

He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of the duties of a king in the ancient world was that of being the judge of the highest court in the land and the last court of appeal for anyone seeking justice. In the readings for today, we are invited onto a large stage to witness a drama in which the lives of individuals, nations, and all forms of authority and power, must stand before God's judgement.

In Ezekiel, the cries and suffering of the people have not gone unnoticed by God. The religious leaders had proved themselves to be unworthy and God will now provide the care and leadership that had been entrusted to them. Using the beautiful image of the shepherd who shelters, comforts, and heals, Ezekiel shows how God's judgement and rule are accompanied by loving care for those who suffer.

For his part, Paul reflects on the role of Jesus in the larger scheme of salvation history. The resurrection of the Lord had convinced him that a new age, a new creation was dawning. Jesus had been exalted as Lord and King and his rule would last until death had been conquered. Then he will offer a renewed creation back to God the source of all.

The fascinating development in the Gospel passage is that we are called to share in the development and growth of the kingdom by means of our loving concern for others. The responsibility of caring for the flock is one in which we are all called to share, and it is on this basis that we will be judged.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

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

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way



the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.

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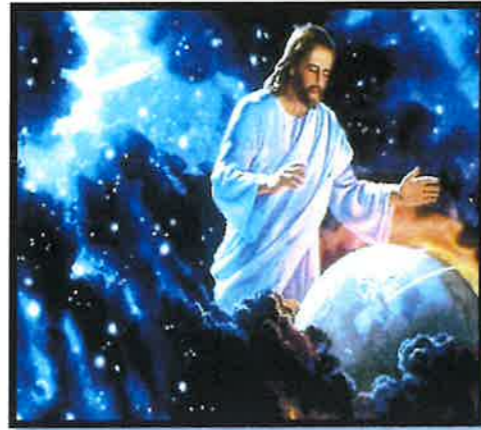
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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



*Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the mth*

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St Patrick's Cooma Mass  
 Mass Sunday's at 10am  
 Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Thu 1<sup>st</sup> June 4pm  
 St Patrick's Weekday  
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am  
 Except Third Friday of Month  
 Nursing Home Mass  
 9.30am Yallabee Lodge  
 11am Sir William Hudson  
 Adaminaby volunteer required-  
 Nimmitabel  
 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla  
 Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5.00pm  
 LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale  
 Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month  
 Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy  
 of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,*

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

Bill Russell, funeral Mass Adaminaby Mon 27<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm; Susan Nanno in Armidale.

*Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends. During Month of November*

*'Remembrance Books' are place on the altar for you to record loved ones name's for prayer offering.*

*Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" John Rudd, Judy Tozer, Shirley Blyton, Tania Giuliani, Jara Gregor, Don McDonald.*



**New to our Parish-** please pick-up a Parish family census for completion and hand to Fr. Mark as an introduction to your new parish community

### Christmas Mass Times for Snowy Monaro Parishes

#### St Patrick's Cooma

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Christmas Day Mass

#### St Andrew's Nimmitabel

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm Christmas Eve Mass

#### St Columbkilles Jindabyne

10 am Christmas Day

#### St Josph's Berridale

8am Christmas Day

#### St Mary's Bombala

Christmas Eve Mass 7pm

#### St Joseph's Delegate

Christmas Eve Mass 5.00 pm

#### Christmas Day Mass

#### St Mary's Adaminaby

8am Christmas Day

#### New Year's Day Masses

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 Cooma 10am

**Working Bee invite:** we require assistance for the tidy up of Church grounds for

Christmas please, **when: Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am -11am.** If possible please bring either whipper snipper, hoe, rake, wheel barrow, mower etc.

Thank you for your attendance, Fr Mark



Fr Mark's Jokes:

When Bishop Philip Brooks, author of "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," was seriously ill, he requested that none of his friends come to see him. But when an acquaintance of his named Robert Ingersoll, the famous anti-Christian propagandist, came to see him, Brooks allowed him to enter his room. Ingersoll said, "I appreciate this very much, especially when you aren't letting any of your close friends see you." Bishop Brooks responded, "Oh, I'm confident of seeing them in the next world, but this may be my last chance to see you."

Roster	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
Acolyte	Richard Cmunt	Darren Steinke
Usher	Terri Rick	Joan Simpson
Reader/Commentator	Kevin Dunne Suja Tessa	Jo-Anne Brown Belinda Wilkins
Special Minister	Margaret Quodling	Joan Simpson
Mass Servers	Natalia & Amelia Zieja	.....
Children's Liturgy	Belinda Wilkins	
Linen	Volunteer please	Jolanta Zieja
Church Care	3 <sup>rd</sup> S McPhie L Baker B Moser	10 <sup>th</sup> C Byrne J Upton P Stewart
Hospital	Kathleen Bashford	Joan Simpson

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer **New Rosters 2024 are being prepared for email and print, any changes please advise asap to Sharon at Parish Office or email [cooma@cg.org.au](mailto:cooma@cg.org.au) thank you.**

**We do need another team member to assist with our valued cleaning teams**

for new Rosters 2024 flexible volunteer 1hour of your time. Assist vacuum and dusting. Please talk to Fr Mark or Sharon ☺

Next weekend Readings

First Sunday of Advent/ A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1, 3-8
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Cor 1: 3-9
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37



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