



the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally self-absorbed in the self-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. He created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, created by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'.

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

28 September 2025

First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like
David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not
care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

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 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from



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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

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

Except 5th Sunday

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Nimmitabel

5th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

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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.



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YOU ARE INVITED

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

21ST 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 29th Sep 2025
MON *Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael*
TUE **10am Mass Cooma**
St Jerome
WED **Bombala Mass 9.30am**
St Therese of the Child of Jesus
THU **10am Mass Cooma**
The Holy Guardian Angels
FRI **10am Mass Cooma**
Weekend 1st Sunday of month
SAT **Jindabyne Mass at 5pm**
St Francis of Assisi
SUN **Nimmitabel LWHC 5pm**
Cooma 10am Mass



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Bishop Pat Power (1942-2025),
Angela Blyton, Joan Cahill,
George Karooz, Brian Standen,
Barbara Schofield, James
Sullivan Adela Roach, Bill Fasch,
Elaine Mooney, Don McDonald,
Celia Dalby

Anniversaries & Intentions

Ugo & Rosina Patat



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

A minister and lawyer were chatting at a party: "What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?" the minister asked. "Try to fix it if it's big; ignore it if it's insignificant," replied the lawyer. "What do you do?" Minister replied "Oh, more or less the same. Let me give you an example. The other day I meant to say 'the devil is the father of liars,' but instead I said 'the devil is the father of lawyers', so I let it go."



Prayer of the Faithful



Response (R): Lord, hear our prayer

PRIEST: Strengthened by God's Word, proclaimed and broken for us, we turn to our God for courage to live its message and to ask for what we need in the church and in society.

COMMENTATOR:

For peace in the world and in our nation: May all people of goodwill strive to cultivate peace within their hearts which may then be spread through all levels of our family, community and national life. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

For world governments: May they respond to the desperate needs of refugees and those fleeing war zones and terrorism. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.

For safe travel on our roads during the up-coming school Holidays (pause) We pray to the Lord.

For the poor in society: May we be moved by the message of the gospel to consider the poor in our society. May our concern for their needs be reflected by our generosity of time and money and our promotion of justice for all. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died: we remember Ugo & Rosina Patat, May those who have gone before us now experience eternal life with the God who has called them to himself.

We pray to the Lord.

For ourselves and all those near to us, we pray with Mary, Hail Mary....

PRIEST: God of all consolation, you have a special love for the poor. Teach us to share that love and concern and grant us what we need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



READINGS FOR NEXTWEEKEND

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time /Year C

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:21-4

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10



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.

The Marriage Course

What: The Marriage Course Information Session

When: October 12, 12:00 - 12:45pm

Who: 1) *Participants* who want to enrich their marriage; 2) *Leaders* - Nominated parishioners who could eventually run the course in your parish

Catered Event: Complimentary wine, and nibbles

Where: Haydon Hall, Manuka

Note: The actual course will commence in early 2026

ROSTERS: Copy available at back of the Church should you require a printed copy

VALE BISHOP PAT POWER



A 'pilgrim of hope and joy' The Archdiocese is deeply saddened by the passing of Bishop Patrick Percival Power, who died peacefully last week aged 83.

Born in Cooma in 1942 and raised in Queanbeyan, Bishop Pat always described himself proudly as a "Queanbeyan boy." Educated at St Christopher's School and St Edmund's College, he trained for the priesthood in Springwood and Manly before being ordained in his hometown in 1965. Bishop Pat went on to serve nearly 40 years as Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Throughout his ministry, he was loved for his compassion, humility and willingness to stand alongside people on the margins. He was never afraid to speak up for those doing it tough, and was especially known for his care of Indigenous Australians, refugees and disadvantaged people. In 2009, he was named Canberra Citizen of the Year in recognition of his lifelong advocacy. Yet despite his honours and responsibilities, Bishop Pat remained a humble man of the people. He officiated countless weddings, confirmations and funerals, always taking time to connect with families in their moments of both joy and sorrow. Friends and fellow clergy remember him as a "good bloke" – a simple but powerful tribute that sums up the way he lived his faith with dignity, honesty and kindness. He often said that the greatest gift of the priesthood was the people themselves: their faith, their generosity and the lessons they taught him. Bishop Pat will be remembered as a son of Cooma and Queanbeyan, a true Canberran, and a pastor who never lost sight of the everyday struggles and strengths of ordinary people. May he rest in peace.