



### Gospel Lk 17:11-19

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is diseased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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

**12 October 2025**

### First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

### Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,

for he cannot disown his own self.

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.**

**Alleluia!**





St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY / YEAR C, 12<sup>th</sup> 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

#### INVITATION to hear from Fr Richard

Leonard (Jesuit Priest and International

Speaker and Author) As discussed at Mass last

week, all parishioners are invited to attend a

Spirituality Day with the St Patrick's Parish staff

and St Joseph's Primary staff (Bombala) on

**Monday 13 October from 8:30am-2:15pm** at

the Ex-Services Club. Please enter via the

rear/carpark entrance. Morning Tea and Lunch

will be provided and there is no charge for

parishioners.

**Catholic Identity-** Jesus, Choosing and Mission.

As those committed to Catholic Education, we

are charged to not just teach the students

given into our care, but to enrich their

spirituality. The best way we can do this is by

attending to our spirituality. This workshop will

be in three parts and will use film and media to

explore the hallmarks of a Christian faith which

can be sane and relevant for us and our

students.

1. Jesus. Without Christ there is no

Christianity, but how do we encounter a Christ

who is not pious or fundamentalist?

2. Discernment. If faith gives us any gift, then

it has to be discernment – the ability to

navigate our daily lives alert to demands of the

Gospel and its practical application in our lives.

3. Mission. Christianity is not a private feel-

good collective. We are sent out to live and

proclaim our spirituality. What does the world

look like to which we, and our students, are

sent? What questions is the world posing to us,

and what questions do we have as we go out?

His latest book, Faith Bytes: listening to the

heart of God will be released in 2026.

Please come along, We look forward to seeing

you there, Dr Sean.



## PARISH CALENDAR

MON  
TUE

Week 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

Richard Lennon event-8.30am

10am Mass Cooma

WED

Bombala Mass 9.30am

St Teresa of Jesus

THU

10am Cooma Mass

FRI

10am Mass Cooma

Sts Hedwig & Margaret Mary  
Alacoque

Weekend 3rd Sunday of month

SAT

Jindabyne Mass at 5pm

Nimmitabel LWHC 5pm

SUN

Cooma 10am Mass

Berridale LWHC 10am

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## RE MEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

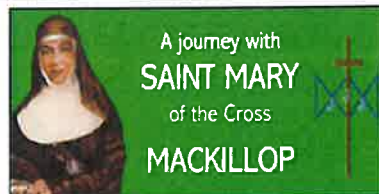
### Recently Deceased

Rod Caldwell, Angela Blyton, Joan  
Cahill, George Karooz, Brian  
Standen, Barbara Schofield, James  
Sullivan Adela Roach,

### Anniversaries & Intentions

Sue Byrne, Patricia Hain

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



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 heard of the healing power of Jesus  
and the return of the Samaritan leper to praise God.  
In our prayer now we look at the quality of gratitude in  
our lives as we pray for our community and our world.

### COMMENTATOR:

\* We pray for the church. May its message of truth  
continue to show how the kingdom of heaven breaks  
upon the confusion of our world.

We pray to the Lord.

\* We pray for the Pope, bishops, priests and all who  
minister with and for us. May they be blessed with a  
renewed appreciation of their life and service for  
others. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.

\* We pray for those whose life's work has almost  
eliminated diseases such as leprosy: May scientific  
research be in accordance with God's natural law and  
be life enhancing.(pause)... We pray to the Lord.

\* We pray for peacemakers in our world. May they  
influence our leaders to refrain from any escalation in  
the current war against terrorism. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.

\* We pray for who have died, especially those who  
were close to us in this life: may they live forever in the  
eternal love of their creator. )

We pray to the Lord.

We pray with Mary that the present peace initiatives in  
the Middle East bear a more lasting peace: Hail Mary....

**PRIEST:** Father in heaven, hear the prayers we make  
for healing in our world, through Jesus your Son. Amen



## READINGS FOR NEXTWEEKEND

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time /Year C

First Reading: Ex 17: 8-13

Second Reading: 2 Tim 3: 14-14:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



### 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.

## Seven Things to Be Thankful For:

Matt. 6:25-33; Psalm 100; Eph. 4:20; Luke 17:11-19

For automatic dishwashers. They make it possible to  
get out of the kitchen before the family come  
in for their after-dinner snacks.

For husbands who attack small repair jobs around the  
house. They usually make them big enough to call in  
professionals.

For the bathtub the one place the family allows Mom  
some time to herself.

For children who put away their things and clean up  
after themselves. They're such a joy you hate to see  
them go home to their own parents.

For gardening. It's a relief to deal with dirt outside  
the house for a change.

For teenagers. They give parents an opportunity to  
learn a second language.

For smoke alarms. They let you know when the  
turkey's done.



### Mission Sunday Appeal 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Appeal will be conducted next weekend

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their  
children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life  
traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and  
Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide  
for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures  
mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity  
to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can  
make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope  
to the people of Zambia.



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