



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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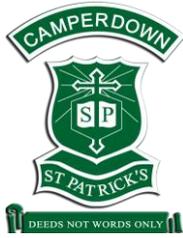
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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see the last speech of Jesus. This farewell address is a common literary form in the Bible. We have farewell addresses from Jacob, Joseph, Moses Joshua and Paul, among others. In general, the address is introduced by an indication that the speaker is about to die or depart. Then follows an exhortation to his successor. The element of the address may vary. There are words of prophecy or caution about the future. There is also reference to God's intention for the future.

So in his farewell address in the gospel, Jesus intimates to his disciples his impending departure. He speaks of his death. He consoles them by saying that his departure is necessary for their benefit, that he will prepare dwelling places for them in the Father's kingdom. Moreover, it is by his going back to his father that his Father will send the Holy Spirit as their consoler. Jesus tells them how they should live from now on. He gives them a new commandment: that they love one another. People will know that they are his disciples by their love for one another. Jesus also shares with his disciples a secret - that the way to the Father is to follow his examples. It is none other than to follow him who is the way and the truth and the life. If we want to live life to the full, the kind of life that the Father desires for us then we must follow the way of Jesus. So let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to follow the examples of Jesus in our day-to-day life. - Neville.



### Sunday Mass to be live-streamed on YouTube this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.:

Follow this link to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

Masses are also streamed Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m., same link.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St Walter

Tues – Ss Pancras & Nereus

Wed – Our Lady of Fatima

Thurs – St Matthias Apostle

Fri – St Dymphna

Sat – St Simon Stock

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are in ill health: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien.

### Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for who has died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Maria Eijsvogel, Leslie Hammond, Maurice Mahony, Petronella Twynstra, Edna Kelly, Richard Hinchliffe, Anna Seuren.

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 Collection).

Thank you

**A Prayer in This Time of Distress:** O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in his time of distress, grant, we pray in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and Reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Masses on YouTube**

The link to the channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

### **MASS TIMES:**

Sunday 10:30am

Wednesday: 9am

Friday: 9am

All masses can be viewed on YouTube.

Please Search: St. Patrick Church Camperdown on YouTube.

Or enter the link below into your web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

As an alternative you can also visit: <https://www.youtube.com>, enter **St Patricks Camperdown channel** and it will take you to our page.

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

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section". As per the latest information from the government, all places of worship are closed, including chapels.

### **Copyright obligation in response to COVID-19**

Attached is information from ONE LICENSE regarding copyright obligations for online streaming of music.

## **Mother's Day Wishes**

There's nothing like a mother's love to give us all the strength we need to succeed. Thanks for everything, Mothers and grandmothers of our Parish.

### **Mother's Day Inspirational Story:**

After 21 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, "I love you, but I know this other woman loves you too, and she would love to spend some time with you."

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my MOTHER, who has been a widow for 19 years, but the demands of my work and my three children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally. That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie.

"What's wrong, are you well?" she asked. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news.

"I thought that it would be pleasant to spend some time with you," I responded. "Just the two of us." She thought about it for a moment, and then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up, I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's.

"I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said, as she got into the car. "They can't wait to hear about our meeting."

We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Half way through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips.

"It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small," she said.

"Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favour," I responded.

During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation - nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie.

As we arrived at her house later, she said, "I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you." I agreed.

"How was your dinner date?" asked my wife when I got home.

"Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined," I answered.

A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Sometime later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from

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the same place mother and I had dined. An attached note said: "I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates - one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you, son."

At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time: "I LOVE YOU" and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till "some other time." ~ Author Unknown

### **Diocesan Offices Closure**

The Bishop's Office, including the CDF, will be closed on Monday, May 11, 2020.

### **Bishop's Office**

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, please note the Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times, and continue being available via email or phone. Contact details until further notice: [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au), ph. 03 5337 7121, [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au), [vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au), [michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au). The Pastoral Ministry Office [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program** – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries - employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 5 weeks per subject. Study Cycle 4 begins May 24. Registrations open now until May 13. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au) ph. 0407 523 424.

### **Message from Pope Francis to Pray the Rosary in May**

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during May and has composed two new prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. See attached or go to the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Update to Joan Chittister Melbourne Event**

Due to the current travel restrictions the evening with Sr Joan Chittister on September 8, 2020 has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a date in 2021. Sr Joan considers Australia her first priority when international travel commences. As soon as we have a firm date, we will contact everyone. Your tickets will be valid for that event. If you do not want to hold them or give them to someone else, please contact [rsvp@garrattpublishing.com.au](mailto:rsvp@garrattpublishing.com.au) to have your ticket refunded.

### **Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 postponed**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 scheduled for October in Adelaide, has been postponed. Read the full media release at <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/first-assembly-of-plenary-council-postponed/>. See a message from Bishop Paul on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### **A special message to our School Communities from our Principals**

As we commence Term 2 with the certainty that most students will be learning from home, the Catholic Education Office Ballarat would like to share this special video message with all of our families. Watch the video on the CEOB website [www.ceob.edu.au](http://www.ceob.edu.au)

### **Matthew's Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley in Dialogue with Earth's Distress**

Veronica Lawson RSM recently held a webinar exploring the Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley at this time of the Earth's distress. Watch the video here <https://vimeo.com/404735366>

### **With Jesus in the Desert: A retreat for a time of isolation**

The staff of Jesuit Communications have prepared a 14-day retreat for the use of people who have to isolate themselves for 14 days during the Coronavirus crisis. Of course, other people who may find it

helpful are also welcome to use it. The retreat has suggestions for each of the 14 days, though participants are free to follow it through or to pick out particular days. A shorter retreat that keeps the basic pattern could involve days 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14. More information at <https://www.pray.com.au/with-jesus-in-the-desert-a-retreat-for-a-time-of-isolation/>

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith

### ***This is the Word of the Lord***

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light

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**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

‘I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: ‘Let not your hearts be troubled.’

Why shouldn’t their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord’s physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: ‘By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.’

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: ‘God became human so that humans might become God.’

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: ‘We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.’

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion! Alleluia!

Dear Friends,

This is a follow up message regarding measures to slow the speed of the Corona virus. We have been directed by both federal and state governments to close all places of worship. This means the closing of our church doors, not just for the celebration of mass and other liturgies, but for all activities that would involve the presence of a number of people for a period of time. Therefore, I ask that you close the doors of your church and place appropriate signage on doors. The message could be as follows: in line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the Corona virus comma the church will be closed to the public until further notice. Please continue your prayers at home for the health of our community.

God bless you always, Bishop Paul.

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