



## Gospel Lk 12:13-21

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

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



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**3 August 2025**

## First Reading Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

**Alleluia!**

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# St Patrick's Parish Cooma

## St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



### THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 3RD 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

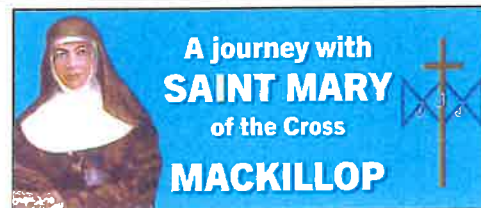
25<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October.

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.

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A journey with  
**SAINT MARY**  
of the Cross  
**MACKILLOP**

Let not weaknesses make you discouraged. (4.7.1876)

Marriage of Flora and Alexander MacKillop, Melbourne. (14.7.1840)



#### PARISH CALENDAR

##### Week 4<sup>th</sup> August

**MON** 11am Funeral Adela Roach  
1pm Numeralla Cemetery  
St John Vianney

**TUE** 10am Mass Cooma  
Sts Martha Mary and Lazarus

**WED** Bombala Mass 9.30am  
The Transfiguration of the Lord

**THU** 10am Mass Cooma  
St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

**FRI** No Mass  
St Mary of the Cross

**SAT** Berridale Mass at 3.30pm  
Jindabyne Mass at 5pm  
LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm  
**SUN** Cooma 10am  
Bombala LW& HC 9am



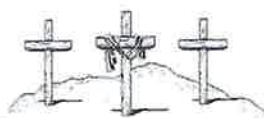
#### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

##### Recently Deceased

Adela Roach 11am Cooma followed by at the 1pm Numeralla Cemetery; Bill Fasch, Elaine Mooney Don McDonald, Celia Dalby Mary Penfold, Mary Hanna Graeme Russell

##### Anniversaries & Intentions

Robyn Battye



Be **Fierce** for **Fair**

Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop

8 August



## Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



**PRIEST:** God's word has been opened for us and it's teaching is food for our journey. We now turn to our God for what we need in the church and in the world.

**COMMENTATOR:** For a spirit of gratitude: that we all may appreciate the gifts that God has given us and become rich through words of faith, attitudes that bring hope and deeds of love. We pray to the Lord.

For the grace of detachment: that God's Spirit will protect us from greed and the idolatry it produces. We pray to the Lord

For peacemakers: that God will inspire them and fill them with courage as they work to end the divisions in the human family and promote reconciliation. We pray to the Lord

For all who struggle because of financial burdens, especially the unemployed: that God will guide them in their decisions, help them to use their resources wisely and open new opportunities for them to use their gifts.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died that they will now live forever in the joyful presence of our loving Creator. We pray to the Lord.

**We pray with Mary:** Hail Mary....

**PRIEST:** God of all goodness, you are generous in what you give us. Help us have right attitudes about what is lasting in life and hear all the prayers we make through Jesus, your Son. 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).

Please contact Sean Mangan (Principal) on 0409 913 038 if you can support or have a suggested person we can follow up with. Maybe even learn together if of interest!

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

#### Daily Prayer Intention –

For all Australians, that this week's feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop will inspire us to care for the poor, especially young children and vulnerable women. We pray to the Lord. Lord Hear our Prayer.



#### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

**First: Wisdom 18:6-9**

**Second: 11;1-2, 8-19**

**Gospel: Luke 12:32-48**



#### ROSTER

	3/08	10/08
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kaitlyn Bosco	Richard Cmun
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Bennett	Ron Jaajaa
<b>Reader/Commentator</b>	Fran Robertson Tony Goodwin	Jo-Anne Brown Mike Introna
<b>Mass Servers</b>		
<b>Special Minister</b>	Marg Quodling	Joan Simpson
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Joan Simpson	Belinda Wilkins
<b>Linen</b>	Gaie Mooney 9 <sup>th</sup> C Byrne	Volunteer please 16 <sup>th</sup> J-A Brown J
<b>Church Care</b>	J Upton P Stewart	Kelly & G Mooney
<b>Hospital</b>	Leah Baker	Kathleen Bashford
<b>Flowers</b>	Claire Nuemeyer	

**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.

#### Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage 9<sup>th</sup> August

Join us for the Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden. This special church has been designated for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Location - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden (a designated church for the Jubilee Year of Hope)

- Pilgrimage walk at 11.00 am from Sports Ground
- Mass at 12.00 pm

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