

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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE BREATH OF LIFE

Fear surrounds Jesus' disciples in this story from John's Gospel set on the night of his resurrection. They are closed in a room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. The Risen One comes into their midst, into the centre of their fears, and proclaims, 'Peace be with you.' Jesus offers his frightened disciples peace at a time when they feel a sense of potential annihilation by the very ones who had manufactured Jesus' execution.

His 'peace' is more than an encouragement not to worry; it is a prayer, his gift, for their wholeness and holiness. The prayer is accompanied by his breathing upon them—an echo of an earlier 'breathing' when Jesus 'breathes down' his spirit on to his mother and the Beloved Disciple at the moment of death. This is John's Pentecost scene. For John's audience, 'breathe' was a sign of life. Here, in the room's enclosure, Jesus' breathes onto his disciples his life which offers forgiveness.

The story concludes with Thomas and it is not about his 'doubting'. It is rather about his connection with the other disciples. Disconnected from them, he does not believe. When he reconnects with them a week later and Jesus reappears, Thomas comes to faith in the Risen Jesus. Two points emerge from this powerful story: Jesus' presence dispels fear; Easter faith is restored and deepened through belonging to a community of believers.



Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) / C

27 APRIL 2025

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, love is everlasting, (or Alleluia!)

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation / O Lord grant success. / Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / the Lord God is our light. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13,17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus;



it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, 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

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY

THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



Baptism -Request forms can be located on the Parish website or picked up from our Parish Office.

Fr Mark and Fr Kose will be available to celebrate Baptism during mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

CatholicMarriagePrep

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/engaged>

St Patrick's Cooma Mass
Mass Sunday's at 10am

Adoration - Fridays 5pm -6pm

St Patrick's Weekday

Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am

Except Third Friday of Month for

Nursing Home Masses -3rd Friday

9.30am Yallabee Lodge

11am Hudson House Respect

Adaminaby -2nd Sunday month

Cancelled UFN

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Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday -Liturgy

*5pm Sat Vigil Mass

1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla

LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Mass 4th Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale-

Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday's

2nd & 4th Sunday of month - Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass at 3.30pm

Jindabyne

1st, 2nd, & 4th =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat

3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat



A Prayer for Father Mark's Journey

Loving God, We thank You for the gift of Father Mark and his faithful service to our Parishes. As he sets out on his holidays and sabbatical, we ask You to watch over him. Grant him rest, renewal and joy in all that he experiences. Keep him safe in travel and in health, and may his time away be filled with peace and Your presence. We look forward to welcoming him back with open hearts in July, refreshed and renewed.

Amen

Fr Kose will offer an Hour of Adoration

- to recommence after Easter on 2nd May at

St Patrick's Parish Cooma Friday 5pm- 6pm

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased; "We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death": Pope Francis; A tribute to Pope Francis 1936 to 2025 by Archbishop is available today.

Geoff Miners, Funeral 2nd May-1pm at St John's Adaminaby;

Ian Schofield, Dorothy Whiting, Peter Ward, David Barron.

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends:

Leanne Miners, Des McCarthy, Ron Flanagan, Mary Ovenden

Sacramental Program 2025 -for Children

Confirmation 31st May 2025 with Fr Richard

(a copy of Child's Baptism Certificate is required)

First Reconciliation - __ July 2025 - tbc

First Holy Communion - 21st Sep 2025



Monaro Men's Breakfast -

The men from St Paul's Anglican Cooma invite you to join them in a breakfast **Details are as follows:**

Date: 03-May-2025 Time: 7:30am Cost \$7.00

Speaker: Tim Saunders -- Builder

Venue: Church Hall (St Paul's Anglican),

136 Commissioner St Cooma Men only

Roster	27 th Apr	4 th May
Acolyte	Darren Steinke	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Kathleen Bashford	Terri Rick
Reader/ Commentator	Belinda Wilkins Lou Mackay	Fran Robertson & Kathleen Bashford
Mass Servers
Special Minister	Marg Quodling	Mark Nesbitt
Childrens Liturgy	Belinda Wilkins	Kellie Summerville
Linen	Jan McLean
Church Care	3 rd May Jo-Anne Brown J Kelly G Mooney	10 th May - Shane Bilish & Family
Hospital	Joan Simpson	Marg Quodling



We have an **EFT TAP n Go** available in Church entrance for your cashless donations (Archdiocese split 70/30: 1st & 2nd JUST TAP! The New Smart Device at door has the option to Choose donation \$amount

Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday, 9 May 2025

Cooma Ex-Services Club

\$25 Adult
\$15 Child (12-16 yrs only)

7am to 8.30am

Friday 25 April 2025

Payment made via QKR

Full buffet breakfast/juice/tea/coffee.
Guest speaker & lucky door prizes.

or contact
St Patrick's Parish School
Reception on 6452 1584 to
reserve a ticket

Guest Speaker: Sandy Schofield, a dedicated mother of two boys, is a former parent of St. Patrick's and was deeply involved with the school's P&C for many years. She has served on the boards of MCCR and the Cooma Chamber of Commerce. Well known in the community, Sandy previously owned and operated her own business before transitioning to work at Birdsnest. She remains highly engaged in various local community activities.

3 - 25 May | Marriage Enrichment Weekend

- offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 23-25 May 2025 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW - a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419

Next weekend Readings 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter / C

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Second Reading: Apoc 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-14