



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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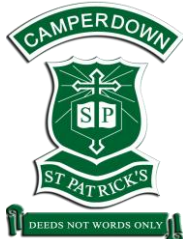
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Dear Friends, in today's gospel we see that Jesus presents himself as a liberator in his inaugural speech, declaring his mission. Hence Jesus liberates people from their sicknesses, religious ignorance, fear from sin and even from death. He knows that we need liberation, and he has come to set us free by the power of the Spirit of God. In our lives do we realize that we need the liberation of Jesus. The world that we live in is dominated by secularism, consumerism and egoism. There is no space to think about God. Everyone is motivated by worldly powers.

We Christians have a goal to achieve and a mission to accomplish. Through Baptism we share the same mission of Jesus. Let us ask ourselves: Do we allow Jesus to free us from the things that enslave or limit us from doing our Baptismal mission. If we submit ourselves to Christ, we shall experience the freedom of the children of God, as did Mary our mother, Paul, Peter, Augustine, Francis of Assisi and many other saints and blessed. It is true, though, like St. Augustine, we put off allowing Jesus to free us. We say to Jesus, yes, Lord but not yet. Once we have experienced the freedom that God gives, we should then, like Jesus, also help set others free. The test of the genuineness of our conversion to Jesus and our experience of freedom is our eagerness to help others experience what we have experienced. In our celebration let us ask our Lord to give us the power to continue the mission of Jesus in our day-to-day 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: Yr:B**

Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13; Lk 4: 21 - 30.

### **Saints and Feasts:**

Mon- St Francis de Sales

Tues- The Conversion of St Paul

Wed- Australia Day

Thur- Ss Timothy & Titus

Fri- St Thomas Aquinas

Sat- St Aquillinus

### **Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember those who are ill:  
Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler,  
Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin  
McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey,  
Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders and  
Teresa Gittany.

### **Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:**

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Margie Roosje, Alice Osborn,  
Gerry Plain, Michael Birmingham,  
Joseph Stevenson, Alice Perkins,  
Deborah Patterson, Graeme  
Patterson, Mervyn O'Neill.

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.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 23/01/2022

**Happy Australia Day:** On this special Australia Day, let us look at our past and take lessons to make our future a glorious one. **Wishing you all a wonderful Happy Australia Day 2022.**

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> . Updates are also be available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. The latest update from Bishop Paul (December 16) is available from this page.

**In Registering the Attendances at Church:**

We continue to register the attendances' names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it.

**Step 1.** Use your phone's camera to scan the code.

**Step 2.** Enter your first name and phone number.

**Step 3.** Look for the tick "You're now checked-in" Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$950.00 & Presbytery \$547.70 God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

**Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025:** The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be access and/or downloaded from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of "Looking Forward" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the years.

**"Jesus The Social Entrepreneur" book launch invitation**

A fascinating exploration of Jesus the greatest social entrepreneur integrating intellectual, emotional and spiritual awareness to "change society values and behaviours through a new relationship with God". The book launch and illustrated presentation by Em Prof L Murray Gillin AM will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at Federation University (SMB Campus) Seminar Theatre Technology Centre, 106-110 Lydiard Street South from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Meet with author, identify power of human intention, obtain your signed discount copy and enjoy refreshments. RSVP for free ticket on [www.makeithappenmindset.com](http://www.makeithappenmindset.com)

**World Interfaith Harmony Week Flag Raising Event**

All are invited to the Ballarat Interfaith Network's celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at St Peter's Anglican Church, Sturt Street, Ballarat from 11.00am - 12.30pm. The program includes: Acknowledgement of Country; welcome on behalf of Ballarat Interfaith Network; welcome on behalf of City of Ballarat; raising of the Interfaith Flag; address by Sikh Keynote Speaker (Rajinder Singh Gill); prayers from various faith representatives; virtual choir presentations; and refreshments.

**Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, February 6, 2022**

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

**Synod of Bishops:** Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**Pathways Response Victoria:** The Victorian Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria this week, which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and Environmentally-friendly Parish

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

**This is the word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

**(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

### **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

### **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

23-January-2022 3rd Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	K Daffy	N/A	
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	A Mahony	G Keating		
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	J Robinson	N/A	
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: P Burke		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney		Altar Derrinallum:		

30-January-2022 4th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	G Kelson	N/A	
9 a.m. Derrinallum	S McLeod	K Bell		
11am: Camperdown	J Robinson	M Saunders	N/A	
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy S Pemberton		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: M & D Moran		Altar Derrinallum:		

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