

# **St Patrick's Catholic Parish**

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St Patrick's Church

Camperdown

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Dear Friends,

The master in the story is the Lord and the servants are we, the people who receive their talents and skills from the Lord. The message is clear from this story. We may be like the third servant. He knew his master well and did not use his talents and skills to avoid the master's retaliation. But the master was happy with the first two servants for doubling the talents entrusted to them. He praised them for they were faithful in little things. In the parable, the focus is on the third servant who is condemned as 'wicked and lazy' and whose talent is taken away from him. The master expected him to take risks and obtain results with his talents, not to play it safely by hiding the talents in the ground.

This may appear greedy or ambitious, but there is truth in it. In life, if one does not take risks, then one eventually becomes a loser. This may be true in acquiring eternal life. Jesus, himself has shown us the way of taking risks in his life. He is careless about his life and reputation by associating with sinners and outcasts, by healing on the Sabbath day, by criticizing the religious leaders. Is he not telling us by his word and example that one cannot save anything without risking it? So let us take Jesus as our model and make use of our talents and skills that the Lord has entrusted to us, by taking risks to gain eternal life. Hence the Lord will praise us like the first two servants. -Neville.



Weekend Mass Times (N/A) Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden Sunday: 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson 9am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Lismore 9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Timboon 9am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Derrinallum (Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends) Every Sunday: 10.30 am Camperdown. (due to this emergency state)

#### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – Our Lady of Mercy Tues –St Elizabeth of Hungary Wed – Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter & Paul, Apostles Thurs – St Crispin Fri – St Leo of Nonantula

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are in ill health: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Crowe.

Recent death: Andrew Nugara Anniversaries of Deaths We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Keith Hickey, Agnes McIntyre, John Bradley, Josephine Koles, Edith Robertson, Gladys Andrews, Nellie Beasley, and Tony Walsh.

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues. **Parish bank details**: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes). **Presbytery**: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142 (Collection). Thank you

A Prayer in This Time of Distress: O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in his time of distress, grant, we pray in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and Reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. one God. for ever and ever. Amen.

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#### MASS TIMES:

Wednesday: Cobden at 9 am (No Live Stream)

Friday: Camperdown at 9 am (No Live Stream)

Saturday Vigil: Cobden 6.30 pm (No Live Stream)

Sunday: Camperdown at 10.30 am (Live Stream)

#### Only Sunday Mass can be viewed on YouTube at 10.30 am.

Please Search: St. Patrick Church Camperdown on YouTube.

Or enter the link below into your web browser:

#### https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw

As an alternative you can also visit: https://www.youtube.com, enter **St Patricks Camperdown channel** and it will take you to our page.

**Parishioners of St Joseph's Church Derrinallum and St John's Church Lismore** will have a special Mass this Saturday in Derrinallum to farewell Margaret and Tony Hodson, who have recently retired to their new home in Camperdown. We wish to thank them most sincerely for their untiring love and care of all our church members and the church building over the past 30 years. During all these years, they have together, unselfishly devoted hours of their time in preparing the church and the liturgy for Sunday Masses and other church ceremonies. We will miss them in this part of our parish but wish them every happiness for their future in Camperdown.

Mass gatherings from 7<sup>th</sup> (Cobden) and 8<sup>th</sup> (Camperdown) November: We are asking parishioners to attend our Mass celebrations, with a limit of 20 in attendance. Would you please contact the presbytery on 03 5593 1284 to register for the St Patrick's Mass and Paul Dwyer for St Brendan's on 0457 287 518.

#### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has issued information regarding gatherings in places of worship now that restrictions have eased in regional Victoria. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

#### New Restrictions - Ceremonies & Religious Gatherings:

COVIDSafe Plans should include the following:

Reminder that face masks must be worn

Social distancing is adhered to – 4 meter square rule, crosses / markings on floor

Names, contact numbers and time attended MUST be recorded / provided and kept

Maximum number of people permitted to be displayed (20 plus one faith leader)

Hand sanitiser must be provided

Cleaning / Sanitising protocol to be displayed

Reminder if people are sick or unwell not to attend and get tested.

#### **Bishop's Office**

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, please note the Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times, and continue being available via email or phone. Contact details until further notice: <u>bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u>, ph. 03 5337 7121,

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<u>michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u>. The Pastoral Ministry Office <u>pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u> <u>Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle:</u> Tickets Still only \$10. Drawn on 30<sup>th</sup> November. You could purchase you tickets online at <u>www.cutt.ly/mrc-2020</u> for more information at <u>www.mercy.vic.edu.au</u> Thank you. More information please contact Rose Henry Mobile: 0407 875 886.

<u>Plenary Council Discernment Papers:</u> The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <u>https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead</u>. The National Plenary Facilitation Team have released a resource to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers (attached). Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of November we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS A joyful, hope-filled and servant community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. There was an

expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – particularly for refugees and asylum seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries. Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Read the discernment paper: <u>https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PC2020-thematic-papers-5.pdf</u>

Visit the thematic page: <a href="https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/servant/">https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/servant/</a>

**Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format:** The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/

Reflections on the papers from the Ballarat Diocese: Can be read at

https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/listen-to-what-the-spirit-is-saying/

**Next step on Plenary Council journey**: As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team <u>https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/next-step-on-plenary-council-journey/</u>

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

#### This is the Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

#### (R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

- 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- 2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
- 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

#### Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet

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and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

#### This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 15:4.5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Reading: Mt 25:14-15. 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

#### This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar: 'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries. We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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15-Nov-2020, 33rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister	
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	B Hammond	N/A	N/A	
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	N/A	N/A		N/A	
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Lucas	N/A	N/A	
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: M Russell (G) A Gardner			
Church Cleaning: J & J Molan		Altar Cobden: C Malady H Kelly			
Marion Statue: M Spokes		Altar Derrinallum: A Bignell			

22-Nov-2020 Christ the King	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister	
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A	N/A	
9 a.m. Derrinallum	N/A	N/A		N/A	
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	R Johnstone	N/A	N/A	
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: C & J Conheady			
Church Cleaning: J Saunders		Altar Cobden: C Malady H Kelly			
Marion Statue: M McKenzie		Altar Derrinallum: K Bell			

We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being