

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church;*

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13-19

*You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom
of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What are the shackles or chains which fetter the successor of St Peter? What prison walls need to be shattered so that he can preach the marvels of God in ways which affect the hearts of humanity? We know prayer of the community, i.e., of us, will be essential to his being freed – from what? A Pope could be imprisoned by a distorted or impoverished idea of 'the Church'.

In the Gospel, our Lord says to Simon son of Jonah: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church'. 'My church' – the church desired by our Lord, not a church designed by all too earthly ambitions, a church whose structure owes much to the Roman empire, and later to Euro-centric models spanning the last millennia or so.

May the Church, the Church of the third millennium, be unshackled from the chains of various historical eras so that the Pope, in giving an account of his ministry to the Lord will be able to say with St Paul, 'I have fought the good fight to the end,' by doing my best to heed your call 'rebuild my Church'.

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St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne

Saint Peter and Paul



29 June 2025

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

*Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the
power of Herod.*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

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. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

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 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.

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Saint Peter and Paul YEAR C, 29th JUNE 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
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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 JUNE

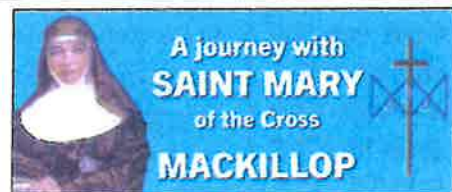
That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

We pray for a church-wide desire for full, conscious and active participation in the eucharistic liturgy, that it truly be the source and summit of the church's life.

We pray all who work in the many different fields of Catholic media, that they will succeed in communicating the good news with creativity and conviction.

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.



Be eager in your desires but humbly patient in their accomplishment. (2.6.1867)
Who am I to stand in God's way?
(2.6.1867)
Mary MacKillop leaves Penola, 1867.



JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, Fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.
Amen



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 30th June
MON No Mass this week
As Fr Mark is on leave
TUE-WED No Mass
THU No Mass
St Thomas, apostle
FRI No Mass
Adoration Cooma 5pm
SAT 5pm Mass at Bombala
LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm
LW&HC Jindabyne 5pm
SUN Mass Cooma 10am
Next Weekend Readings
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C
First: Is 66:10-14
Second: Gal 6: 14-18
Gospel: Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Mary Hanna, Graeme Russell
Anniversaries
Tania Giuliani, Pat Lynch



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



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



PRIEST: Like Peter and Paul we pray to God on behalf of the Church and of the world.

*We pray for today's successors of the apostles, the Pope and the Bishops. May the Spirit of Jesus continue to guide them
Lord hear us.

*We pray for all church members, that with St Paul we can look back in humble trust that we have kept the faith and now look forward to the crown of righteousness.
Lord hear us.

We pray for our Church that the scandals and negative publicity of recent years, the media attacks and condemnation never undermine our belief that evil can never hold out against Christ's church.
Lord hear us.

*We pray for our local church, as we journey together towards our Synod gathering in May, 2004. May we respond with courage and faith to the invitation to share our insights and our hopes and so make our contribution to our Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan.
Lord hear us

*We pray for safety for all who use our roads during this winter ski season.
Lord hear us

*We pray for all those who are sick or dying that they may have the reassurance of Paul to prepare for death in trust and hope.
Lord hear us.

PRIEST: God of all consolation, continue to stand by us and give us strength, so that all might hear your Gospel. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.



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Special Minister	Beryl Barron	Suja Tessy
Children's Liturgy	Joan Simpson	Belinda Wilkins
Linen	Gaie Mooney	Volunteer
Church Care	5/7 C Byrne J Upton, P Stewart	12th J-A Brown J Kelly G Mooney
Hospital	Marg Quodling	Leah Baker

Flowers: Claire Neumeyer



Heartfelt Thank You from Fr Kose Chennelil, MS

To my dear parish family...

As I prepare to leave this beautiful parish community, my heart is filled with gratitude, emotion, and deep affection. It has been one year since I arrived here as your Assistant Parish Priest — my very first full-time posting in Australia — and I can honestly say it has been one of the most grace-filled and joyful chapters of my priestly life.

From the very first day, you embraced me with open arms. I was a stranger, but you made me feel like one of your own. Your warm smiles, your kind words, your trust, your invitations into your homes, and your love for the Church gave me strength and peace in every moment of my ministry.

I want to thank each of you — young and old — for the way you welcomed me into your hearts. Thank you for your faith, your prayers, and the simple gestures of friendship that meant so much to me. Whether it was a quick hello after Mass, a shared meal, a short chat, or a word of encouragement — every act of love left a lasting mark on my soul.

A special thank you to Fr Mark, our Parish Priest, for being a true guide and brother in Christ. Your leadership, humility, and support helped me settle, grow, and serve with confidence and joy. I also thank the Parish Council, Parish Secretary, and all volunteers who worked alongside me and supported my ministry so generously. As I move forward to serve in a new parish, I do so with a heart full of memories — joyful, prayerful, and deeply meaningful memories that I will carry with me always.

You have given me far more than I could ever give in return.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine. Wherever I go, I will remember this parish as my first home in Australia — a place where I found faith, family, and friendship in abundance.

With all my love and gratitude,
Fr Kuriakose Chennelil Joseph, MS (Fr.Kose)

Farewell function for Fr Kose

We have been blessed to have Fr Kose over the past 12 months and congratulate him on his appointment as Parish Priest at Pambula. All parishioners are invited to attend. We would ask everyone to bring a plate of food/or refreshment to share.

Ovens will be available for any hot food which can be dropped off at Church entry before 10am Mass.

When : Sunday 29 June 2025, after the 10am Mass
Where : St Patrick's Parish School - Food Technology Centre (Secondary Campus)

A collection is being arranged for Fr Kose farewell gift. The money collected will be given to Fr Kos to contribute to his purchase of a mountain bike.