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|  **Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Croker****Mobile : 0428 190 759****Presbytery** 02 8331 7609 **Fr. Kose :** 0470 498 321**Wednesdays- Fr. is at Bombala Parish** **Mass:**  9.30am & Delegate 2nd Wed 10.30am **Parish Secretary:**  Mrs Sharon Nesbitt 02 8331 7608 *Office Opening Hours****##Mon, Tue, Wed ~~Thu~~*** open next week9am-1pm/ 2pm-4.30pm *Email:* cooma@cg.org.au [**www.cg,org.au/coom**](http://www.cg,org.au/cooma)**a****Sacramental Program**Fr Mark Croker  *0428 190 759***St Patrick's Parish School** **Principal:**Mrs Frances RobertsonCnr Murray & Vale Street, Cooma*Phone:* 02 6452 1721[**http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au**](http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au)**Parish Pastoral Council:**Darren 0429 904 291 [**www.cg.org.au/cooma**](http://www.cg.org.au/cooma)[**www.cg.org.au/jindabyne**](http://www.cg.org.au/jindabyne)**www.cg.org.au/bombala** |  ST PATRICK’S PARISHFAMILYThree Parishes Together**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***CatholicMarriagePrep.com <hello@catholicmarriageprep.com*** Sacramental- mark.croker @cg.org.au | **St Patrick’s Cooma Mass** **Mass Sunday’s at 10am** *Cooma Reconciliation available a*s requested following Mass**Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm****St Patrick’s Weekday** Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10amExcept Third Friday of Month **for Nursing Home Masses 18th Oct** 9.30am Yallambee Lodge  11am Sir William Hudson**Adaminaby –2nd Sunday month**Next date = TBA**Nimmitabel**Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass1st 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**1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat  |  |  |

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|  **Roster** | **24th Dec 6pm Vigil** | **Christmas Day 10am****(Please assist)** | **Sun 29th DEC** |
| ***Acolyte*** |  |  | Kaitlyn Bosco |
| ***Usher*** |  |  | Carol Byrne |
| ***Reader/Commentator*** |  | Jeremiah Abrok | Kevin Dunne Susan Tighe |
| ***Special Minister*** |  | Leah Baker | Mike Introna |
| ***Mass Servers*** |  |  | - |
| ***Linen*** |  |  | School holidays |
| ***Church Care***  |  |  | Gaie Mooney |
| ***Hospital*** |  |  | 5th Jan Bilish family |

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*A very HUGE Thank You again!*

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***Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,***

***“We have all our dearly loved family and friends, let us not forget them in death”:*** Anne Bottom, Ned Freebody, Lorraine Ryan, Tim & Brian Ferguson,

Michelle O’Neill, Glen McRitchie, John Rudd OAM, Bill Russell, Tania Giuliani,

Jara Gregor, Norma Shorten, Michelle O’Neill, Betty Mattner, Fran Rolfe, Betty Mattner, Maree Dunne, Joan Duffy,Tom Duffy, Brian Pendergast, Don Phillips,

Mary Phillips, Laurie & Nancy Norton, Leanne Miners, Phillip Russell, Daphne Bell, Warren Hinds,

Greg & Mary Russell, Vonnie & Colin Crowe, Bert Potter, Pat McDonald, Danny Nassar, Kevin & Pat Green, Mary Green, Garry Pendergast, Margaret Pendergast, Pat Hain, Ken Jones, Ugo Patat, Clare Nowland,

Robyn Battye, Keith & Pat Lynch, Mary Boller, Des McCarthy, Agna Muddle, Gino & Pierina Revelant, Franco Mondolo,Mark Williams, Marg Hassall, Pat & Dorothy O’Dea, Marie Goodwin & Frances Goodwin, Mark Jaajaa,Milled Issa and family, Hanna Chouiaifaty and family, Norma Jaajaa and family, Tanous family,

El Chaar family, Mousa Jaajaa and family; Alan Field; Sally & Lloyd Reed, Pat & Keith Hofman,

Les Stewart, Darcy Stewart, Joy Ryan, Percy & Patty Stewart, Amos & Betty Blyton Terry Locker,

Geoff Fitzgerald, Terry Redden, Christopher and Brian Collins, Frank Pusswald, Maurice Fletcher and

for all of our loved ones we pray.

***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” ColinMcMillan, Joel Stone, Walter Neumeyer-Germany

**FR Mark’s Christmas Message:**

When Pope Julius I authorized December 25 to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus in A.D. 353, who would have ever thought that it would become what it is today. When Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the first Christmas tree in America in 1832, who would have ever thought that the decorations would become as elaborate as they are today. It is a long time since 1832, longer still from 353, longer still from that dark night brightened by a special star in which Jesus the king was born. Yet, as we approach December 25 again, it gives us yet another opportunity to pause, and in the midst of all the excitement and elaborate decorations and expensive commercialization which surround Christmas today, to consider again the event of Christmas and the person whose birth we celebrate. **Brian L. Harbour.**

Yes, Christmas is here again! One commercial on television sings about it being the happiest time of the year. Having a full knowledge of what the feast is about and the true reason for the season, it should be a time of celebration! It is time to put on our best face, our best behaviour and a time to make sure those on the fringes get a glimpse of what the Good News is about. We should respect too, it may not this year be the happiest time of the year for some. Many deal with hardship and with can only see darkness. In the lane of optimism, I hope you can be face of Christ to someone in search of help and a touch of love. Living in a world where communications are so instant we can gather an insight to areas of the world who suffer greatly. Rather than be desensitised by such news and strong images, we should gain insights to the deeper meaning of our social conscience. Stretch our hearts a little to those areas which suffer great unrest including; Ukraine: The deadliest war in 2024, with 67,000 reported deaths, Palestinian territories: 35,000 deaths were reported in Gaza and the West Bank. How many survivors have lost loved ones or been forced to flee earning the title of unplaced people. As Jesus was a refugee from the time of his birth so are these innocent people. Throw in the areas of natural disasters including the latest in the not too far away area of Vanuatu which has been again rocked with an earthquake.  Brought home to our own communities there are those in our own districts those young and old who are no longer with us. These are lonely hearts on many levels who cry silently to be heard. Enjoy the blessing of the seasons with open hearts to be inclusive of all!

Archbishops Christmas Message:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/archbishop-prowse-christmas-message-2024/>

**Symbols of Christmas**

**Star**

 The star that God sent to lead the Three Wise men to the place where Jesus and Mary were.

 Jesus it the Morning Star (which marks the beginning of a new day), because he marks the

beginning of a whole new way of life for all people who follow Jesus.

**CHILDREN’S JOKES:**