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16th MARCH 2019 – 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 6:00pm
 Sunday **NO MASS**
 Monday **NO MASS**
 Tuesday 11:00am Liturgy
 Wednesday 5:45pm Liturgy
 Thursday 5:15 Adoration & Mass at 5:45pm
 Friday 12:30pm Liturgy

Mass at Uralba last Saturday of the month at 11.00am
Weekend Vigil Mass Saturday 6pm
 Tumut Sat. Vigil Mass 6:00pm
 Tumut Sun. 10:00am
 Adelong Sunday 10:00am
 Jugiong 24 March 9am
 Gobarralong 31st March 10am

CONFESSION – Sat. 5pm or anytime by request
BAPTISMS – Saturday 6pm during Vigil Mass or 11am 3rd Saturday of each month
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	16 MARCH 2019	17 MARCH 2019	23 MARCH 2019	24 MARCH 2019
Acolytes Readers	Chris McDonnell Sarah Graham	NO MASS	Peter Reardon Jill Jones	NO MASS
Offertory	Pam Goodsall & Cheryl Bond	Happy St Patrick's Day	Anne Elphick & Bernadette Loch	
Altar Servers	Isaac Pearce Juliet Pearce Josie Quine		Max Graham Oliver Gailey	
Sanctuary St. Vinnies	Remi Field & Ann Metcalfe Peter & Denise Reardon		Kathy Reardon & Anne Saunderson Helen & Gordon Lindley	
Home Communion 17 MARCH		Kathy Reardon	Betty Somerville	Mary McCormick
Home Communion 24 MARCH		Marie Nelson	Anne Saunderson	Monica Reardon

Prayers for the eternal repose of the souls of: Recently deceased : Mary Fitzpatrick, Mary Luff, Eric Smith, Ian Eccleston, Lynette Bennett, Geoffrey Smart, Paul Graham (Wagga), Jenny Lindley.
Anniversaries - We remember all who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time.
 Eric Rusconi.
Mass offering & prayers have also been requested for the following – Deceased members of the Rusconi, Fitzpatrick & Quirk families.

Prayers for the sick – Archbishop Francis Carroll, Fr. Warrick Tonkin, Ben Lott, Louise Cook, Louise Kilby.

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SUNDAY 17th MARCH FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK

Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland.^[13] It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God".
 The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest. According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The *Declaration* says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted "thousands". Patrick's efforts against the druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland. Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following the last Parish Council meeting it is proposed that a Priest will stay in Gundagai on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
 Parish Council waiting for an update on repairs to the kitchen.
Volunteers welcome
 Anyone who would like to assist in the running of the parish is most welcome. Your contributions will make the load lighter for all.
 Helping St. Vincent de Paul delivering papers to hospital, cleaning of Church, Church readings, communion for the sick.
 Please see list at the back of the Church or speak to Parish Council members or Fr. George or Fr. Namora.

ROSARY

The Rosary will be said in the Church on **Tuesday 19th March at 10:30am** to pray for world peace and vocations.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Let us ask St. Mary MacKillop to intercede for us to send much needed rain.
 It rained at the time of her beatification and also at the time of her canonisation.
 Almighty and Eternal Father bestow the blessing of rain upon our parched land.
 Let your heavenly dew come down upon our farms and stock and our native life.
 Give courage, strength and hope to all farmers, graziers their families and our country townspeople.
 We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY 19th MARCH FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

St. Joseph was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. It is believed he was born in Bethlehem and died in Nazareth. St. Joseph played an important mission in "God's plan" of man's salvage, by accepting Jesus into his family. This put Jesus into the line of David, which according to the prophets – the Messiah would be born. He was called to act as Jesus' father and guardian. He is sometimes called the "Silent One". St. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of workers.

FORTY DAYS – FORTY ITEMS

We have a challenge for your family during Lent. Each day of Lent, remove one item of clothing from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a garbage bag. Bags available at the back of the Church. At the end of the Forty days, donate these items to the St. Vincent de Paul 'Blue Bin' at St Patrick's School so that they can be shared with others who can really use them. Thank you
 Natasha Flanagan – REC. St. Patrick's School.

PROJECT COMPASSION

"Land is not a commodity, but rather a gift from God". – Pope Francis
 The stories we are sharing during the six weeks of Lent demonstrate how Caritas Australia helps many needy people in many countries.
 Week two – Tati, Indonesia.
 Tati lives in a remote Indonesian forest with her husband and children. Her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for sustenance for generations. Over the last few years communities have seen native forests shrink. Tati's community is committed to protecting its rainforest. It is working with Caritas Australia and local authorities to develop alternative sustainable livelihoods. This enables the community to develop a strong financial base and take the lead in managing land, as well as making decisions on how that land is used.
 "I hope to continue living with fresh air, clean water, protected forest", Tati says, "to pay for my children's education and that my grandchildren can still enjoy the forest."
 Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Thursday 21st March** at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 5:45pm.

SCHOOL LITURGY

School liturgy **Friday 22nd March** 12:30pm at St Patrick's School.

COUNTRY MASS

Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 31st March 10:00am** at Gobarralong (Fifth Sunday)