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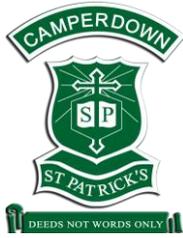
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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples. After completing his mission on the earth, for which he was sent by his Father, he has to leave this world to go back to his Father. But Jesus' love for his people is so deep that he will not leave them orphaned. He will infuse them with his own Spirit. The Holy Spirit will continue to live among the disciples teaching, guiding, strengthening, healing and comforting. This was very evident in the early church. The apostles laid hands on the people and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Being strengthened by the Holy Spirit they endured persecutions and trials with joy and courage. They healed the sick and raised the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit, particularly during the reception of the sacraments of the church.

The Holy Spirit continues to live and work among us today. Every Christian is gifted with the Holy Spirit. It is when we become aware of his presence and open to his guidance our lives become meaningful and joyful. The Holy Spirit will teach and remind us of the sacrificing love of Jesus and empower us to respond to that love by loving one another as Jesus loved. Our loving nature then, is not coming from an alien force, like something imposed on us by the commandments. It is now part of our own will based on our realization of how lucky we are to be so loved and our experience of love should overflow to others. So let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to love everyone as he loved us. - 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 – Ss Stanislaus & Felix
- Tues – St Celestine
- Wed – St Bernadino of Siena
- Thurs – St Eugene de Mazenod
- Fri – St Rita of Cascia
- Sat – St Julia

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: Margaret Molan, Faith Power, Georgia Hutchinson, Margaret White, John McInnes, Irene Brennan, Margaret Jehu.

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/UCIc1zEq4cD-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/UCIc1zEq4cD-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.

Copyright obligation in response to COVID-19

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

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There is a new update this week from Bishop Paul regarding the easing of COVID-19 restrictions and gathering in our churches. Letter attached and also available on the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Willow Publishing announcement re the use of commercial recordings in streamed Masses, school prayer and worship services

In response to many requests to use commercial recordings in live and pre-recorded streaming masses and prayer services, Willow Publishing have introduced a free limited license that permits the use of recordings owned and administered by Willow Publishing (in Australia and New Zealand), on a temporary basis during COVID-19 pandemic lockdown period. Click [here](#) for more information.

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, ph. 03 5337 7121, djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au, vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au, michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au. The Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

World Communications Day – May 17, 2020

This Sunday, May 17, the Church in Australia will celebrate World Communications Day. It is observed a week earlier in Australia because of our liturgical transfer of the Feast of the Ascension from Thursday to what is elsewhere the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Pope Francis' message for the 54th World Communications Day 2020, which was released in January, focuses on the topic of storytelling. Read the message on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/fx-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=2799&categoryId=101>

Laudato Si' Week - May 16-24, 2020

Pope Francis invites you to celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week which takes place May 16-24. This year marks the fifth anniversary of this encyclical. The theme for the week is "everything is connected." Pope Francis has invited Catholics all around the world to reflect, pray and join to take action during this week. Go to the diocesan website for further information, which includes the Catholic Earthcare media release and a wide variety of resources www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or click [here](#).

COVID 19 Fee Relief for School Families

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and Environmentally-friendly Parish

The Catholic Education Office Ballarat have provided information for families experiencing difficulty paying school fees during the COVID-19 crisis. See the video on their website <https://ceob.edu.au/>

Week of Prayer and Christian Unity 2020

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from May 24-31, 2020 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. This year's theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (*Acts 28:2*), calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action and remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Resources are now available at the website [The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#).

Position Available — Ballarat East Parish Coordinator

Applications are currently being sought for the position of Parish Coordinator. This is a part-time position that ensures the effective operation of the parish office by providing office coordination, reception and administrative assistance. A copy of the position description and application form are available on the St Alipius' Parish website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Applications close Friday, June 26, 2020.

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

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 to have your ticket refunded.

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 or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 0407 523 424.

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.

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>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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Wednesday 13 May 2020

Members of the Catholic community in Victoria,

The Catholic Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Throughout this situation of the Coronavirus pandemic our prayers and solidarity have been with you all, and will continue to guide the challenging decisions we have been called to make.

Despite the many weeks of worry and social restrictions, we are delighted that as of 11.59pm yesterday, Tuesday 12 May 2020, churches in Victoria may now be open in certain circumstances.

This opportunity for small gatherings and for some quiet moments of prayer in the sacramental presence of Our Lord is a gentle first step in the right direction, and rightly a moment of rejoicing for God's people. We are pleased to work constructively with our communities to make appropriate adjustments. Strict restrictions still govern our actions due to the risks of COVID-19 and we are all being asked to show patience and fortitude.

Each Diocese is communicating with their parishes about how various ministries, including sacramental care, will be conducted in this first stage of the easing of social restrictions. We wish to be fully compliant with the directives that apply across Victoria, so that we ensure the protection of elderly and vulnerable people, and work together for the common good of our communities.

The conditions under which a church can be open include a collection of contact details (for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary), strict monitoring of numbers, ongoing hygiene requirements, publicising the scheduled times for private worship, and public worship limited to ten people at a time.

Arrangements for liturgies and access to churches while ensuring these conditions are met will vary, depending on the facilities and resources that are available in each particular community. We recognise that deciding on these arrangements and putting

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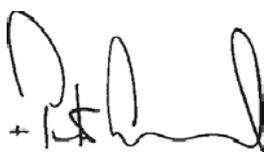
them in place is not straightforward, and we ask for patience and understanding during this time.

This new stage of restrictions is subject to changing guidance that we receive from the State Government authorities, and we are advised this will be reviewed at the end of May.

After a difficult time for all of us, including many new pressures on families and great challenges for healthcare and emergency workers, we share in the disappointment that social restrictions are likely to continue for some time.

Nevertheless, we act with one accord in doing what is most prudent and loving for the sake of those most susceptible to the virus. We rejoice that Christ is with us and will walk with us as we begin the long journey out of the current stage of restrictions.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

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Most Rev Peter A Comensoli ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Bernard Bird', with a small cross symbol to the left.

Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSsR MA, DD BISHOP OF BALLARAT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shane Mackinlay', with a small cross symbol to the left.

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay BISHOP OF SANDHURST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Slater'.

Rev Peter Slater DELEGATE OF DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR, SALE

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