



Gospel Mt 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.



First Sunday of Advent, Year A

30 November 2025

First Reading Is 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and
they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

*(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house
of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*

2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David. *(R.)*

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' *(R.)*

4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia!



St Patrick's Parish Cooma
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First Sunday of Advent / A 30th November 2025

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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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide



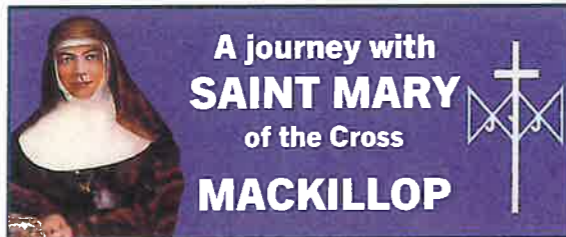
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



*** That all who encounter difficult conditions at work will be rewarded for their perseverance.**

*** That our parish community will bear witness to the Word of God and the coming of Christ.**

*** For rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.**



A journey with SAINT MARY of the Cross MACKILLOP

Only what you will, my God. (1.12.1898)

First Mass celebrated in Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney 8.12.1913



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 1st December 2025

ADVENT

TUE 10am Mass
WED Bombala Parish 12.30 Mass
St Francis Xavier, priest
THU 10am Mass
FRI 10am Mass

2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Sunday of the Month

SAT 5pm Jindabyne Mass
5pm Nimmitabel LWHC
SUN 10am Cooma Mass
10am Berridale LWHC



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Joseph Chandy in India,
Leo Upton, Christine Schatzle,
Joanne Dodd.

Anniversaries & Intentions

Kay Dennis, Dorothy Gibson,
John Rudd (OAM), Darcy Stewart,
Please place loved ones in the Holy Souls book placed on the Altar during November



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

Cooma Christmas Roster Form is available in the Church Entrance

Volunteers are invited to complete availability for Services, Thank you, all welcome.

Mass Times will be confirmed next weekend's Mass Bulletin.



"Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy; it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to generation, right along the course of the centuries. Wonderful works have been achieved through prayer." St Francis Xavier



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer

PRIEST: Gathered together in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we open our hearts in prayer for God's people everywhere.

COMMENTATOR:

We pray for the church and its leaders: that preaching Christ's Gospel will bring light and hope into the areas of darkness in our world. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.

We pray for rain as we face a summer of heightened fire danger and increasing drought conditions: that all will remain safe and minimal losses ensue. (pause)

We pray to the Lord

We pray that the time of Advent will be a challenge to renew a living faith and not be misled by the false or shallow values of our world. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all students, parents and teachers, as this academic year draws to a close: that their mutual support and co-operation will be the source of continued growth and maturity. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.

We pray that God's kingdom may come for all those who have died, we pray for Joseph Chandy in India, may they pass over to the fullness of life. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.

We pray with Mary for universal peace: Hail Mary.....

PRIEST: Gracious God, through these prayers continue to show us the way to your peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Tickets on sale now. Please see Sharon at the Parish Office - \$30 Adult & \$15 for Children U15 Includes entertainment.



**READING FOR NEXT SUNDAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YEAR A**

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

7pm Tuesday 16th December- COOMA

Other Parishes offered after Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

ST JOSEPH'S BERRIDALE 4PM

ST JOSEPH'S DELEGATE 4.30PM

ST PATRICK'S COOMA 6PM

ST ANDREW'S NIMMITABEL 6PM

ST MARY'S BOMBALA 6.30PM

THREDBO CHAPEL LWHC *Pending Leader*

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

ST MARY'S ADAMINABY 8AM

ST PATRICK'S COOMA 10AM

ST COLUMBKILLE'S JINDABYNE 10AM

Weekend 27 & 28 December 2025

(4th Sunday)

Berridale 3.30pm Vigil Mass

Jindabyne 5pm Vigil Mass

Nimmitabel 5pm LWHC

Cooma 10am Mass

Numeralla 5pm Mass

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