

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

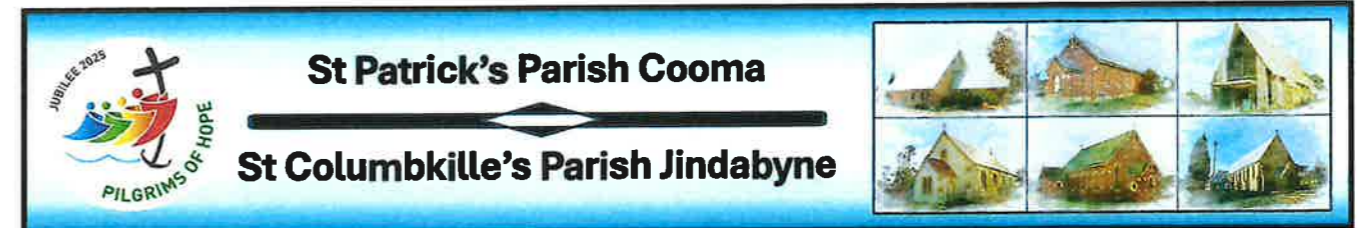
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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 January 2026

First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

*(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!



St Patrick's Parish Cooma
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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

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

Except 5th Sunday

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Nimmitabel

5th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Numeralla

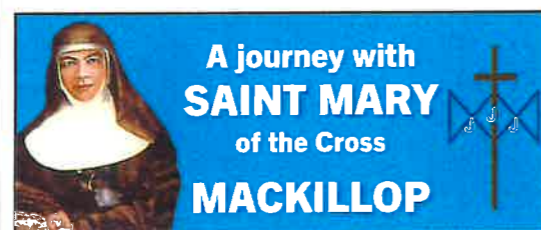
2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

4th Sunday Mass 5pm

**POPES INTENTION
 JANUARY**

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney, blessed & opened by Archbishop Michael Kelly. 18.1.1914

Much that is hidden from us is known to God, and many things which we condemn are pleasing to God because God sees the motives and we see only the result. (Book of Customs)

Mary MacKillop visits New Zealand convents, 1894 till 1895.



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 19 Jan 2025

- MON** -
- TUE** 10am Mass
- WED** Bombala Parish 12.30 Mass
- THU** 10am Mass
- FRI** 10am Mass
- SAT** 4th Sunday of the Month
St Francis de Sales
3.30pm Berridale Mass
5pm Nimmitabel LWHC
5pm Jindabyne Mass
- SUN** **10am Cooma Mass**
5pm Numeralla Mass

**REMEMBERING THEIR
 FAITH AND LOVE**

We pray for those who have recently departed this life;

Marykutty Joseph, (India);
 Margaret Jack (Scotland)

Anniversaries & Intentions

for those we remember at this time, may they be welcomed into the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord.

Frank Puswald;

Debbie Tozer & Keith Tozer
 Shirley Blyton

**"We have loved them in Life:
 Let us not forget them in death."**



For the sick within our families, friends and parish community and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing. We pray to the Lord.



Prayer of the Faithful

*Response: (R)
 Lord, hear our prayer*

PRIEST: The Word of God gives us life and joy. We have listened to its teaching and professed our faith in the God who makes us whole. With confidence we turn to God for the needs of all.

COMMENTATOR:

- * We pray for the Church leaders, our Pope and the bishops, that they proclaim to the world that in the Gospels Jesus is revealed as the promised Messiah. We pray to the Lord
- * For all who seek to follow God's will: That peoples of all faiths will strive together and, through the witness of their own lives, make God's love a reality to their sisters and brothers everywhere. (pause)
 We pray to the Lord
- * For peace and an end to violence: that God will lead all people to a greater appreciation of human life and help them find new ways to overcome conflict. We pray especially for an end to the war in Ukraine (pause)
 We pray to the Lord.
- * For safety on our roads: as holiday makers begin to return home may common sense and courtesy be the normal and all travellers return safely. (pause) We pray to the Lord.
- * We pray For all those who have died: Today we remember Frank Puswald on the anniversary of his death. May they share in the fullness of God's promise as they responded to God's call as it was revealed to them in life. (pause)
 We pray to the Lord
- * We pray with Mary, the Queen of universal peace: Hail Mary.....

PRIEST: We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen



READING FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

First Reading: Is 8: 23- 9:3
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1: 1-10-13, 17
 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17 or 12-23

A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink.

Unfortunately, the locals always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen.

He went back into the bar, handily flipped his gun into the air, caught it above his head without even looking and fired a shot into the ceiling.

"Which one of you sidewinders stole my horse?!" he yelled with surprising forcefulness.

No one answered.

"Alright, I'm gonna have another beer, and if my horse ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas!"

Some of the locals shifted restlessly.

The man, true to his word, had another beer, walked outside, and his horse has been returned to the post.

He saddled up and started to ride out of town.

The bartender wandered out of the bar and asked, "Say partner, before you go... what happened in Texas?"

The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."

