



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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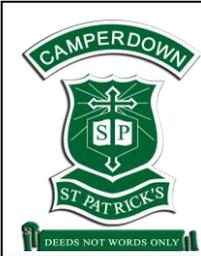
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Dear Friends,  
They came to Jesus sniggering. They were sure that they were going to catch him in his words. And they had found the example of the poor lady who for seven times in succession embraced a dying husband in her bed to see him part before any fruit had set. And they laughed already knowing that the answer would not come. It did not come. He even overlooked their question. He asked them another one. He asked them about four people who went before them: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses, and he asked them: "Do you really think that those men of God died, do you really think that God made them disappear into clouds of nothingness, into the dark of oblivion? Do you really think that God who loved them so much, who influenced their lives so much, would have forgotten those even you remember? Do you really think God is a God of dead people, of some life-moments only, of some green wood that dried up to be thrown away and burned in a fire, to turn into dust and ashes? Do you really think that God will disavow them, overlook them, or forget them? You must be joking!".  
But brothers and sisters listen carefully to the names he mentions: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. Listen carefully to what he says: "Those who are judged worthy!"  
Let us not deceive ourselves about Jesus, let us not deceive ourselves about ourselves: the life that awaits us hereafter is our own life: the consequence of what we did here on earth who.  
And we will live forever and ever.  
...Fr Joseph 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**

**Except October November**  
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 Timboon  
**Sun** 11 am Camperdown  
**Next weekend's Readings**  
Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thes 3:7-12;  
Lk 21:5-19

**Saints and Feasts:**

Mon – St Martin of Tours  
Tues – St Josaphat  
Wed – St Francis Xavier Cabrini  
Thurs – St Lawrence O'Toole  
Fri – St Albert the Great  
Sat – Our Lady of Mercy

**Pray for the Sick:**

Brian Wain, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien, Mary Ryan

**Collections**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last week you generously gave Envelope collection \$502.00 Presbytery collection \$494.50

**Recent Death:**

Anne-Marie Seabright  
**Anniversaries of Deaths**  
Elizabeth Fahey, Elizabeth Dwyer, John Bradley, Josephine Coles, Noreen Darcy, Edith Robertson, Laurence Thornton, Joan Adeney, Patrick Hickey, John Barrett, Mary Moran

**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

## **Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment November: Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal:**

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.

“Our parish clergy are overworked, stressed and stretched beyond reasonable limits. Moving beyond strategies of parish amalgamation and closure, what other options will we explore? By that I mean the non-ordaineds’ role in making pastoral decisions?”

“How can a more synodal approach to leadership in the Church at parish and diocesan levels be exercised as a shared responsibility, by virtue of Baptism, between both lay and clergy?”

“How does the Church law allow for inclusion of all peoples? Do we need to adapt these laws to a changing world?”

“How is the Church able to respond to the diversity of our community to be inclusive of all – Indigenous/First Nations, environmental protection, gay rights?”

“Why has the hierarchy failed to publicise the good works undertaken by our schools, hospitals, refugee support, etc?”

“How can we better nourish and support the spiritual life of adult lay people?”

**What questions do you have about the future of Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?**

### **National Prayer Campaign for Drought**

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support: Find out more at [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

#### **A Prayer: For the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services**

Eternal God, in wisdom and love You created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to You now in faith, hope and love, asking You to look with favour on our drought-stricken land,

on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In Your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ Your Son,

in Whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: renew Your faithful people; renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians - pray for us.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop - pray for us.

### **Message from Pope Francis for World Day of the Poor – November 17**

The third World Day of the Poor, to be observed on Sunday, November 17, will focus on the theme “the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever”. The Church in Australia is recognising volunteers who work to bring hope to those in need. Link for the message from Pope Francis and further information:

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/message-of-hope-for-world-day-of-the-poor/>

### **Asylum Seeker Fundraiser**

The House of Welcome Ballarat Annual Garden party will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington at 2.00pm. Fun for all the family. Lorne Holiday draw at 4.00pm. Entry is adults \$20.00, children free. For more information ph. 0401 175045.

### **Mass of thanksgiving to mark the Ordination of Bishop Shane Mackinlay**

Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Shane Mackinlay as Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese will be held at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13 at 7.00pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend.

**Cobden CWL Melbourne Cup sweep:** Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Amy Hammond; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Jack Hammond; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Louis Robertson. Thank you to all for participating and supporting the CWL.

### **RCIA Diocesan and State Conference**

“It takes a village” is the theme of both the Diocesan and State RCIA conferences this year. The Diocesan Conference will be held on Friday, November 15 from 5.30pm – 9.00pm and the State Conference will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 8.30am – 4.30pm. Both events will be held at St Patrick’s Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. For more details the link is [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

***The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God***

## **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.  
Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.  
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)

## **Second Reading:** 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

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## **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever...Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

***The Gospel of the Lord...Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ***

**Reflection by Michael Tate: Billy Elliott and the Resurrection**

Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: ‘What do you feel when you’re dancing?’

‘I’ve got fire in my body.’ And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became ‘fully alive’: body, mind, spirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our body, mind, spirit. The Sadducees’ small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

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10-Nov-2019 – 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	A Coutts	Gleeson Family	J Blair G Gleeson
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	G Keating		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	J Saunders	C Walsh Family	M Russell P Conheady R Henry
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Claire Malady Helen Kelly		
Marion Statue: M Russell		Altar Derrinallum: S McLeod		

17-November-2019 – 33 O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	Noy Family	J Blair G Kelson
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	A Bell	A Bell		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	K Deppeler	S Grinter	Johnstone Family	M & J Saunders G Lucas
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: C & J Conheady		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Claire Malady Helen Kelly		
Marion Statue: H & J Seuren		Altar Derrinallum: D Wynd		

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