



### Gospel Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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

**7 September 2025**

### First Reading Wis 9:13-18

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

### 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 Phlm 9-10, 12-17

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

### Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.**

**Alleluia!**





# St Patrick's Parish Cooma

## St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR C, 7<sup>th</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

1st 2nd 3rd & 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 SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

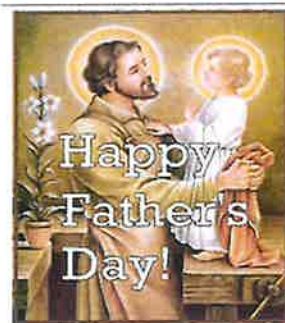
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



St Vincent de Paul local Monaro Conference will be holding the Winter Appeal collection on the Next weekend-14th Sept 2025.

Donations will be greatly accepted at the Church doors after Mass, envelopes are available for your valued support and can also be returned via parish collections.

*Wishing all dad's a very blessed  
Happy Father's Day!*



### Clergy Retirement

### Foundation

### Father's Day Appeal

The annual collection for our retired priests: there are 24 of our Archdiocese who after years of faithful and generous service now come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. The annual Father's Day Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to donate to this Appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at [www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate)



### PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Week 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025</b>	
<b>MON</b>	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>10am Mass Cooma</b> <i>St Peter Claver</i>
<b>WED</b>	<i>Bombala Mass 12.30pm</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>10am Mass Cooma</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10am Mass Cooma</b> <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
<i>Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month</i>	
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Berridale Mass 3.30pm</b> <b>Jindabyne Mass at 5pm</b> <b>Nimmitabel LWHC at 5pm</b> <b>Delegate LW&amp;HC 5pm</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Cooma 10am</b> <b>Bombala LW&amp;HC 9am</b> <b>Numeralla 5pm liturgy</b>



### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

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

#### Anniversaries & Intentions

Irene Flanagan



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

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for all who are responsible for the care of children, that this year's Child Protection Week (7-13 September) will move them to go beyond conversation and put words into action.



## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**  
**Lord, hear our prayer**



#### PRIEST:

We have reflected upon God's Word proclaimed and broken for us. Strengthened by its teaching we turn to the Lord for what we need.

#### COMMENTATOR:

\* For Pope Leo and the College of Bishops: may their teaching and leadership show the world the way to peace and reconciliation. We pray to the Lord.

For the children of Australia: may all families, institutions and social settings work together to ensure the well-being of every child and create an environment of safety and protection where they may flourish. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

\*For all who suffer from hunger, war or persecution: may the actions of people of goodwill combine to bring them relief and an end to strife. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

\*For an end to terrorism: that all who feel trapped and burdened by life may seek new ways toward freedom and come to a new understanding of the dignity of human life. (pause) We pray to the Lord

\* For all fathers who have reflected God's love in our lives: may they continue to be blessed in the intimacy of their family lives and always know that they are loved and appreciated. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

\*For all who have died and have gone before us. We remember especially our grandfathers, fathers, uncles and special friends who may no longer be with us in this life. May they live forever in God's loving care. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

#### PRIEST:

God of all love, you call us to faithful service in the community and in the church. Help us in our desire to be good servants of your Son who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen



### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross/Year C

**First: Num 21:4-9**

**Second: Phil : 2.6-11**

**Gospel: John 3:13-17**

Part Time Parish Secretary – Positions Vacant – Parish Officer  
Essential Requirements for Parish Officer roles in the Parishes of: -  
- Tumut, Gundagai, Adelong & Batlow;  
- Cooma Parish  
- Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin – Parish Office Manager 25 hpw  
This is a part-time permanent position for hours per week.  
Essential Requirements:

- Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. For a copy of the Duty Statement please email the Parish Office  
Experience with database packages & Microsoft Suite
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, as part of a team, and take direction
- Understand and administer areas of church and regulatory compliance (eg. Parish sacrament registers, Working With Vulnerable People, WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment. A PD is avail.



### ROSTER

	7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	14 <sup>th</sup> Sep
<b>Acolyte</b>	Richard Cmun	Kaitlyn Bosco
<b>Usher</b>	Terri Rick	Mary Bennett
<b>Reader/ Commentator</b>	Jo-Anne Brown Lou Mackay	Suja Tessa Kevin Dunne
<b>Mass Servers</b>		
<b>Special Minister</b>	Heather Collin	Leah Baker
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Suja Tessa	Belinda Wilkins
<b>Linen</b>	Gaie Mooney	Jan McLean
<b>Church Care</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Bilish family	20 <sup>th</sup> Blyton & Barrett family
<b>Hospital</b>	Kathleen Bashford	Joan Simpson
<b>Flowers</b>	Claire Nuemeyer	

### Spring Shared Lunch - Sunday 21 September

All parishioners are invited to a Spring Shared Lunch on **Sunday 21 September 2025 after 10am Mass**. This will provide us with an opportunity to celebrate with the children and their families after they have made their first Holy Communion. Parishioners are asked to contribute with a Spring themed food dish for the shared lunch to be held in the Food Technology Centre – Secondary Campus of St Patrick's Parish School.



**Christmas Shared 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 at the Parish office Mon Wed Thu 9-4pm We are also looking to provide some Christmas entertainment for this function.