



St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



9-10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

PARISH CALENDAR



Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
10:00am Mass

Wednesday
Bombala Parish Mass

Thursday
10:00am Mass

Friday
10:00am Mass

Saturday
4th Sunday of the Month
3:30pm Berridale Mass
10:00am Jindabyne Vigil
Mass

Sunday
10:00am Cooma Mass
5:00pm Numeralla

Love and Evidence

No lover is fooled by words of love that are not supported by actions. Love is in the evidence. Flowers and poems are good, but holding a feverish child is better. A candlelight dinner or an anniversary present helps, but what's worth more is constancy, fidelity, presence.

Jesus says knowing the commandments is not enough: lovers of God will be known by their observance of a faithful life. We can't fool divinity by ritual acts and pious looks. The One who sees into human hearts knows if our love is lip service or real passion.

Pray

Holy God, as we reflect on the mystery and the miracle of your presence with us and among us, anchor us in your love, ground us in your peace, and open us to the truth and the comfort of your Holy Spirit, today and always. Amen.

Ponder

Make your love of God real in three concrete ways this week. Love your neighbour, show unnecessary kindness, bring compassion where there is accusation, remember the poor.

Kids' Corner

Why do we follow rules? Is it because we don't want to get in trouble? What if we could lie, steal and cheat without getting caught? Wouldn't that be great? Or would it? God doesn't give us commandments to take away our fun or because God likes ordering people around. God loves us! God knows what's good for us, even better than we do. God's laws help us know how to show our love in return - for God, for ourselves and for others.

Jesus, I love you. Help me keep your commandments! Amen. - www.gpbs.com.au



Happy Mother's Day

Wishing all mums, mums-to-be, grandmas, great-grandmas, godmother and women who dedicate their lives to their children, a very happy Mother's Day. You are truly a blessing to your families and we pray for God to continue to bless and strengthen you.



Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Entrance Antiphon | Cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading | Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

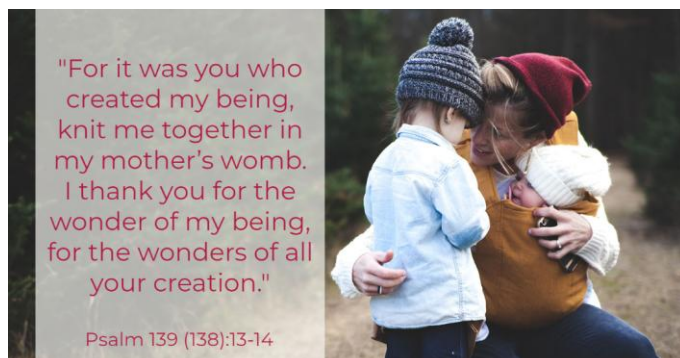
Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**



Second Reading | 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation | John 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!

Gospel | John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon | John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Source: Liturgy Help © 2026

We are excited to welcome Fr Daniel Ukpog to our Parish. We hope that he will enjoy his time here with us.

Get to Know Fr Daniel:

Name: Fr Daniel Camillus Ukpog

Birthday: 7th May

How many siblings: 6

Ordination date: 16 September

Previous parishes: St Christopher's Cathedral

Favourite food: Rice

Tea or Coffee: Coffee

Favourite band/song/genre: Bob Marley...One love.

Favourite movie/book: Bible

Favourite sport/team: Soccer/ Akwa United

Favourite Season: Summer

Least favourite household chore: Cooking

Hobbies: Reading

Favourite person from the Bible (other than Jesus): Barnabas

Favourite Saint: Blessed Virgin Mary

If I wasn't a priest, I would be.... Priest

Life motto: With Desire, I Have Desired

Favourite quote or prayer: Lord Make me an instrument of Peace.



Remembering their faith and love

We pray for those who have recently departed this life.
"We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death."

Joan Fogarty
Marie Harvey

Lawrence "Dick" Pendergast
Funeral 7 May at 11am
St Columbkille's Church

Anniversaries & Intentions
for those whom we pray and remember, may they be welcomed into the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace.

Jan Gardiner
Giulio D'amico

For the sick and all who have asked for our prayers,
may they be granted strength, comfort and healing.

Patrick Umback

The 10 commandments

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" One little boy shouted, "Thou shall not kill."



Readings for Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE 2026

The National Count of Attendance will take place over the first four consecutive weekends of May. All parishes are required to participate. The count will be conducted during Sunday obligation Masses only, as follows:

- Weeks 1 & 2: Total attendance
- Week 3: Attendance by gender
- Week 4: Attendance by age groups

We kindly ask for your support and cooperation to help ensure accurate counting. Thank you.

Mother's Day Blessing

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Choices, Choices, Choices

There are trade-offs. We make them all the time. You can choose to wait for the train or drive. The train might be running late, so you could be in the cold for a long time, or it may be uncomfortably crowded. Then again, it is cheaper than driving and often faster with less stress.

If you choose to drive, you may get stuck in traffic, burning petrol and polluting the air. Or if you are lucky, the road is open and you speed to your destination uninterrupted from door to door in no time at all.

Some of the early disciples felt that Jesus' return after his Ascension into heaven was imminent, so they wanted to wait for him in prayer. Others began to understand it through the Holy Spirit, Christ would come into their hearts and be with them in a special way. God's love would bind them together. So they went about healing and calling down the Spirit to be with those who had been baptised.

Two thousand years later, we still wait for Jesus' coming. But we have not been left orphans. We see and find Jesus' loving presence all around us. The trade-off is simple. We choose to believe, and so we live out the commandments. And in return, Jesus Christ lives in us. -
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Young at Heart



The Spirit will show you what is true

Answer the following questions True or False

Jesus only loves those who do good deeds. _____

The Holy Spirit is always with us. _____

God sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples. _____

Jesus said "You should not love your enemies". _____

The disciples received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. _____

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass and

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 of month

Mass Yallabee Lodge 9.30am

Mass Hudson House Respect 11am

Jindabyne

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

Except 5th Sunday

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Nimmitabel

1st Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 3pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC at 5pm Saturday

Numeralla

2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

4th Sunday Mass 5pm

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



Parish Collections

There are two collections during every Mass.

First Collection is banked to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn and contributes to priests' stipends.

Second Collection is our parish church collection for our church upkeep and running costs such as electricity, rates, water, maintenance etc.

We value your contribution and appreciate any support you can give the parish. Please talk to Fr Mark if you have any questions.