



St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

25 May 2025

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

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.**

Alleluia!



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PARISH BULLETIN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 25 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 Yallabee 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

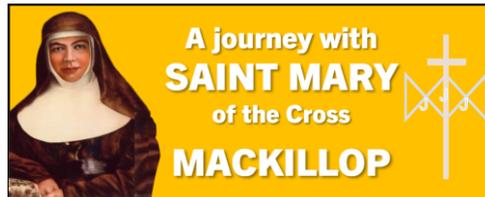


PRAYER INTENTIONS

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**



The cross appears lighter when carried with Jesus. (3.5.1874)
God will draw good out of evil. (3.5.1874)



PARISH CALENDAR

MON Funeral
 Mrs Lee Catherine Friend
 Jindabyne 10.30am
Saint Philip Neri

TUE Mass Cooma 10am
Saint Augustine of Canterbury

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am

THU Mass Cooma 10am
Saint Paul VI

FRI Mass Cooma 10am
 Reconciliation for Confirmation
 Children to follow Mass
 Adoration Cooma 5pm

SAT CONFIRMATION MASS
COOMA 5PM
 LW&HC Jindabyne 5pm
 LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm
Visitation of Mary

SUN Mass Cooma 10am
 LW&HC Berridale 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Lee Friend, Janet Gardiner,
 Giulio DiAmico, 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."**



The VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FEAST DAY 31 MAY

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a joyful feast celebrated on May 31st, commemorating the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56).

Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognised Mary as the Mother of the Lord, and the infant John the Baptist leapt in her womb. This encounter is a profound moment of faith, humility and shared joy. It also includes Mary's beautiful prayer, the Magnificat, a hymn of praise to God's mercy and justice. The Visitation reminds us of the power of service, love and the presence of Christ among us.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



Priest: Jesus remained in the love of God by obeying his commandments. He has reminded us of the correlation between love and obedience. Recognising our incapacity and weakness to live by the teachings of the Lord, let us now place before him all our petitions, saying,

1. For the Pope, bishops, clergy and religious that they may grasp the true meaning of Jesus' teachings on love and obedience and strive to make it a reality in their personal lives, Lord hear us.

2. For the leaders in civil and religious domains that they may understand the nature of their responsibility and sort out the difficulties they encounter with the supernatural light that comes from God, Lord hear us.

3. For all of us that we may understand that obedience is a sign of humility and love, and in humble and respectful obedience to God, we enter into a relationship which is mutually enriching, Lord hear us.

4. For all of us, that we may understand that peace is not absence of problems but resolving differences in the spirit of the gospel under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Lord hear us.

5. That all of us gathered here may experience the abiding presence of God in our lives and that experience may help us to be agents of peace, harmony and good relationship, 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: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of your Son who remained in perfect union with you by doing your will. Help us Lord to discern your will and live in total obedience to your commandments. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

In the everyday moments, in the beauty of nature, in acts of kindness, and in quiet reflection, we discover that God is not distant but ever present, woven into the very fabric of our lives.

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all the baptised in Christ, that whatever their state of life they will recognise it as a vocation of service and shared humanity.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for world leaders, that they will honour the memory of Pope Francis by taking to heart his ardent appeals for the earth, the poor, and migrants and refugees.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

ASCENSION OF THE LORD/C

First: Acts 1:1-11

Second: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



ROSTER

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Some years ago, in the traffic court of a large city, a young lady was brought before the judge to answer for a ticket given her for driving through a red light.

She explained to the judge that she was a schoolteacher and requested an immediate dismissal of her case so she could get to the school on time. A wild gleam came into the judge's eye. "You're a schoolteacher, huh?" he said. "Ma'am, today I shall realise my lifelong ambition. I've waited years to have a schoolteacher in this court. Sit down at the table and write 'I will not go through a red light' 500 times, and then I will dismiss your case!"



Gospel Jn 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my
words.

And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to
know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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