

# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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# **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: Lismore 9.00 am Camperdown 11.00 am.

#### **Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B**

Is 50: 5 – 9, James 2: 14 – 18; Mk 8: 27 - 35,

#### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Donatian Tues-St Regina Wed- The nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thur- St Peter Claver Fri- St Finian Sat- St Daniel

#### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Mary Ryan, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders and Teresa Gittany.

# Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Carroll, Neville Vagg, Edith Potter, Otto Gramms, Benjamin Clark, Gavin de Been, Con Goonan, Mary Delaney.

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 (1st Collection). Thank you

# A Prayer for the Year of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life" Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy ad courage. Amen

Dear friends, Jesus never turned anyone away who approached him with sincerity faith and hope. Jesus shows his tender loving care for the people and he demonstrated both the mercy and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus approaches a man who is deaf and has an impediment in his speech, Jesus shows his compassion to him. Jesus takes him aside privately, away from a noisy crowd. Then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle and cures him. Here Jesus physically identifies with this man's sickness. The people's response to this miracle testifies Jesus' compassion for others. Let us ask ourselves how do we expect Jesus to treat us when we ask for his help? Do we approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? We have to approach him like the man in the gospel story. Because, Jesus never turned anyone away who approached him with a sincere heart and a strong faith. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in the same manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Let us examine ourselves: Do we show kindness and compassion to our neighbours and do we treat them with consideration as Jesus did in the miracle story? So let us pray in our celebration to the Lord to fill us with the Holy Spirit and to inflame our hearts with love and compassion. Lord, make us attentive to the needs of others so that we may be able to show them kindness and care. Lord, make us also an instrument of your mercy and peace so that we may help others find healing and completeness in your tender loving care and mercy. -Neville

# **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

COVID restrictions have changed in regional Victoria as of 12.59pm on Saturday, August 21, 2021. More information is available on the government website <a href="https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria">https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria</a>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/">https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/</a>.

#### Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner- Friday November 5, 2021

After missing out last year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 22nd annual Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner, which was originally scheduled for Friday, August 20, will now be held on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 7.00pm at Moonee Valley Racecourse. The 9th Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A Comensoli, will be the Guest Speaker, the compere will be recently retired race caller Bryan Martin and the auctioneer will be real estate agent Bryan Cain. Since its inception the fund has raised in excess of \$1.3 million to assist the education of our Seminarians and Priests in Victoria. To book contact Andrew Vaccaro, ph. 0404 390824 or email <a href="mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net">avaccaro@internode.on.net</a>. NOTE: Due to the uncertainty of possible future COVID restrictions, in the event the Dinner is cancelled all attendees will be offered a full refund on request.

### **Mercy Regional College Alumni Night**

Tickets are now on sale for the Mercy Regional College Alumni Night, to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Noorat. Early bird pricing is available for tickets purchased before August 31. For further information go to <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=784563">https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=784563</a>&

# Bishops of Victoria stand in solidarity with our Afghani communities across Victoria

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have expressed their solidarity and support for the local Afghan community and their families back home in a joint statement. Read the statement on the diocesan website <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/cssv-stands-in-solidarity-with-our-afghani-communities-across-victoria/">https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/cssv-stands-in-solidarity-with-our-afghani-communities-across-victoria/</a>

#### No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, go to <a href="https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLll5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq\_zz-0y91Dwclick">https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLll5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq\_zz-0y91Dwclick</a>.

#### <u>Interfaith Forum at Ballarat – Sunday, September 12</u>

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral's 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. Donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

#### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. Cycle 7, the last for 2021, begins October 10. Registrations are open now until October 1. The first Cycle for 2022 will begin on January 16. For more information go to <a href="www.ballarat.catholic.org.au">www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</a> or email <a href="mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au">djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au</a> or ph. 5337 7121

#### ACRATH 2022 calendars now available

ACRATH's first calendar was produced in 2015 and now features in many offices, homes, staff rooms and classrooms. By purchasing a 2022 ACRATH calendar, you're supporting its efforts to promote its work in raising awareness of human trafficking issues, showcase some of the anti-trafficking work of a range of organisations worldwide and within Australia, fundraise for ACRATH's work and provide some income for a project in South East Asia supporting victims of human trafficking. For more information go to <a href="https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2022-calendar/">https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2022-calendar/</a>

# Commission Climate Change Forum – Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

On November 6, 2021 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat. Through this forum, we celebrate the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'. We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice. Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions. Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature and celebrating all things in the natural environment? We want to show the community what people

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are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share! It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, how to compost food scraps to how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water. Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you. Email social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

#### **Plenary Council**

Can you please include the below notice in your bulletins for the next month or so until the Plenary Council Assembly, to give people another opportunity to reflect on the Plenary Council coming up in October. As people are not currently gathering for Mass, could you please **email the attached handout with your parish bulletin.** Also if there are any other groups that you email information to, then please include the attachment as well. Thank you for your time and effort. It is much appreciated.

#### Safeguarding Sunday - September 12

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 12 this year. This had previously been known as Child Protection Sunday, but the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change of name to better reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. A series of resources have been developed and can be found on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website <a href="https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday">https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday</a>

### **Praying with Pope Francis**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at <a href="www.thepopevideo.org">www.thepopevideo.org</a>. Pope's intention for August: Universal intention for evangelisation – the Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

# **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading: 1s 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

This is the word of the Lord.

# Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

# (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

- 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
- 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
- 3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading: Jas 2:1-5

#### A reading from the letter of St James

#### Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

# This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) see: Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

#### He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

# This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever

12-September-2021 24th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	G Kelson	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	S Bialek		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	K Deppeler	R Johnstone	N/A	M Russell
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy S Pemberton		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: J Dwyer H Hickey		
Marian Statue: R & M Larkins		Altar Derrinallum:		

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