



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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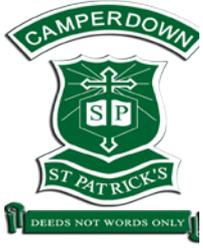
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Dear friends,

Today's gospel we see, Jesus gives us the commandment of love and asks us to remain in his love. So united with Jesus in love, we keep his commandments too, in the same way he loves us. We must share with others his love for us. This is our call. How do we love others? Do we have a standard for love? Yes we do, Jesus has openly demonstrated the love that he has for us by laying down his life for us. He says: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends'. From this we clearly understand that Jesus' love was not selfish or conditional but a sacrificial love. This sacrificial love is not to demand anything in return but to remain in His love.

This love is for who and what a person is. God loves us in spite of our mistakes, in spite of our sins and infidelity. God loves us for what we are and whoever we are. God's love is not selective or exclusive. He loves us with all our limitations and weaknesses. God loves all sinners and saints alike. He calls us friends and asks us to remain in his love. He made the initiative to redeem us and gave us the commandments. If we remain in his love we can be fruitful. So let us take his call sincerely and bear much fruits for his kingdom. Hence during our celebration let us ask the Lord's mercy and remain in his love to fulfil his commandment of love as he has loved us.
- Neville.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

9am 4th Sun. Derrinallum

(Lay led assembly will be held other weekends)

Sunday: 11 am Camperdown.

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday: 9am Cobden

(2nd Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

2nd Thurs. 10.30 Sunny Side

Friday: 9.30am Camperdown

When there is a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled.

Collections

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last week you generously gave Envelope collection – \$284.00 Presbytery collection – \$285.70

Saints and Feasts

Mon – St Augustine Roscelli

Tues – St Boniface IV, Pope

Wed – St George Preca

Sat – St Pancras, Martyr,

Sts Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

Pray for the Sick:

Anne-Marie Seabright, Brian Wain, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Sue Henderson, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Shayne Wren, Devin McKlaren.

Mass times next weekend

Sat 6.30pm Cobden

Sun 9 am Lismore

Sun 11 am Camperdown

Next weekend's Readings

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23;

Mk 16:15-20

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries of Death

Bernard Place,
Maria Eijsvogel,
Marie Davis,
Peter Noonan.

Parish Notices

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed or phoned into the Parish Office by Thursday evening.

Baptism – welcome to our Parish Community and congratulations to Finn Maxwell Gellie son of Zachariah and Simone who is being baptised this weekend.

Thank you to the parishioners who organised and assisted with the Plenary Council preparation last weekend and special thanks to the ladies who helped with the catering.

Nursing home Masses – Masses will be held this week on Wednesday 10.30 at Lovely Banks and Thursday 10.30 at Sunnyside.

Praying Towards The Plenary Council – 2020 - Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au To contact the Plenary Council 2020 team, please email plenary.council@catholic.org.au

Special Collections for fire relief will be taken up again after Masses this weekend. Collection to date \$1,594.35. Thank you.

Planned Giving Receipts are available at Masses this weekend. Anyone interested in joining the planned giving program please contact Tony O'Leary Ph: 5593 1960.

Mass Count starts on weekend 12-13 May - The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June. It will start next weekend 12-13 May.

Catholic Women's League – Colac Branch fundraising screening of 'Mary Magdalene', this Sunday, May 6th at 2 pm at Colac cinema. Tickets \$15, afternoon tea provided.

Cororooke Parish 100th Anniversary – Cororooke Parish - including the communities of St Brendan's Coragulac and St Joseph's Pirron Yallock - are celebrating 100 years since our community become a parish. Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass at St Brendan's on Sunday, May 20 at 10.00am. Our 2018 Leadership Team will be commissioned and we will give thanks for the Cororooke parish - past, present and future. We invite all and especially past parishioners and students of St Brendan's and St Joseph's to join us for Mass and a light lunch following in St Brendan's School Hall.

Corpus Christi Enquiry Day is on Saturday May 19, commencing at 2pm. The day will include afternoon tea, talks and testimonies from students and a tour of the seminary, Evening Prayer with Archbishop Hart and BBQ tea with the seminary community. Advise the Parish office if you would like to attend, for catering purposes.

2018 Missionary Society of St Columban Centenary – Sharing Gospel Joy

Loving God, We come to you in prayer and thanksgiving for one hundred years of Columban Mission. We give thanks to our generous supporters and to those people around the world who have welcomed Columban missionaries into their lives. Bless our work so that the Gospel Joy can be brought to people of all cultures. St Columban pray for us.

Year of Youth 2018 -Joy Spreading! New social gathering for young adults

New from Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **Joy Spreading** is a regular social gathering for young adults 18-30yo. With a short presentation from guest speaker, Q&A, informal conversation and socialising, meal available if you wish. Come along Friday 25 May, 6pm onwards, Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. Free entry. More information www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7160. This is a Year of Youth initiative, 'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy'.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.'

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.
 A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.
 You are my friends, if you do what I command you,
 I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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6 th May-6 th SunEast	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	M McKenzie	B Hammond	G Kelson	J Hammond, J Blair, M McKenzie
9am Derri layled	K Deppeler	K Deppeler		S McLeod
11am Camperdown	M Saunders	M Lucas	McKenzie family	J Saunders, G Lucas, D Egberts,
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: M Russell(G)/A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: J Saunders		Altar Cobden: J Hammond		
Marion Statue: B Hewitt		Altar Derrinallum: H Noone		

13 th May-Ascension	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	C Jehu	P Dwyer	Noy family	G Kelson, J Blair, E Downs
9am Lismore	S Bialek	S Bialek		L Johnstone
11am Camperdown	J Seuren	M Macaulay	A O'Flynn	R Johnstone, S Grinter, J Ryan
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne/G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: J Hammond		
Marion Statue: L & J Delaney		Altar Lismore: E Halloran		

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