

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2: 12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Jn 8: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

JESUS' LIBERATING GAZE

Today's Gospel from John might seem out of place in a year where the liturgical focus is on Luke. However, some scholars suggest that the story of a woman caught in an adulterous act belongs more in Luke's Gospel and became misplaced in time. Whatever of the story's history, it is the teaching that unfolds that is so important as we come to our final week in our Lenten journey.

In the story, the woman becomes a pawn in a dispute over Torah teaching and as an object to trap Jesus in his apparent moral liberality and rejection of Mosaic teaching. Never addressed is the way the knowledge of the woman's adulterous act is derived. How would her accusers know of her conduct if they had not set themselves in a position to spy upon her? They, too, are incriminated by their very witness. Jesus does not buy into their legal dispute nor their accusation of the woman.

As her accusers depart from the scene without condemning the woman, Jesus gazes upon her without judgement. His gaze frees her. The story leaves contemporary listeners with at least two insights. It affirms Jesus' forgiveness and his desire for our spiritual release. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on the way women are treated today in many contexts as objects of sexual desire, domestic violence, male abuse and pornographic depiction.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

6 APRIL 2025

FIRST READING

Isa 43: 16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing: / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Phil 3: 8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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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

Cooma Reconciliation available as

requested following Mass

**Lent- Stations of the Cross -
Fridays 5.30 pm**

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

Next date = 13th April at 9am

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Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday

*5pm Sat Vigil Mass

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

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LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Mass 4th Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale-

3.30pm Sat 2nd & 4th Sundays

Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday's

1st 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month

EASTER SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent

Friday's - St Patrick's Church Cooma 5.30pm

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13th APRIL - Cooma 10am, Berridale 3.30pm,

Jindabyne Vigil 5pm

Easter Week:

2nd Rite of Reconciliation – in preparation

Easter

Cooma – Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7pm

Jindabyne after Vigil Mass - 12th April 2025

HOLY THURSDAY

Cooma 6pm

Delegate 5pm and Bombala 6.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Cooma Stations of the Cross 10am

Jindabyne Stations of the Cross 10am (Leader)

Berridale Stations of the Cross 10am (Leader)

Bombala Stations of the Cross 9.30am (Leader)

Cooma & Jindabyne 3pm Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY

Cooma 6pm , Bombala 5pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Adaminaby 8am - Cooma 10am – Jindabyne 10am

Berridale 10am (Liturgy of the Word with Holy

Communion)

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

“We have loved them in life; let us not forget

them in death”: Angela Palmer funeral Cooma

on Monday 7th April at 11am;

Peter Ward, David Barron, Anne Bowerman

Anniversaries & Special Intentions:

“In loving memory of” our departed family

and friends: Leanne Miners, Kath Shanley,

Erika Crepinsek

“Dear God, when life feels heavy,
remind me to release my worries to You.
Give me rest when I am weary and faith
when I am uncertain. Thank You
for always walking beside me. Amen.”



**Sacramental Program 2025-
for Children**

Confirmation 31st May 2025 with Fr Richard

First Reconciliation - 4th July 2025

First Holy Communion - 21st Sep 2025

Roster	6th Apr	13th Apr - Palm Sunday
Acolyte	Darren Steinke	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Pauline Radosavljevic	Terri Rick
Reader/Commentator	Kaitlyn Bosco Kevin Dunne	Paul Mackay/ Tony Goodwin
Mass Servers	
Special Minister	Beryl Barron	Susan Tighe
Childrens Liturgy	Beryl Barron	Carol Byrne
Linen	Michele Atkins
Church Care	12 th Blyton Barrett family	Sue McPhie L Baker B Moser
Hospital	Leah Baker	Kathleen Bashford

Next weekend Readings

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) / C

1st Reading Isaiah 50: 4-7

2nd Reading Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Luke 23: 1-49

*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



Thank you for supporting our Priest's
and our Paris

Church Working Bee Required for Easter.

Friends, it's that time again. The grounds are looking for some care and beauty! Please bring tools, whipper-snippers, saws and mowers.

With a good team present this can be knocked over in a couple of hours.

Date Saturday 12th April, 8.30am.

Easter Rosters: This is an opportunity for new faces to put themselves forward. It's frustrating having to plead with people to take ministries on. The washing of the feet on Thursday should have 12 people. This is a very powerful symbol recalling Jesus washing his disciples feet. He was Christ the King but the most powerful message from this event is the lesson we are asked to heed; We are all called to serve others, not to have them wait on us! Don't sit in the pews and expect others to do everything for you

School Hall.

Again there have been strong efforts to build a much needed school hall for many obvious reasons. An application for a government grant has been prepared but this doesn't mean it will be given. Briefly, the school has through our Principal Dr Sean Mangan given a detailed presentation to the Finance & PPC at our recent meeting. One possibility for the Hall is to build the hall below the Church. The hall would contain a kitchen and meeting room which would be invaluable to our parish at different times. There are other thoughts which may not be achievable for the parish such as offices being part of the project. Dealing with government money requires it be used for who the grant is given.

Where the hall is built has clearly not been decided. There are so many things to be considered. before this could happen in the Church grounds. However I thought it is better for all to know the thinking and would hope whatever is decided over a hall that it is met with positive discussion.

Fr Mark's Jokes:

What do you say when someone around you sneezes? Most of us will quickly say, "God Bless You" or "Gesundheit" (which is the German word for Good Health). Have you ever wondered why we say "God Bless You" when someone sneezes? Jewish sages tell us that it has to do with an ancient belief that the Lord just blessed that person with another day here on His earth.