

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / C

20 APRIL 2025

MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL

Lk 24:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered

their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel 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
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 Yallambee Lodge
11am Hudson House Respect
Adaminaby -2nd Sunday-month

Nimmitabel

Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
*5pm Sat Vigil Mass
1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla

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

Jindabyne

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

Easter Message Some years back, Pope Francis began Easter celebrations by washing the feet of young prisoners stressing the importance of reaching out to those in need.

"Being with Jesus demands that we go out from ourselves, and from living a tired and habitual faith," he said.

When the former Jorge Bergoglio was archbishop of Buenos Aires, he held masses in prisons, hospitals, slums or old people's homes, and has called repeatedly for the Roman Catholic Church to be closer to ordinary people.

In the first general audience of his papacy, Pope Francis called on the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to reach out to "lost sheep." He said; "We should not simply remain in our own secure world - but we should go out, with Christ, in search of the one lost sheep, however far it may have wandered," We all know the meaning of being 'lost.' Grief, illness, financial ruin, addiction within the family are in part some of the meaning. It is God's way of shaping us all to understand each other. The struggle between sorrow and joy is part of everyone's life.

Reflecting on the Pope's choice to celebrate Mass in a prison, I have only sat in a cell with a couple of prisoners in my time of ministry. It's an eerie feeling and one I don't intend to make long term. But in visiting and hearing the predicament of any 'lost soul,' it allows time to hear the prisoner's story. The pain of being a 'lost soul' so often goes back to many years earlier where the need for lavish love, acceptance and understanding could not be catered for. Without love we all lack true hope. Easter is a good time to recognise that Jesus came for the sinful needs of all God's people. It is a time to not only celebrate the resurrection of Christ, but to follow his example and meet all people where they are on the journey we are all taking. Happy Easter

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, Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends: may we remember all at this special time having received eternal rest.

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 of bacon, eggs, toast, juice, tea, & coffee to build friendship together, and hear an informal talk by Tim Saunders.

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

23 - 25 May | Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are 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

Roster	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday	27 th Apr
Acolyte	Richard Cmunt	Kaitlyn Bosco	Darren Steinke
Usher	Mary Bennett	Terri Rick	Kathleen Bashford
Reader/ Commentator	Kath Kovacs Lukas Kovacs Frances Robertson	Michele Atkins/ Mike Introna	Belinda Wilkins Lou Mackay
New Testament
Mass Servers	Aiden & Jwanita
Special Minister	Miesje Blumer	Leah Baker	Marg Quodling
Childrens Liturgy			Belinda Wilkins
Linen		
Church Care			3 rd May Jo-Anne Brown J Kelly G Mooney
Hospital		Volunteer	Joan Simpson
2nd Sunday of Easter(Divine Mercy) / C			
1 st Reading	ACTS 5: 12-16		
2 nd Reading	Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19		
Gospel	John 20: 19-31		

*Happy Holiday and Sabbatical leave-
Wishing Fr Mark very safe travel and safe return to us in early July*

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 QR or contact St Patrick's Parish School Reception on 6452 1584 to reserve a ticket
- Full buffet breakfast/juice/tea/coffee. Guest speaker & lucky door prizes.

Guest Speaker: Sandy Scholfield, 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.

Organised in conjunction with our Community Council