



Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he
has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

26 October 2025

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
 who is no respecter of personages.
 He shows no respect of personages to the
 detriment of a poor man,
 he listens to the plea of the injured party.
 He does not ignore the orphan's
 supplication,
 nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
 The man who with his whole heart serves
 God will be accepted,
 his petitions will carry to the clouds.
 The humble man's prayer pierces the
 clouds,
 until it arrives he is inconsolable
 nor will he desist until the Most High takes
 notice of him,
 acquits the virtuous and delivers
 judgement.
 And the Lord will not be slow,
 nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
 his praise always on my lips;
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
 The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
 to destroy their remembrance from the
 earth.
 The just call and the Lord hears
 and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
 The Lord ransoms the souls of his
 servants.
 Those who hide in him shall not be
 condemned. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



St Patrick's Parish Cooma

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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

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2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

4th Sunday Mass 5pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION OCTOBER

**For collaboration between
different religious traditions**



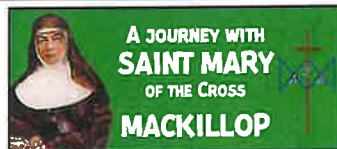
Let us pray that believers in
different religious traditions
might work together to
defend and promote peace,
justice, and human fraternity.

We pray for judges, lawyers, police and all
who work in the justice system, that they will
fulfil their duty with unfailing integrity,
impartiality and wisdom.

We pray for advocates of nature, that their
tireless efforts to care for the earth will bear
fruit for the wellbeing of the world.

We pray for rural dioceses and country
parishes, including our own, that they may be
strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding
creative ways to build a vibrant community
and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith
and hope.

We pray for the children of Australia, that this
year's National Children's Week (18-26
October) will help everyone know and uphold
children's rights.



Out of every cross God wishes us to merit by
making it an occasion of pleasing Him.
(29.10.1895)



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 27th October 2025

TUE Mass Cooma 10am

Sts Simon and Juse, apostles

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am

**THU No Mass- Cooma
Funeral at Jindabyne**

Kevin Blyton 11am

FRI Mass Cooma 10am

**SAT ALL SAINTS DAY
Mass Bombala 5pm
Mass Jindabyne 5pm
LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm**

**SUN ALL SOULS DAY
10am Cooma MASS
Lighted candle in front of
Altar before Mass
10am Berridale LWHC**



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Kevin Blyton, Fr Paul Foley
Rod Caldwell, Angela Blyton
Joan Cahill, George Karooz

Anniversaries & Intentions

Alan Field, Mary Phillips,
Mary Jamieson, Maris Braun



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

MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help
women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the
training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the
Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and
baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope
among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in
need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope,
going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code.
Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



October,
The month of the
**Holy
Rosary**



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates each month to a specific devotion,
with October dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The month includes the Feast of
Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, commemorating the 1571 victory of
Catholic naval forces over the Turkish fleet at the Battle of Lepanto. This victory,
attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary,
marked a turning point in preventing the Islamic invasion of Europe. Celebrating
October by praying the Rosary honours this devotion.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

PRIEST: Jesus said 'I have come that they may have
life and have it to the full.' Let us now pray to our loving
God that we and all people everywhere will build a world
in which every person may come to experience the
fullness of life which the Son came to share.

COMMENTATOR:

We pray for Pope Leo, the Bishops and for all church
leaders: that they will inspire us by their courageous
decisions and actions in defending and promoting
fullness of life for all people. (pause) Lord hear us.

It is our responsibility as God's people to pray for the
needs of the Church and the world. Loving God, we ask
that you hear our prayers today in the hope that all
people can have life and have it to the full. Lord, hear us.

For people in Zambia who are challenged by a lack of
basic needs, that they will be given opportunities and
skills that will lead them toward fulfilled lives.
Lord, hear us.

We pray 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) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have died, we pray for Kevin Blyton,
and we remember those whose anniversary occurs at
this time: May the Lord grant them the crown of
eternal life. (pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray with Mary, the Queen of Peace, that the terrible
situation in Ukraine may be urgently resolved. Hail
Mary.....

PRIEST: God of all people, fill our hearts with your
Holy Spirit, that we will act justly in our relationships
with each other and for our brothers and sisters all over
the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Daily Prayer Intention - For peace among nations,
that, delivered from all turmoil, the peoples may serve God
in freedom of heart,
let us pray to the Lord.

Weekly Prayer Intention - For the elderly who suffer
from isolation or sickness, that they may be strengthened
by our love of them as brothers and sisters,
let us pray to the Lord.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

All Souls' Day -The Commemoration /Year C



Please arrive early if you
would like to light a candle
for family and loved ones at
the front of the Altar

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Reading:

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel:

Luke 7:11-17

ROSTERS: Available in the church foyer should you require a printed copy.

Wedding Congratulations:

We would like to congratulate and wish the newly
married couple Alycia Hamilton-Costello and Lachlan
Marks who were married in St Patrick's Parish Church
Cooma on the 25th October 2025, wishing you a very
happy and blessed marriage.

Seamus was about to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer
(Paddy) approached and asked if he could join him. Seamus said
that he usually played alone but agreed to the twosome. They
were even after the first few holes. Paddy said, "We're about
evenly matched, how about playing for £5.00 a hole?" Seamus said
that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed. Paddy easily won the
remaining 16 holes. They walked off number eighteen while Paddy
counted his £80.00. He then confessed that he was the pro at a
neighbouring course and "liked to pick on suckers." Seamus,
shocked, revealed that he was the Parish Priest. Paddy the pro was
flustered and apologetic and offered to return the money. Seamus
replied, "You won fair and square I was foolish to bet with you.
Keep your winnings." An embarrassed Paddy asked, "Please, is
there anything I can do to make it up to you?" Seamus replied,
"Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation.
And, if you want to bring your Mother and Father along I'll marry
them.

