



Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.


That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'


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St Patrick's Parish Cooma
St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

20 July 2025

First Reading Gn 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.



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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 20TH JULY 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

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

POPES INTENTION JULY

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

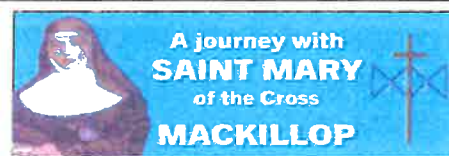


JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

25th September - 4th October.

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25 September - 4 October 2025 visiting holy places in Rome, Lanciaio (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast. Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists.

Enquiries: pp@mibp.org.au or text 0417 259 617.



Let not weaknesses make you discouraged. (4.7.1876)

Marriage of Flora and Alexander MacKillop, Melbourne. (14.7.1840)



JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.

The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 21st July

MON NO weekday Mass

TUE 10am Mass Cooma

St Mary Magdalene

WED Bombala Mass 9.30am

THU 10am Mass Cooma

FRI Funeral Services
11am Elaine Mooney
2.30pm Don McDonald

SAT Mass Jindabyne 5pm
Berridale Mass 3.30pm
Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of
Blessed Virgin Mary
LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm

SUN Mass Cooma 10am

We wish Fr Mark a very Happy
Birthday this weekend please join
for a morning tea after 10am Mass



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Elaine Mooney, Don McDonald,
Celia Dalby, Mary Penfold,
Mary Hanna, Graeme Russell

Anniversaries & Special Intentions

Stuart Fletcher, Tom Dennis,
Keith Tozer and Debbie Tozer,



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



PRIEST: The Good News urges us to consider what our priorities in life really are, and so we bring to our God all our needs.

COMMENTATOR:

May we be a community that is open to others welcoming them in the name of Christ and inviting them to be at home among us. We pray to the Lord.

May the community that is called the church be faithful in every generation proclaiming the gospel of Jesus so that the teaching of Christ may be preached to all. We pray to the Lord.

May we be always guided by the teaching of the gospel when we consider what is of lasting value in life. We pray to the Lord.

May we learn to listen to one another in the church and in the community, especially the poor and marginalised, refugees and asylum seekers and all victims of injustice, allowing them opportunities to speak, as we try to discover God's will for the church in our day. We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died, we pray for Elaine Mooney and Don McDonald may they live forever among the just in the presence of our loving God. We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray with Mary: Hail Mary.....

PRIEST: God of all goodness, in your generosity listen to our prayer which we offer through Christ your Son.

Chess Club - Help Required at St Patrick's Parish School

Pleasingly, we are seeing a growing interest in students wanting to learn and play chess at lunchtimes. If you have a level of expertise in chess and would like to encourage young people in this strategic game, we are looking for a volunteer at the school for 1-2 hours per week. The day(s) can be negotiable, and you would need to have your Working with Children Check (WWCC). Please contact Sean Mangan (Principal) on 0409 913 038 if you can support or have a suggested person we can follow up with.

Welcome Back Fr Mark

A special morning tea is being held after Sunday Mass today to welcome back Fr Mark. It is also a special day for Fr Mark! Please join us in the Food Technology Centre at the secondary campus of St Patrick's Parish School (same venue for Fr Kos' farewell). All are welcome.

Come to me all, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Matthew 11:28

Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for all people of good will, that the example of their inclusive neighbourly love will testify to our shared humanity and help dissolve division.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time/Year C

First: Gn 18:20-32

Second: Col 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



ROSTER

	20/07 (3 rd Sun)	27/07
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Bosco	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Mary Bennett	Joan Simpson
Reader/Commentator	Kevin Dunne Susan Tighe	Joan Simpson Suja Tessa
Mass Servers	Volunteers welcome please	
Special Minister	Mike Introna	Mary Bennett
Children's Liturgy	Resume 27 th Jul	Carol Byrne
Linen	volunteer	Michele Atkins
Church Care	26 th Blyton & Barrett Family	2 nd S McPhie
Hospital	Joan Simpson	L Baker B Moser
Flowers	Claire Nuemeyer	Marg Qudling

MINISTRY TEAM: Volunteer Rosters are being prepared for Sep - Feb '26, we would love to hear from you if you are able to assist with the volunteer ministry of our Parish, please phone Parish Office 64522062 and Sharon will be able to assist you with your availability dates. Thank You

Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage 9th August

Join us for the Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden. This special church has been designated for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Location - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden (a designated church for the Jubilee Year of Hope)

- Pilgrimage walk at 11.00 am from Sports Ground
 - Reconciliation available during the walk
 - Mass at 12.00 pm
 - Visit Mary MacKillop Hall
 - Please arrange your own transport
- For inquiries, email woodb4922@gmail.com