

# ST COLUMBKILLE'S FAMILY

## THREE PARISHES TOGETHER

Please continue to sanitise your hands and mask is optional, maintain social distance to keep us all safe.  
Please take your Bulletin home, Thank you



### Project Compassion

Thank you to those who have sent in their donations. Please keep them coming so we can finalise this year's appeal. Jindabyne Tally is thus far is \$160. The world's largest charitable appeal really does make life changing possible in needy countries around the world. It is not a matter of giving food and clothing, but a hand-up so that the people can make good decisions for the rest of their lives.

**Temporary One Priest Mass Schedule-** Thank you for the suggestions received about the schedule. After some changes, it is now actual and enclosed with this bulletin

### Jewish Passover – The Eucharist

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June we will be guests at a Passover meal.

This will deepen our awareness of the significance of Passover for the Jewish people and also assist us in understanding the Eucharist and Christ's actions at the Last Supper.

A Jewish-Christian couple from Sydney, Rahel and Mark will lead us in this.

To fit as many people as possible into the meal, we will have it at the Uniting Church Hall.

The meal will commence at 5:30pm so it won't be a late night.

Volunteers are needed to set up the hall and also to cook a roast lamb. Please place name on the list in the Cooma church foyer.



### Pope Francis reflects on family relationships

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age, in the light of God's word, we now reflect on the figure of the widow Naomi as presented in the biblical Book of Ruth. This short yet beautiful story speaks of the relationship of love and mutual support between the elderly Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. Naomi, dwelling in a foreign land, is left alone when her two sons die. Despite her grief, she encourages her two daughters-in-law to remain among their own people as she returns to Bethlehem, her native town. Ruth chooses not to abandon her beloved mother-in-law, and accompanies her to Judah, telling her: "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (1:16). Ruth's love supports Naomi, and Naomi in turn helps Ruth to find a new husband, Boaz. God blesses this marriage with a son, Obed, who was the father of Jesse, the father of David. The story of these two faithful women shows us that, in God's providential plan, the covenant of love and fidelity uniting the generations can prove immensely enriching for our families and for the growth of a society that respects the dignity and gifts of each of its members, however young or old.

Ruth, in this book, accepts her mother-in-law and makes her come alive again, and the elderly Naomi takes the initiative of reopening the future for Ruth, instead of limiting herself to enjoying her support. If the young open themselves to gratitude for what they have received, and the elderly take the initiative of relaunching their future, nothing can stop the flourishing of God's blessings among peoples!

### Volunteers needed (Cooma)

Can you give two hours a week to help pass on the faith to children in the Government Schools? We truly need two people to *assist* our volunteer catechists in this vital work. You will not be required to teach the lessons, but will be assistants to help the children with their book work. If you feel you may be able to assist, please ring Carol Byrne and have a chat, 6452 2783.