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ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER

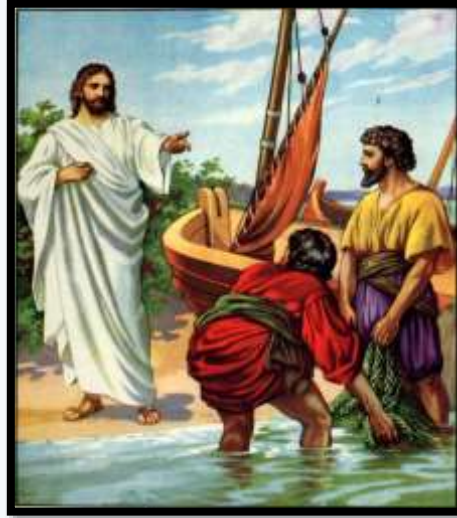
Wednesdays- Fr. is at Bombala Parish
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*Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at
 Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during
 mass on 2nd Sunday of the month*

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St Patrick's Cooma Mass
 Mass Sunday's at 10am
Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation
As requested following Mass
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 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
 Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
 LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

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

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

Roster	Sun 21st Jan 2024	Sun 28th
Acolyte	Darren Steinke	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Ron Jaajaa Volunteer please
Reader/Commentator	Susan Tighe Mary Bennett	Mike Introna Tony Goodwin
Special Minister	R Zieja	Jo-Anne Brown
Mass Servers	
Linen	J Zieja	G Mooney
Church Care	27 th S McPhie L Baker B Moser	3 rd C Byrne J Upton P Stewart
Hospital	Kathleen Bashford	Joan Simpson

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer

Next weekend Readings

Sunday in Ordinary Time/ B	
1 st Reading	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 7: 29-31
Gospel	Mark 1: 14-20



Lenten Program 2024

Please see Fr Mark if you are interest in hosting a Lenten group.

We can place an order:
 Short daily reflections
 booklet perfect for Lenten
 group or individual
 devotional reading is
 available for order. Please
 place name on list at the
 entrance.
 Thank you.

We have an extra Device
TAP n Go is available in
Church entrance for your
donations(Archdiocese
 split 70/30: 1st & 2nd
 JUST TAP! The **New Smart**
Device at door has the
 option to choose your
 donation amount

*A big thank you to the 2 gentlemen who mowed the
 Church grounds last week, making our Church look lovely
 and tidy.*

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

“We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death”:

Ray Pendergast, father of Scott, Christopher and Nicole; Kathleen Fraser; Thomas Crocker; Gloria Sellars, John Rudd OAM, Bill Russell

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: “In loving memory of our departed family and friends.”

Frank Pusswald, Josip and Franka Janes and deceased family of the Pusswald and Janes family in Croatia; Lloyd & Sally Reed.

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” Shirley Blyton, Tania Giuliani, Jara Gregor, Judy Tozer, Don McDonald.

Baptism: **Congratulations and welcome** ‘Ava Isabella Rixon’ into our St Patrick’s Parish family. Your baptism is the beginning of a long, beautiful faith journey. Best wishes for much joy and grace as you take this spiritual journey with your parents Connor and Renu together with your Godparents Dayna, Lauren, Claudia and Angela.

How proud am I to be Australian?

I am deeply loyal and proud of the country I was born nearly 65 years ago. As boy from the bush, that loyalty and sometimes has needed to be tempered. Like the football team we support, parochialism can be caught up in one-eyed views, seeing red, the raw deal my lot gets etc. All this is good to a point. We know this can lead to even deep bitterness. Even as religious leader, over the years dealing with so many events, so many things aren’t black and white. I have strong views on saying the Church is the home of all people no matter their background. As Pope Francis said, ‘it is a hospice for the sick.’

This is where we need to be able to stop, to listen, to hear one another. No country has ever been perfect. Whether we got it wrong or right in the referendum last year the majority was clear. In fairness, we still have a long way to go in acknowledging our indigenous brothers and sisters.

In the meantime, it would be nice to get on celebrating the country we live in. What right do 81 councils around Australia have to hold their people at ransom in deciding they will not be celebrating Australia Day? Why shouldn’t we have citizenship day on this our Australian National holiday? Why should Woollies, Bunnings and Aldi take it on themselves to say they won’t sell Australia Day memorabilia this year? But who cares? These huge franchises justify their bullying by forever boasting about the best deals on offer. Their specials come from squeezing producers to the point where they can’t even cover their costs. Bunnings is great value! How much of what is sold in their stores comes from exploiting people who are vastly underpaid in poorer countries offshore from Australia?

You can be assured, it is not the people who give great service in these shops who will unfairly be at the wrath of other disgruntled Australians. No, these decisions are made by a few big fat cats that sit in highchairs drinking lattes and watching boats sail below on the waters of Sydney Harbour.

We need to remember what built and makes this country so lucky before we have blown it all. Remember those who stayed on after their time as convicts and the toil they put in. Remember the explorers who opened up the inland – not to mention those game enough to go and live in the wilderness. Remember the men and women who fought for this country so we could have what has long been unique. The list goes on. Dwell on it and be grateful. Let us be unified, and in faith – remember that in those Irish brought here in chains that nothing could stop the Christian faith which many today have abandoned.

Don’t worry about a Woollies flag! When the time comes put your Akubra on, a bit of zinc for the nose, your Jackie Howe singlet and fire the BBQ up. It’s a day for those who were here before us, for us who arrived late, and for those who have just arrived.

Fr Mark

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Fr Mark’s Jokes:

Good News and Bad News: An old man visits his doctor and after thorough examination the doctor tells him: “I have good news and bad news; what would you like to hear first?” Patient: “Well, let me have the bad news first.” Doctor: “You have cancer. I estimate that you have about two years left.” Patient: “Oh no! That’s just awful! In two years my life will be over! What kind of good news could you probably tell me, after this?” Doctor: “You also have Alzheimer’s. In about three months you are going to forget everything I told you.”