



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

The gospel of Matthew does not emphasise Jesus' ascension into heaven, but on his presence among the believers: "I am with you always". He can no longer be seen, heard and touched through our physical senses, because he is in his glorified state, but He is truly with us until the end of the age. This feast is a reminder to all the faithful of the divine command to preach the gospel to all nations. And to preach the gospel means to be faithful by our witnessing life. Jesus lived among us and set an example to us on how to obey the will of God. To help us to carry out his mission he has given us the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit he is alive and guides the church. We have to commit to the life and mission of the church. We, the messengers of his word must take into account who we are and what is our mission to the world in which we live today. We have to live in the culture of his discipleship, hence to radiate the love, mercy and the truth of God to the people in our society. During our celebration let us recommit ourselves to the mission of God. Let us pray also for the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be guided and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus, namely building up his kingdom by our witnessing life.

...Neville.



### 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.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – Our Lady, Help of Christians  
Tues – Ss Philip Neri & Ursula  
Wed – St Augustine of Canterbury  
Thurs – St Mariana  
Fri – St Paul VI, Pope  
Sat – St Joan of Arc

### 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: Alexander Nehill, Veronica Rhodes, Patricia Stevenson, Robert Andrews, Reginald Dews, Ellen Dunstan,

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.

**MASS UPDATE:** After this week's State Government COVID-19 changed restrictions, Bishop Paul Bird advises it may be possible for some churches to open for Prayer and for Funerals for up to 20 people. However limiting Mass to 10 people makes this impractical for us for now, including for weekday Mass, as while winter has arrived and physical distancing applies, it isn't possible in our church to celebrate even weekday Mass. We pray that there will be no COVID19 second wave and our State will soon be able to move to resuming both Sunday and Weekday Masses in each parish.

## **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)**

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section".

## **Catholic Registry to track COVID-19**

Attached are details of a new national registry to help churches track cases of COVID-19 in a bid to keep parishioners safe during the pandemic. Also attached is a social media banner which you are free to use on your social media platforms (information provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney). Link is: [www.massregister.com.au](http://www.massregister.com.au)

## **Social Media Guide for Parishes**

The Australian Catholic Media Council has launched a resource encouraging parishes to embrace Pope Francis' invitation to share the Gospel story as the Church in Australia - in person or online. The guide can be downloaded from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## **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)

## **COVID 19 Fee Relief for School Families**

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

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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](http://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](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.

### **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.

### **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).

### **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 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men

from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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Members of the Catholic community in Victoria,

Wednesday 13 May 2020

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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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,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

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

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Rev Peter Slater DELEGATE OF DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR, SALE