



Gospel Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life.

We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

5 October 2025

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

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

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

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!



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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY / YEAR C, 5th October 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

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

Numeralla

2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

4th Sunday Mass 5pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION OCTOBER

**For collaboration between
different religious traditions**



Let us pray that believers in
different religious traditions
might work together to
defend and promote peace,
justice, and human fraternity.

Clergy Retirement Foundation

Donations can still be returned via
collection baskets.

Thank you for your support, Fr Mark



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.

Please get in early to purchase tickets for your
attendance booking, we would love to see you
join our lunch event 🍷



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 6th Oct 2025

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN

10am Mass Cooma

Our Lady of the Rosary

11am Funeral for late

Rodney Caldwell-Cooma

11am Mass Jerangle

Everyone welcome

* No Cooma Mass

10am Mass Cooma

Weekend 2nd Sunday of month

Berridale Mass 3.30pm

Jindabyne Mass at 5pm

St John XXIII, pope

Nimmitabel LWHC 5pm

Cooma 10am Mass

Numeralla 5pm LWHC



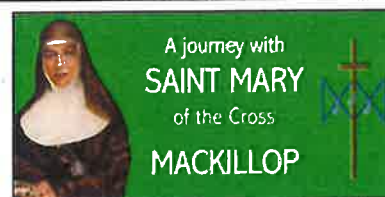
REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Rod Caldwell husband of June,
funeral 8th Oct at 11am Cooma;
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



Never correct when you are angry and do
not suspect too easily. (9.3.1890)
Time, charity and patience will make all
things right. (2.6.1890)



Prayer of the Faithful



Response (R): Lord, hear our prayer

PRIEST: We have listened to God's Word and its message
is food for our journey through life. Strengthened by its
teaching we turn to our God for what we need.

COMMENTATOR:

For our religious leaders, Leo our Pope, Christopher our
Bishop, all bishops, priests and deacons: may they build
on the mustard seed of their own faith in proclaiming the
Good News. (pause) Lord, hear us.

For all Christians: that God may strengthen the Spirit which
has been given to each of us and encourage us to love
without expectation and to forgive without condition.
(pause) Lord, hear us.

For peace in our troubled world: that the powers of evil,
which inspire all acts of violence and terrorism, will be
overcome by the vigilance of people of goodwill. (pause)
Lord, hear us.

For all our friends and families who have died: we pray for
Rodney Caldwell may they now know forever the love of
their God. (pause) Lord, hear us.

For peace in our world: let us pray with Mary, the Queen
of Peace. Hail Mary.....

PRIEST: God of love, fill us with your Spirit: Comfort
and encourage us and increase the faith
you have given. We ask this through Christ
our Lord.



READINGS FOR NEXTWEEKEND

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time /Year C

First Reading: 2 King 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 11-19



OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to
an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary
appeared to Saint Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and
doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating
the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against
the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon,
explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

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: Large Copy on Display at
entrance of the Church. Additional
Roster copies to Mar 2026 are also
available to take home, please see
Notice Board**

Farewell to Bishop Patrick Power A life of love and service



At St Christopher's Cathedral, family and
friends gathered to farewell Bishop Patrick
Power, remembered as a deeply loving,
caring and inspirational man. His nephew,
Matthew de Jongh, described him not only
as a priest and bishop but as the big
brother, uncle and family figure who
brought joy to gatherings, nicknamed every
child and never failed to show up with
encouragement and love.

Whether it was cheering at the footy, casting a line, or
simply walking side by side, Bishop Pat always made those
around him feel valued and uplifted. The service in Manuka
drew hundreds, with many more watching online across the
Archdiocese. Inside his coffin rested two symbols of his
passions - a St Edmund's College jersey, reflecting his
lifelong connection as student and chaplain, and a South
Sydney Rabbitohs jersey, celebrating his great love of
rugby league. As Mr de Jongh recalled, one of the highlights
of Bishop Pat's life was witnessing South Sydney's famous
2014 Grand Final victory, ending a 43-year drought. For
him, both faith and football were about loyalty, community
and shared joy. In their tributes, clergy and leaders spoke
of Bishop Pat's courage, compassion, and commitment to
people. Monsignor John Woods described him as a
shepherd who comforted the afflicted and challenged the
comfortable, while Archbishop Christopher Prowse
reflected on his gratitude, humility, and legacy of
compassion, encouragement, and hope. Known as a
"parish priest for Canberra and Queanbeyan," Bishop Pat
was remembered as someone who touched countless lives
with his kindness, leaving behind an enduring memory as a
servant of faith, a devoted family man, and a true friend.

