



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,  
They saw him praying. There must have been something very special about his prayer. That is why they asked him: "Teach us how to pray, teach us to pray as you are doing it." You just heard his answer in gospel reading. But there is more to that answer than just saying the Our Father. The gospels speak often about Jesus praying, but they do not mention all his prayers. They mention that he went to participate in the Easter feast of Jerusalem; they never speak about his participation in the liturgical prayers there. We are told that he went every Sabbath day to the synagogue while living in Nazareth; but there is no mention of his prayers in that synagogue. We hear how he lived very piously in the circle of his family; but there is no trace of his family prayers.

What is mentioned is special, is personal: he went to the desert and to the mountain tops to pray. What is mentioned is that he said: "Enter your innerroom as you pray to the Father who is there hidden". What is mentioned is that he warned: "Don't pray as the Pharisees who pray in public to be seen by all". Another characteristic is his reservedness in his prayers. He refuses to invoke the power of God (as we often do) when in difficulties or need. When a man hurt him in front of the approving high priests, he said "Don't you realise that I could call on my Father for help and that he would send me at once more than 12 armies of angels to defend me?" He taught them "Our Father...". Rev. Fr. Joseph G Donders.



### **Weekend Mass Times**

**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)

**Sunday:** 11 am Camperdown.

### **Weekday Mass Times**

**No weekday Masses July**

Wednesday: 9am Cobden  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. 10.30 Sunny Side

Friday: 9.30 am Camperdown

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

### **Mass times next weekend**

**Sat** 6.30 pm Cobden

**Sun** 9 am Simpson

**Sun** 11 am Camperdown

### **Next weekend's Readings**

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23, Col 3:1-5, 9-11,

Lk 12:13-21

### **Saints and Feasts:**

Mon – St Martha

Tues – St Leopold

Wed - St Ignatius Loyola

Thurs – St Alphonsus Liguori

Fri – Sts Eusebius, Peter Faber

Sat – Sts Lydia, Dominic

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

Anne-Marie Seabright, Brian Wain, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien

### **Collections**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last week you generously gave Envelope collection \$182.00 Presbytery collection \$480.20

### **Anniversaries of Deaths**

Donald Place,  
Thomas Lourey,  
Thomas Darcy,  
Mark Cecchini,  
Mary O'Brien,  
Edith Ryan,  
Jill Ashmore

### **Parish Notices**

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed or phoned into the Parish Office by noon Thursday.  
George Swierczek 0439 145 805

**Welcome Father Kevin Arundall** to St. Brendan's Cobden, St Patrick's Camperdown and St Joseph's Derrinallum where he will celebrate Masses this weekend. Additionally, Fr Kevin celebrated his **ordination** on July 21<sup>st</sup> (1962), as will **Fr Neville** on the 31<sup>st</sup> July (1990). Congratulations.

**Plenary Council Parish Coordinators:** As per previous correspondence, we are seeking parish coordinators for the next stage of the process, "Listening and Discernment." These parish coordinators will lead the Listening and Discerning encounters in your parish/community. The role of these coordinators will be to facilitate the Listening and Discernment encounters associated with the six themes. Each parish will need at least two coordinators who would be willing to become leaders/facilitators for the Listening and Discernment encounters. Larger parishes will probably need more facilitators depending on the number of communities. **Could you please advise Jane Collins at [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) with the names of your chosen coordinators by Friday, July 26 (now 31st July).**

Lana Turvey-Collins from the Plenary Council Facilitation Team will be in the Diocese on September 9-12 to assist parish coordinators for this next stage of the Plenary Council process. Venues and times to be confirmed. Prior to these meetings with Lana, there will be preparation days for the parish coordinators conducted by Jane Collins and Bernadette Lynch across the diocese as well. These days will be held in Warrnambool, Ballarat, Horsham and Mildura with dates to follow. We propose a two hour session, one in the morning and one in the evening, where it is anticipated that parish coordinators will learn the best way to lead a Listening and Discerning process in relation to each of the themes. Materials will be provided in order to facilitate this process in your parish. It is hoped that all Listening and Discerning encounters will be completed by Christmas. You will be able to respond to the Discernment and Writing Groups from these encounters but at this stage this process has not been finalised. It will probably be online, however, as per the Listening and Dialogue process handwritten or email responses can be sent into the Pastoral Ministry Office. Please see Bill Lowry if you are interested in this role.

#### **Diocesan Vision Consultation**

Bishop Paul, through the Bishop's Advisory Council, has initiated a consultation process with the people of the diocese regarding developing a Diocesan Vision for now and the coming years. A letter from the Bishop and information about the consultation process has been sent to parishes. The information is now on the diocesan website and included with this email. The consultation process is open until July 29 (**please note date has been extended**) and parish and diocesan groups and others are encouraged to participate. Please see Bill Lowry after Mass if you would like to be involved in this process.

**World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – July 30** July 30 marks the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Please consider a donation to our member organisation, [Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking in Humans \(ACRATH\)](https://acrath.org.au/), so that it can continue its work with the community towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally <https://acrath.org.au/>

**Correction to last week's report of the Envelope collection:** The correct amount is \$1018.00. Thank you to all parishioners for your very generous support of the parish.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading** Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

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Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

### **The Word of the Lord**

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### **Second Reading** Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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### **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,

your kingdom come;  
 give us each day our daily bread,  
 and forgive us our sins,  
 for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.  
 And do not put us to the test.”

He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA**

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God’s mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God’s mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God’s hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is ‘No!’ It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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28-July-2019 – 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	M McKenzie	J Dwyer	J Blair J Hammond
9 a.m. Derrinallum	A Bell	K Bell		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	A O'Flynn	Kerr Family	M McKenzie M Russell R Henry
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Shirley Rohan Sue Ralph		
Marion Statue: M & D Moran		Altar Derrinallum: M Barry		

4-August-2019 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer	G Kelson	J Blair G Gleeson
9 a.m. Derrinallum Assembly	A Mahony	A Mahony		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	S Grinter	Place Family	M & J Saunders G Lucas
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: M Bowman D Dolan		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marion Statue: M & B Brown		Altar Derrinallum: M Grant		

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