



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends, Today's gospel gives us some beautiful promises. The First promise is that God's love be with them in those who love and obey Jesus. Jesus makes clear again that true love for him is shown by their deeds: He says; "Whoever loves me will keep my word". Jesus' word is that we must keep his command, that we love one another as he loved us. The reward is practically a foretaste of heaven, because Jesus promises to one who loves him and keep his words that, "my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him". So the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit will live in us if we obey the commandment of Jesus and live accordingly in our life. Indeed, there is nothing more extraordinary than the experience of living in obedience to the commandment of Love.

Secondly, Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in Jesus' name. The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples everything that Jesus had told them. He will make them understand what Jesus has not been able to make them understand. Lastly Jesus promises them peace. A peace, which is not simply the absence of trouble but the inner harmony that comes from having a right relationship with God. This peace we can have even in the face of suffering and death. So, in our celebration let us ask the Lord to inflame our hearts with his love so that we may be able to witness the commandment of love through our words and deeds in our life. Neville.



### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson

9am 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

### Next Weekend Masses

**Sat: Cobden** 6.30 pm

**Sun: Timboon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

### Next Weekend Readings:

Acts 1: 1 – 11, Eph 1: 17 – 23;

Lk 24: 46 – 53.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Julia

Tues- Our Lady Help of Christians

Wed- St Mary Magdalene

Thu- St Philp Neri

Fri- St Augustine of Canterbury

Sat- St Stefan Wysznski

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa Gittany and Coral Beard.

### Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Georgia Hutchinson, Faith Power, Mary Mayers, Margaret White, John Fleming, Margaret Jehu, Patricia Stevenson

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. Thank you.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C. 22/05/2022

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19):** Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$225.00 & Presbytery \$451.05. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

**Lay Led Assembly Resources:** Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Easter Triduum and Season of Easter Year C 2022 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

**Mass Counts have begun!**

*If you didn't record your mass counts for the weekend just gone, you need to think about how many people attended and record it NOW!*

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting should have started last weekend (7-8 May) and continue each weekend until the end of May. Mass Count Forms are attached. You can use either the PDF or Excel Sheet to record your Mass counts. Also attached to this email is a "Counter's Form." This form can be used to assist the counter's recording the numbers at each Mass or Assembly.

- Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends.
- Please complete all columns, including what the 'usual' count would be.
- If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (eg. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc)

After the four weekends are complete you will be required to submit your completed Mass Count Forms to the Diocese by Friday 10 June, 2022.

If you have any queries please email [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Special Collections**

St. Vincent De Paul Societies Winter Appeal - There will be a special collection next weekend for the Vinnies Winter Appeal, which will assist with the ongoing charitable work they generously provide for those in need within our community.

**Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference from May 26-28, 2022**

Last year, over 1000 Australian & New Zealand bishops, priests, deacons, religious, pastoral councils, parish and diocesan staff and ministry teams participated in the "Alive in the Spirit" experience, inspired by many homegrown ideas, practical pathways and opportunities to renew and revitalise our pastoral settings. In 2022, "Alive in the Spirit" returns, this year's theme: "What does God require of us: To Act Justly, To Love Mercy & To Walk Humbly". Endorsed by bishops from both Australia and New Zealand, this interactive online pastoral experience offers both individuals and groups a variety of ways to flexibly engage. With parishes and dioceses hungering for fresh hope, new ideas, and positive stories and models of practice in service of Christ's mission, "Alive in the Spirit" will engage you with over thirty workshops, amazing keynotes, and balancing on-screen input with time for off-screen prayer, reflection and a call to action. Our Catholic Church offers so much richness, and "Alive in the Spirit" celebrates the good of who we are, while inviting us to continue to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as we engage with the Signs of the Times in our Oceania Region. For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthepirit.com.au/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022: May 29 – June 5

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers' associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

**Liturgy Brisbane online liturgical formation & training courses**

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission recommends the following online courses offered by Liturgy Brisbane:

- Ministers of the Word (Readers) (180 mins) - \$18.00;
- Lay Ministers of Communion Course (150 mins) - \$18.00;
- Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion (240 mins) - \$25.00.

Lay liturgical ministers can now access quality online training and learn at their own pace, in their own homes, at times that suit them. No need to wait for a scheduled zoom meeting or face-to-face course - new volunteers can begin training immediately. Courses can be completed over multiple sessions – participants stop at any time and pick up where they left off. Each fully online course contains short videos, readings, quizzes and course notes. Content includes an introduction to liturgical ministry and an overview of ministries and the Mass, followed by specific training for each ministry. This short video provides more information

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JegF5DSLFD4>. Purchase a voucher bundle and distribute to ministers for course access. 20% discounted pre-paid bulk vouchers are available. 25 Voucher Bundle (for Readers OR Communion Ministers Courses) - \$360.00; 15 Voucher Bundle (for Combined Readers & Communion Ministers Course) - \$300.00. To purchase vouchers and for more information visit the Liturgy Brisbane website <https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au/collections/other-resources>

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria online event – May 25

Sherry Balcombe, Manager of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, will be guest speaker via zoom on May 25, 2022 at 7.00pm. Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world and will lead people to consider several key questions. This event is hosted by the Justice Action Group of St Mary of the Cross, Mordiallic & Aspendale during National Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3). To register go to <https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF>

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city

walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation).* Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Jn 14:23-29

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel. 'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink. When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

22-May-2022 6th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond	Noy Family	J Blair J Hammond
9 a.m. Lismore	S McLeod	A Mahony		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	R Henry	D Russell	P Conheady J Saunders
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: J Fry				

29-May-2022 Ascension Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	K Walsh	J Blair M McKenzie
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	L Johnstone		A Coutts
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	C McCarthy	Cunningham Family	T O'Leary C Conheady
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: B Hewitt				

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