



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends, Today's gospel reading speaks about the nature of the kingdom of heaven through parables. The parable of the buried treasure and that of the pearl of great value give us a similar lesson in that the kingdom of heaven is a treasure beyond price - we must renounce all that may hinder us from possessing it; the kingdom of heaven which Jesus tells us is the reign of God in our midst. We allow God to inspire and direct our lives; we live a life of communion with him because we believe that God is the ultimate meaning of our existence.

We have been created by God for himself, and our hearts will be empty if we choose to shut off God from our lives; hence we allow God to inspire and direct our lives. God created and adopted us as His beloved children. But many things hinder us from having God at the centre of our lives; our human tendencies are to be blamed for that, because we know there are treasures and attractions of the world: power, money, position and pleasures. Many of us are drawn to them because they can easily satisfy the natural and physical cravings of our human nature. We forget to realize that these earthly treasures are only a short term or temporary relief. They cannot replace the true and everlasting life that we will enjoy in the kingdom of heaven. So let us ask our loving God to give us wisdom to judge wisely the things of heaven and live accordingly in our day-to-day lives. - Neville.



### Weekend Mass Times (N/A)

**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)

**Every Sunday: 10.30 am**

**Camperdown.**

(due to this emergency state)

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – Ss Natalie & Aurelius

Tues – St. Innocent I, Pope

Wed – St. Martha

Thurs – St. Peter Chrysologus

Fri – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sat – St. Alphonsus Liguori

### 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 those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Donald Place, Thomas Lourey, Thomas Darcy, Mark Cecchini, Mary O'Brien, Edith Ryan, Jill Ashmore and Michael Walsh.

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 as 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.

**MASS TIMES:**

Wednesday: Cobden at 9 am (No Live Stream)  
Friday: Camperdown at 9 am (No Live Stream)  
Saturday Vigil: Cobden at 6.30 pm (No Live Stream)  
Sunday: Camperdown at 10:30am (Live Stream)

**Only Sunday mass can be viewed on YouTube at 10.30 am.**

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.

**Our Mass Gathering:**

Over the last month, we have been asking parishioners to attend our Sunday Celebration for the number of 20 people. We have formed two groups and going to alternate the groups weekly. This weekend group B will attend and next weekend group A will attend our celebration. Please find the names below and if you can't make it, let us know and we will find a replacement.

<b>Group A: 2/8; 16/8; 30/8</b>	<b>Group B: 26/7; 9/8; 23/8</b>
Brian & Coral McCarthy	Rose Henry
Sue Darcy	Amelia Cunningham
Margaret Patterson	Rob & Maureen Larkins
Des & Margaret Russell	Kath Sinnott
Mick & Jo Saunders	Audrey O'Neil
Michael & Kim McKenzie	Johanna Dikkerberg
Michael & Judy Conheady	Michael Smart & Helen Hickey
Margaret Lucas	Glenda Lucas
Jan Riches	Margaret Fleming
Rupert & Theresa Gstrein	Lillian Hendry
Frank & Carmel Conheady	Andrew O'Flynn
Ray Brewer	Tony O'Leary
	Sherrine Swayn
	Helen O'Sullivan
	Marie Wall
	Sharon Gillett
	Peter Conheady
	Dot Benson

Those who wish to attend Mass should leave their name(s) at the office, by calling: 5593 1284. Hence it allows for others to come along if you cannot.

Thank you.

**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" [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**One License copyright during COVID-19**

Copyright licenses can be suspended for those parishes who are not currently recording any copyright. Email [info@onelicense.net](mailto:info@onelicense.net) advising your parish ID number, the last date that copyright was recorded in your parish and that there are currently no gatherings and no music due to COVID-19 restrictions. As One License are receiving a large number of emails during this time, please be patient for a reply.

**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 – Registrations now open**

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. The next cycle begins August 30. Study is 5 weeks. Registrations open now until August 19. 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) or ph. 0407 523 424.

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

## **Plenary Council Update**

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it's in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

**Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of July we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Missionary & Evangelising?** *'Mission' is God's initiative and proceeds from the Trinity, whose love overflows in creation and redemption. The Word and Spirit are present and active in the unfolding of the universe and in all human history, as evidenced in the goodness and truth found in all cultures and societies. The incarnate Son of God through his life, ministry, death and resurrection revealed God to us and redeemed us in a unique and unsurpassable way through his paschal sacrifice. His evangelising activity gave birth to the Church which is the visible manifestation of the Gospel command to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19).* Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au). [Read the discernment paper](#) [Visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page](#).

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

**(R.) Lord, I love your commands.**

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory

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

## **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## **Gospel Reading:** Mt 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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

## REFLECTION Fr Michael Tate

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

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<b>26-July, 17th Sunday O.T.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	M McKenzie	G Kelson	N/A	N/A
<b>9 a.m.: Derrinallum</b>	N/A	N/A		N/A
<b>10.30 am: Camperdown</b>	M Smart	S Grinter	Kerr Family	N/A
<b>Counting Team:</b> R & A Gardner	<b>Altar Camperdown:</b> C & J Conheady			
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> R Henry	<b>Altar Cobden:</b> S Rohan S Ralph			
<b>Marion Statue:</b> P & L Hickey	<b>Altar Derrinallum:</b> H Noone			

<b>02-August, 18th Sunday O.T</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	B Hammond	M McKenzie	Gleeson Family	N/A
<b>9 a.m.: Derrinallum Assembly</b>	N/A	N/A		N/A
<b>10.30 am: Camperdown</b>	M McKenzie	M Saunders	N/A	N/A
<b>Counting Team:</b> R & A Gardner	<b>Altar Camperdown:</b> R Henry A Cunningham			
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> B Hewitt	<b>Altar Cobden:</b> Marg Walsh			
<b>Marion Statue:</b> M Ryan	<b>Altar Derrinallum:</b> M Hodson			

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