwin	Mike Introna
<b>Mass Servers</b>		
<b>Special Minister</b>	Beryl Barron	Susan Tighe
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Carol Byrne
<b>Linen</b>	Michele Atkins	vacant
		4 <sup>th</sup> Oct Carol Byrne
<b>Church Care</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Sue McPhie Leah Baker Barnette Moser	Julie Upton Pam Stewart
<b>Hospital</b>	Kathleen Bashford	Volunteer required
<b>Flowers</b>	Claire Nuemeyer	



### FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD The Heart of Our Faith

At the heart of our faith is a deep and personal relationship with God which is nourished by our engagement with the Gospel stories.

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who have become disillusioned by the church into which they were baptised, that they will be led by the Spirit to a new faith in Jesus.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for the parents, godparents, family and friends of every newly baptised infant, that they will be a community of faith, hope and love in which the child will grow to maturity.