



**St Patrick's Parish Cooma**

**St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne**



**23-24 May 2026**

**Pentecost Sunday Year A**

**PARISH CALENDAR**



**Week 25 May 2026**

**Monday**  
No Mass

**Tuesday**  
10:00am Mass

**Wednesday**  
Bombala Parish Mass

**Thursday**  
10:00am Mass

**Friday**  
10:00am Mass

**Saturday**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month  
5pm Jindabyne Vigil

**Sunday**  
10:00am Cooma Mass

**The Miracle of Language**

God created the world with a word, Scripture tells us. God spoke the word BE, and all that is came into being. In the same way, God spoke divinity into human form when Jesus the Word "became flesh and dwelt among us". Finally, the Spirit of Holiness becomes available to us when Jesus breathes the simple words, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are defined by lists of words that school children memorise, but behind those words are powerful realities. Invoking the Spirit of joy, peace, patience, and love will create quite a different world than the one invoked by anger, bitterness, and indifference. Lives are bound together or drawn apart by words spoken or withheld. Stewardship over the power of words is a holy reality.

*Look up the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22 - 23. How many of these are expressed in your life?*

**Pray**

Through the Spirit of God, all things live and have their being. We receive the Spirit and live in God's way. Jesus breathes the Spirit upon us and we are forgiven and forgiving. We receive the Spirit and live in God's way. The Holy Spirit is with us always, the presence of God in our world. We receive the Spirit and live in God's way. Amen.

**Ponder**

Choose one fruit of the Holy Spirit that is least present in your life, and make conscious decisions to employ it this week.

**Kids' Corner**

Today's feast of Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church. And what's a birthday celebration without gifts? God has given you many gifts. Some are meant to help you serve God and others. You might be good at putting things together. Maybe you're a great listener. Maybe you notice when others need help. Whatever you can do, do it to serve the Lord. If you see that your skills are needed, be ready to offer what you have with a happy heart. Don't worry about the things you can't do. Just use the gifts God gave you!

God, thank you for your many gifts. Help me use them today! Amen.

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What do you call a fire that tells secrets?  
A flameboyant!

Why did the fire go to the party alone?  
It didn't have a match!

What do you call a fire that loves to dance?  
A disco inferno!

**Come Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

**Entrance Antiphon | Wisdom 1:7**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**First Reading | Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm | Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.  
R. v.30**

**(R.)** Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel | John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven:  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

**Communion Antiphon | Acts 2:4,11**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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## What are some good jokes about God?

Here's one about meeting Satan...

A dictator dies and goes to hell and meets Satan.  
Satan says to the dictator;

"Nowadays, people entering hell are able to choose their own personal hell. I will take you to a series of doors, and you can look inside, and tell me if that is where you would like to spend your eternity."

The dictator agrees and Satan takes him down a long, dark hallway. Satan opens the first door, the dictator looks inside, he sees thousands of people standing on their heads on a hard-wood floor.

The dictator says; "This looks too uncomfortable. Show me the next room."

Satan then walks the dictator down to the second door. The dictator looks inside, and he sees thousands of people standing on their heads on a concrete floor.

The dictator says; "This is even worse. Show me another room."

Satan nods and takes him to the third and final door; the dictator looks inside, there he sees thousands of people standing knee-deep in liquid muck, all talking and drinking coffee.

The dictator says; "This is the place for me, I can handle this"

Satan then asks; "Are you sure? Once the door closes you can never go back..."

The dictator says; "I'm positive, I love coffee."

The dictator steps in, and Satan closes the door. Just before the dictator could get comfortable, a voice comes over the loudspeaker and says;

"OK, coffee break is over, NOW GET BACK ON YOUR HEADS!!!!"

## Monaro Men's Breakfast

The men from St Paul's Anglican Cooma invite you to join them in a breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages, tomatoes, hash browns, toast, juice, tea, & coffee to build friendship together, and hear an informal talk by **Chief Inspector Gary Raymond (by ZOOM)**.



**When:** Saturday 6 June at 7:30am

**Speaker:** Chief Inspector Gary Raymond (by ZOOM) — Danger was my Business

**Venue:** Church Hall (St Paul's Anglican), 136 Commissioner St, Cooma

**Cost:** \$7.00

**Invitation to:** Men Only

**RSVP:** [cooma.mensbreakfast.com.au](http://cooma.mensbreakfast.com.au) or by phone 0468-320-916

See the flyer on the **St Patrick's Cooma website: [www.cg.org.au/cooma](http://www.cg.org.au/cooma)**

## Readings for next week: The Most Holy Trinity Year A

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

## 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."

Margaret Barron  
Lawrence "Dick" Pendergast

**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.

Mary Boller  
Clare Nowland  
Greg McGufficke

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

Patrick Umback

## RCIA



**We welcome Colin Edwards as he is received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church this weekend.**

## Whirlwind Spirit

Whirlwind Spirit of God,  
Roar through our timidities and fears, Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities, Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy, Blow down the walls that separate us, one from another.

Then into all our empty spaces, breathe re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice, renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation, revitalised passion to change our lifestyles, re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.

Let gentle breeze and still small voice become in us today mighty wind and loud proclamation. Make of us a Pentecost people! Amen

Kathleen O'Brien/CAFOD

## A Sunday Story

### Keep the Fires Burning

About five years ago a suburban Melbourne parish began marking the Solemnity of Pentecost by keeping a fire burning at the door of the church through the night. Parishioners take turns until dawn, a powerful sign to the community that the spirit lives – not safely confined and contained in a building – but in and among us.

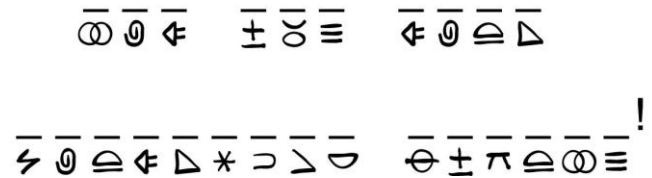
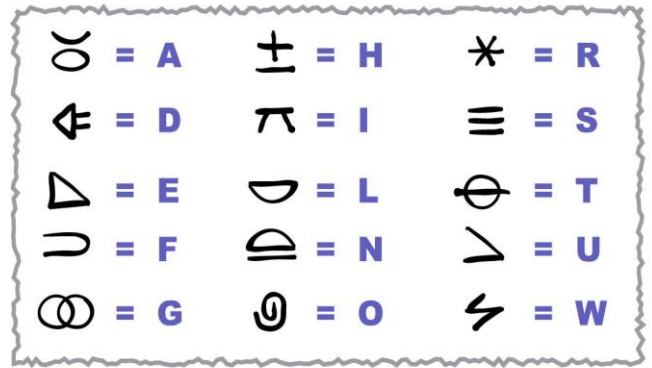
“Keeping the fire” was important to our human ancestors. Without matches, without a way to start a fire in damp conditions, the flame had to be guarded so that the community would not fall victim to night predators or be left in the cold dark.

Fascinating in itself, fire has come to symbolise the holy. Imagine the bush afire before Moses. In the story of the Christian church, “tongues as of fire” stand for the person of the Holy Spirit: neither visible nor touchable but powerful as fire.

As the long seasons of Lent and Easter come to a close, we teeter on the border of “Ordinary Time,” witnesses to the Spirit before the world’s darkness. Keep the flame alive! Tend the fire: Use your gifts, ordinary as they may seem. And let it tend you: Give thanks for the fire, the very spirit and breath of God abiding within. [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)

## Young at Heart

Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.



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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's 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 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. Please talk to Fr Mark if you have any questions.