

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## WORKING FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

There is a consistency between the Old Testament reading and the Gospel of today in that they speak of the qualities that should mark the life of faith in the face of difficulty – integrity, humility, truthfulness, and steadfastness. There is a call to hope that despite the presence of obstacles, misunderstanding, and sometimes rejection, God still has the power to intervene in our world. For the people in exile, it was no easy matter to continue to believe that God would intervene to re-establish the faithful in their own land. Would it have been any easier for the people of Jesus' time to hear the words of the beatitudes that proclaimed comfort for mourners, or a sumptuous banquet for those who were starving? There is a fundamental challenge that underlies both these readings: do we really believe that God's kingdom can be established in our midst? Secondly, are we prepared to work to bring that kingdom into reality?

While the Christians of Corinth felt they were living in that reality Paul knew that while there was division the process of conversion still had a long way to go. Paul was convinced that there is no place for competition or envy. He had already used the example of Jesus' humble death to show them that jealousy is misplaced in the Christian community since Jesus displayed his power in humble service. He now goes one step further reminding the Corinthians that their own humble origin is a sign that God's call is best received with humble gratitude.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

29 JANUARY 2023

## FIRST READING

Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave

a humble and lowly people,

and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge  
in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

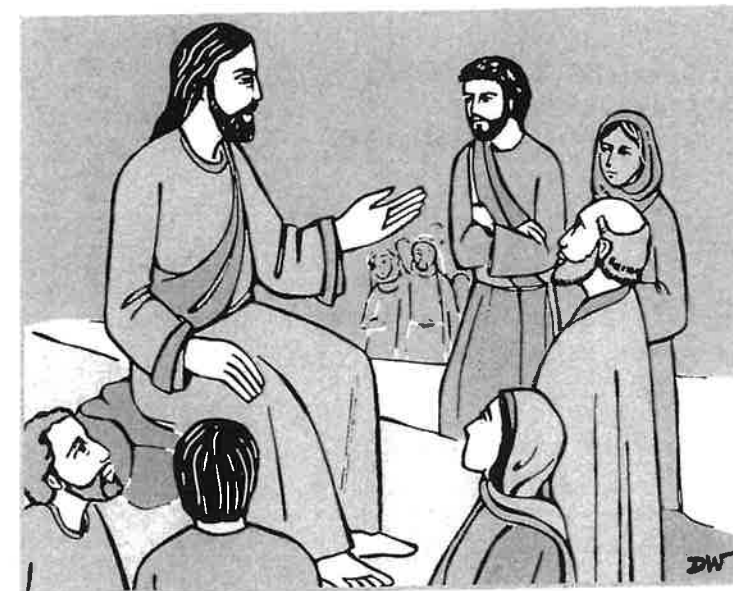
Ps 145: 7-10

**R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (or Alleluia!)**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /  
who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is  
he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,  
who sets prisoners free. R.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, /  
who raises up those who are bowed down, /  
the Lord, who protects the stranger / and  
upholds the widow and orphan. R.

3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but  
thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord  
will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to  
age. R.



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:

your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!



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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



**St Patrick's Cooma Mass Times**  
Mass Sunday's at 10am  
\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10am Liturgy  
**Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Sunday 4:00 – 4:30pm  
**Weekday**

**Aaminaby**

**Nimmitabel**  
Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
\*6pm Sat Vigil Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 6pm

**Numeralla**

Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5.30pm  
LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 5.30pm

**Berridale**

Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am Mass  
LITURGY OF THE WORD  
2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**Jindabyne**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> = Vigil Mass 6pm Sat  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday = Liturgy 6pm Sat

Wednesdays- Fr. is at Bombala Parish  
Mass: 9.30am & Delegate 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 10.30am

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**Usher**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10am Kathleen Bashford  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Pauline Radosavljevic

**Reader/ Commentator**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10am Joan Simpson Tony Goodwin  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Suja Tessa Mike Introna

**Altar Servers**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Natalia & Amelia Zieja

**Children's Liturgy**

recommence Feb 2023

**Altar Linen**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Meredith Coe  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jolanta Zieja

**FLOWERS:**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Meredith Coe  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Claire Neumeyer

**Next weekend Readings**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time /A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 58:7-10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Gospel - Matthew 5: 13-16

**Acolyte**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10am Kaitlyn Bosco  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Andrea Bosco

**Special Ministers-suspended Chalice- 1 minister**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10am Beryl Barron  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Sharon Nesbitt

**Cleaning NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED PLEASE**

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Carol Byrne Julie Upton Pam Stewart  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Jo-Anne Brown Jan Kelly Gaie Mooney

**Hospital**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Joan Simpson  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Jan McLean

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Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) invites all to a Zoom Convocation – “Synod on Synodality: Why we should care”. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe (President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) will introduce the evening and four talks by well known lay people (see flyer for details). The Zoom Convocation at 7.30pm Thursday 2nd February will look to uncover ways forward for the people of God and the hierarchy to shape Christ's Church.

Register for this FREE event. The link [garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/q12xuw4a06vqype/](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/q12xuw4a06vqype/)

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Date	Cooma	Nimmitabel	Numeralla	Jindabyne	Berridale	Bombala	Delegate
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am Mass Sunday	6pm Sat Vigil Mass	-	6pm Sat Liturgy	10am Sun Liturgy	9am Sun Liturgy	6pm Sat Liturgy
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am Mass Sunday	6pm Sat Liturgy	-	6pm Sat Liturgy	10am Sun Liturgy		

**Please Pray for our Recently Deceased, Anniversaries & Special Intentions:**

**“We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death”:**

Pope Benedict XVI; George Pell;

Donald James Phillips, Bob Harris; Peter Payten; Diane Simpson; Janice Brazulaitis; Carmel Croker.

**Anniversaries & Special Intentions:**

Frank Pusswald, Lloyd & Sally Reed, Peter Swain, Nancy & Laurie Norton.

**ayers for our Sick:** “May they be comforted through the Spirit of healing. Jara Gregor



**JANUARY – MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvellous implications, for it means "saviour." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

**Snowy Mental Health presents INTERCONNECTION**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

10am – 7pm

Jindabyne Catholic Church Community Hall

Please see POSTER on noticeboard for more information and how to attend

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