



must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

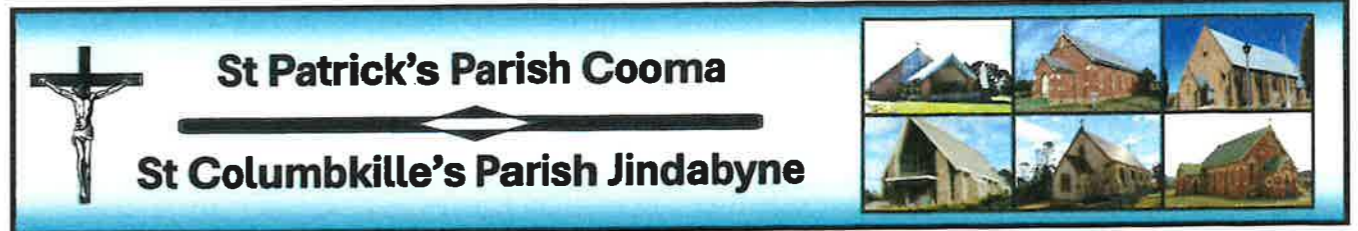
We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

19 April 2026

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You



St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER, Year A

19 April 2026

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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 of month

Mass Yallambee 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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Sacramental Program – Key Dates for 2026

Families are invited to note the following dates for this year's Sacramental Program:

- ❖ **Confirmation:** 14 June
- ❖ **First Reconciliation:** 2 July
- ❖ **First Holy Communion:** 13 September

For a detailed information letter, please contact our Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Belinda Wilkins via email: belinda.wilkins@cg.catholic.edu.au



READINGS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ Year A

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41
Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:20-25
Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Prayer: For ourselves and our own community, that the Lord may graciously receive us as a sacrifice acceptable to himself, let us pray to the Lord.

(R.) Grant this. almighty God.

Week- 20 April 2026

MON -
TUE 10am Mass
WED Mass Bombala Parish
THU 10am Mass
FRI 10am Mass
SAT 4th Sunday of the month
3.30pm Berridale Mass
Jindabyne Vigil Mass 10am
SUN 10am Cooma
5pm Numeralla

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 wife of William funeral Friday at Adaminaby 1pm.

Marie Harvey mother of Grahm & Rosemary funeral at Jindabyne on Thursday, 23 April at 1pm.

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.

Geoff Miners, Ron Flanagan
We pray to the Lord.



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.
Patrick Umback

We pray to the Lord.



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

"Lord Hear our prayer"

PRIEST: We gather on the first day of the week as an Easter people, a people who have experienced the Risen Lord and know that Christ makes all things new. In that hope, we bring to God all the pain and brokenness of those we love and of our world.

COMMENTATOR: Response: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ broken; that we may overcome our inability to honour diversity in our faith, experience and expression. In your mercy, (R)

We pray, as we prepare to celebrate Anzac Day next Saturday, for peace in our world, through the healing of nationalism and racism, terrorism and oppressive rule and injustice. In your mercy, Lord (R)

We pray for the people of Ukraine that new opportunities may be found to end conflict, restore the basic necessities of life, and restore their means to support their families. In your mercy, Lord (R)

We pray for all who are broken and wounded: that they may find healing in Christ and that God will help us recognize them as our brothers and sisters in the wounded Christ. In your mercy, Lord (R)

We pray, in the spirit of Anzac, for all who have died and especially for all the men and women from every country and culture, who have given their lives in the defence of freedom and the service of their countries. In your mercy, Lord.

We pray with Mary, the Queen of Peace" .Hail Mary....

PRIEST:

God, our Creator, guide us, your people, to walk in the ways of love, that we may be present in the midst of humanity as a power for good and a witness of hope. Grant this through the Risen Christ, our Lord. Amen

PARISH COLLECTIONS

THERE ARE 2 COLLECTIONS DURING EVERY MASS,
1ST COLLECTION IS BANKED TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA GOULBURN and ASSISTS PRIESTS STIPEND.

2ND COLLECTION IS OUR PARISH CHURCH COLLECTION FOR OUR CHURCH FOR UPKEEP AND RUNNING COSTS electricity Rates water maintenance etc

Archbishop's Easter Message 2026

The Silences of Easter

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/the-silences-of-easter-archbishops-easter-message-2026/>

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THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of the Monaro Misson for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world.

Together, your community raised an incredible \$1,947.35 helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice.

Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world. Thank YOU!

Monaro Men's Breakfast

St Paul's Anglican Hall, 136 Commissioner St, Cooma Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 7:30am Cost \$7.00 Speaker: Fr George Ogah (Queanbeyan)

JOKE

A MAN SUFFERED A SERIOUS HEART ATTACK WHILE GROCERY SHOPPING. THE STORE CLERKS CALLED 911 WHEN THEY SAW HIM COLLAPSE TO THE FLOOR. THE PARAMEDICS RUSHED THE MAN TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL WHERE HE HAD EMERGENCY OPEN HEART BYPASS SURGERY.

HE AWAKENED FROM THE SURGERY TO FIND HIMSELF IN THE CARE OF NUNS AT THE CATHOLIC HOSPITAL HE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO. A NUN WAS SEATED NEXT TO HIS BED HOLDING A CLIPBOARD LOADED WITH SEVERAL FORMS, AND A PEN. SHE ASKED HIM HOW HE WAS GOING TO PAY FOR HIS TREATMENT.

"DO YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?" SHE ASKED. HE REPLIED IN A RASPY VOICE, "NO HEALTH INSURANCE."

THE NUN ASKED, "DO YOU HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK?" HE REPLIED, "NO MONEY IN THE BANK."

"DO YOU HAVE A RELATIVE WHO COULD HELP YOU WITH THE PAYMENTS?" ASKED THE IRRITATED NUN. HE SAID, "I ONLY HAVE A SPINSTER SISTER, AND SHE IS A NUN."

THE NUN BECAME AGITATED AND ANNOUNCED LOUDLY, "NUNS ARE NOT SPINSTERS! NUNS ARE MARRIED TO GOD."

THE PATIENT REPLIED, "PERFECT. SEND THE BILL TO MY BROTHER -IN -LAW."