



# St Patrick's Parish Cooma

## St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**18 May 2025**

### **First Reading Acts 14:21-27**

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1**

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your  
reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

### **Second Reading Rv 21:1-5**

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'



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### PARISH BULLETIN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 18 MAY 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

Hour of Adoration Fri 5pm

Mass Tue, Thu & Fri 10am

Except 3rd Friday

Mass Yallambee Lodge 9.30am

Mass Hudson House Respect 11am

**Jindabyne**

2nd & 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

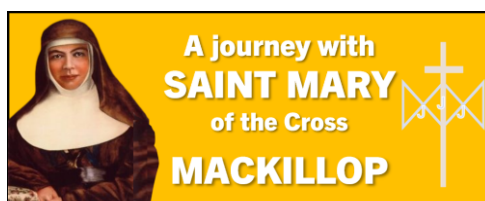


#### Welcome Prayer for Our New Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Pope Leo XIV, whom You have chosen to shepherd Your Church. Grant him wisdom, courage and compassion, that he may lead with faith and humility. May the Holy Spirit guide his every word and deed, and Christ be ever at the centre of his heart.

Strengthen him to serve the poor, unite the faithful and uphold truth in a divided world.

Bless him, O Lord, now and always.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



God will draw good out of evil.  
(3.5.1874)

God understands us better than we understand ourselves or each other.  
(21.5.1877)



#### PARISH CALENDAR

**MON** Funeral for Giulio DiAmico  
Cooma 10am

Fr Kose will be attending the Clergy Assembly in Galong all week.  
No weekday Mass this week.

**TUE** Saint Bernardine of Siena  
**WED** Saint Christopher Magallanes  
**THU** Saint Rita of Cascia  
**SAT** Mass Berridale 3.30pm  
Mass Jindabyne 5pm  
LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm  
Our Lady, Help of Christians  
**SUN** Mass Cooma 10am  
Mass Numeralla 5pm



#### REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

#### Recently Deceased

Giulio DiAmico, Pope Francis

Geoff Miners

Ian Schofield, Dorothy Whiting

Peter Ward, David Barron

#### Anniversaries

Ray Bottom



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



#### Sacrament of Confirmation Program 2025

Confirmation 31 May at St Patrick's Parish Cooma. 5pm Vigil Mass celebration with Fr Richard Thompson. Note that there will also be 10am Mass on Sunday.

#### Prayer for Children Preparing for Confirmation

Heavenly Father, We thank You for the precious gift of these children. As they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Fill their hearts with excitement, peace, and a deep desire to know You more. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide them—To strengthen their faith, To fill them with wisdom, courage, and love, And to help them grow into faithful disciples of Christ. Surround them with support, encouragement, and grace. As they take this next step in their spiritual journey. Help them to always feel Your presence in their lives. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

**Gratitude - Recognising God's blessings in the present moment.**

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched, but are felt in the heart."

**Daily Prayer Intention** - We pray for the poor, for migrants and refugees, for all without power or voice, and everyone for whom Pope Francis was a tireless advocate, that their claims for justice, dignity and peace will be heard and fulfilled.

**Weekly Prayer Intention** - We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that it will lead the nation in hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.



## Prayer of the Faithful

**Response: (R)**

**Lord, hear our prayer**



**Priest:** Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: "I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another" Loving one another is the basic principle of Christian life. Let us now place before the Lord, all our aspirations and needs.

**1. For** the Pope, bishops, clergy and religious that following the all-important commandment of Jesus, they may reach out to the last, the least and the lost, Lord hear us.

**2. For** all those who occupy positions of authority that they may follow the example of Jesus, the true leader, and be genuinely care for the people, Lord hear us.

**3. For** families all over the world that they may be centres of love, forgiveness and understanding, and build up the society based on gospel values, Lord hear us.

**4. For** the victims of exploitation and violence that they may experience the guiding and consoling presence of the Lord in their lives and that freed from their miseries, they work for the emancipation of those who suffer, Lord hear us.

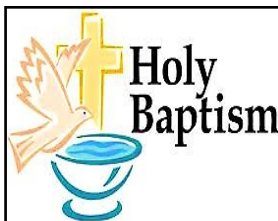
**5. For** all those who are gathered in this Eucharistic assembly that we may be touched by the unconditional love of the Lord, and be inspired to transform our weakness into strength and our failures into success, Lord hear us.

**6. For** the children who are preparing for confirmation, that fill their hearts with joy, their minds with understanding, and their spirit with courage. May they grow strong in faith and love, Lord hear us.

**7. We** pray for the recently deceased from our parish and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, may they be granted eternal life in Christ, Lord hear us.

**8. For** our own intentions we pray to our Blessed Mother ..... Hail Mary.....

**Priest:** God, our loving Father, we thank you for the love you have for us. We thank you for sending your only Son as embodiment of love. May we be touched by his sacrificial love and may this love heal us of all hatred, jealousy and enmity. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Request Forms can be located on Parish Website/at Parish Office. Fr Mark and Fr Kose will be available to celebrate Baptism during Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month.



## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**

**First: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29**

**Second: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23**

**Gospel: John 14:23-29**



## ROSTER

	18/5	25/5
Acolyte	Kaitlyin	Richard
Usher	Pauline Radosavljevic	Kathleen Bashford
Reader/ Commentator	Kevin Dunne Lou Mackay	Kaitlyin Bosco Tony Goodwin
Mass Servers		
Special Minister	L Baker	Mark Nesbitt
Children's Liturgy	Joan Simpson	Suja Tessy
Linen	Gaie Mooney	
Church Care	17th Blyton & Barrett Family	24th S McPhie, L Baker & B Moser
Hospital	Kathleen Bashford	Joan Simpson

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding... Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace... Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt....



## **Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

*'Love one another as I have loved you.'*  
You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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## **Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!***

## **Gospel Jn 13:31-35**

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my  
disciples.'

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