St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



31 October – 1 November 2026 **The Feast of All Saints Year A**

PARISH CALENDAR

Week 2 November 2026
Monday
6:00pm All Souls Mass

Tuesday
10:00am Mass

Wednesday
Bombala Parish Mass
Thursday
10:00am Mass

Friday
10:00am Mass

2nd Sunday of the Month
8 Nov 2026

3.30pm Berridale Mass
5pm Nimmitabel LOWHC
5pm Vigil Mass Jindabyne

Sunday
10am Mass Cooma
5pm Numeralla LWHC

Acknowledging Country

Our Monaro Parish acknowledges that Aboriginal people were the first people of this land. Our Parish recognises the Ngarigo people as the traditional custodians of the majority of the region we now know as the Snowy Monaro. We pay respect to knowledge holders and community members of the land and waters and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Mercy Changes Everything

We live in a world that is often quick to judge, slow to forgive and reluctant to offer second chances. Yet Jesus challenges us to live differently. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." These words are not simply a comforting promise. They are a powerful invitation to rethink how we treat one another, especially those closest to us. Let's face it, showing mercy is not always easy. Family life can be messy, relationships can become strained and people sometimes disappoint us. It is tempting to hold onto hurt, replay old arguments or expect others to make the first move. But Jesus calls us beyond resentment and towards something far more life giving. Mercy asks us to listen before judging, forgive without keeping score and recognise that everyone, including ourselves, needs understanding and a fresh start.

Our homes, neighbourhoods and parish communities should be places where mercy is more than a beautiful idea. It should be something people actually experience. A kind word when tensions are high, patience when someone is struggling, a willingness to reconnect after disagreement. These everyday choices have the power to heal relationships and transform communities.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of this Gospel is recognising that mercy begins with us. We cannot always change how others behave, but we can choose how we respond. And sometimes, one small act of forgiveness can be the beginning of something extraordinary.

Action Response

This week, make mercy something people can see and experience. Reach out to someone you have lost touch with, offer forgiveness where hurt has taken hold or choose patience in a moment of frustration. Look for opportunities to replace judgement with understanding and criticism with encouragement. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. Be the person who opens the door to healing, restores a connection or gives someone the fresh start they need. Because mercy is not simply about what we believe. It is about how we choose to love.

Kids' Corner

Jesus teaches us that showing mercy means choosing kindness, even when it is difficult. We all make mistakes, have tough days and sometimes need a second chance. When we forgive someone, include a person who feels left out or help a friend who is struggling, we are putting the message of Jesus into action. Mercy means looking beyond mistakes and seeing the good in others. The real challenge is choosing kindness when someone tests our patience. Even the smallest act of mercy can make a big difference to someone's day!

This week I will choose kindness, forgive others and give someone a second chance, even when it is difficult.

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Readings for the Feast of All Saints Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast
day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the
Son of God.

First Reading | Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world and all its peoples.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The man with clean hands and pure heart,
   who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
   and reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the men who seek him,
   seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading | 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and
are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the
Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel | Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is
right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of
right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon | Matthew 5:8-10

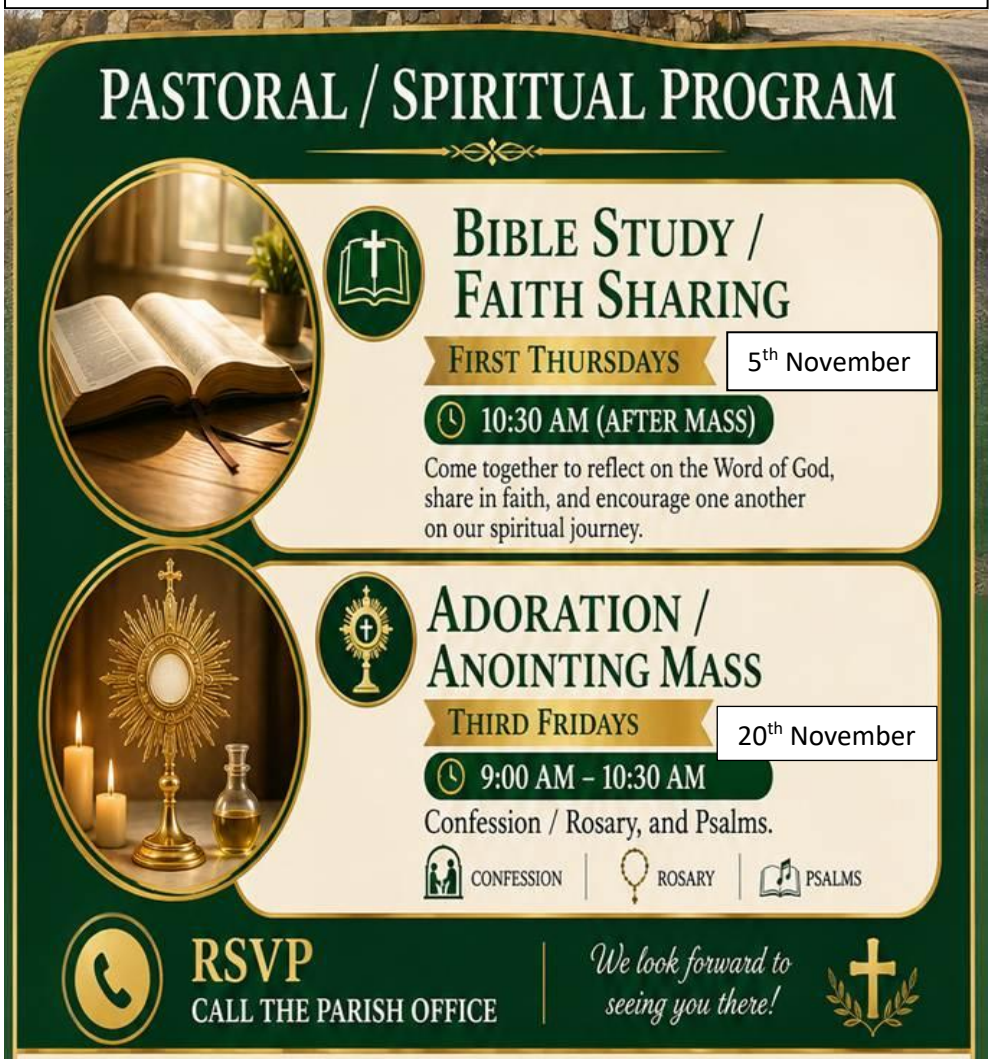
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Upcoming Events



- Mass for All Souls Day
  Monday 2 November 2026 at 6:00pm
- Bible Study Corner – Thursday 5 November 2026 at 10:30am
- Adoration/Anointing Mass – Friday 20 November 2026 9:00am



Monaro Men's Breakfast

The Men from St Paul's Anglican Cooma invite you to join them in a breakfast to build friendship together, and hear an informal talk by **Dr Sean Mangan.**

**** Date:** Saturday **7th November 2026** at 7:30am **
Speaker: Dr Sean Mangan – Principal St Patrick's School.
Venue: Church Hall (St Paul's Anglican), 136 Commissioner St, Cooma
Cost: $7.00
Invitation to: Men only RSVP on **0468-320-916**

Readings for next week: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Wisdom 6:12-16
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel:	Matthew 25:1-13

Remembering their faith and love

We pray for those who have recently departed this life.
Kym Lloyd;
Memorial Service - Marie Hamono
Thursday 12 Nov 2026 at 11am

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

For the sick and all who have asked for our special intention prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing.
Claire Neumeyer, Noel Battye, Patrick Umback

Question for Reflection

1.
How often do we allow past hurts, frustrations or assumptions to influence the way we treat those closest to us?

2.
What does genuine mercy look like in our homes, friendships and parish communities, especially when relationships become difficult?

3.
How might our families and communities change if we became quicker to understand, more willing to forgive and less eager to judge?

Christmas Luncheon
13 December 2026
Cooma Bowling Club

Australian Catholics Magazine is available in Church Foyer, please take a copy

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2026
Have arrived. Please collect your Advent Reflection books from the Parish Office, thank you

A Sunday Story

The Chance to Begin Again

Everyone had seen the message. A careless comment posted in a group chat had hurt someone deeply. Screenshots were shared, opinions flew and within hours, people had taken sides. By the next morning, the person responsible was filled with regret. An apology had been offered, but the damage was done. Some wanted nothing more to do with them. Others believed they deserved to feel the consequences of their actions.
Then someone quietly asked a different question. "What if we gave them the chance to make things right?"

It didn't mean pretending nothing had happened. The hurt was real, and trust would take time to rebuild. But instead of adding another angry message or shutting someone out completely, a conversation began. People listened. Feelings were acknowledged. Responsibility was taken. And slowly, a way forward emerged.

Nothing was magically fixed that day, but something important had changed. People had chosen understanding over judgement and the possibility of healing over the satisfaction of being right. Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Perhaps mercy is not about forgetting what happened or excusing what was wrong. Perhaps it is about refusing to let someone's worst moment become their whole story.

Because sometimes the most powerful thing we can offer another person is the chance to begin again.

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Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Our Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. For more information, visit the Canberra Archdiocesan website at: https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards. Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Mark, Fr Daniel or the Parish Office or to organise a time to talk with our priests. Specific safeguarding issues can also be emailed to Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) by emailing ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02 6239 9806.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass and LW&HC Times
Adaminaby- Mass cancelled
Berridale 2nd & 4th Sunday
Vigil Mass Saturday 3.30pm
All other Sundays
LW&HC 10am Sunday

Cooma

Mass Sunday 10am & Children's Liturgy during school term.
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 of month
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 superannuation etc.

We value your contribution and appreciate any support you can give the parish.

We have Direct Giving Forms available. Please talk to Fr Mark or Sharon at Parish Office