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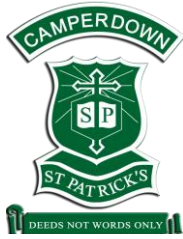
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Dear Friends,

Today's gospel story surprises us because Jesus has no word for the desperate woman. Jesus, who goes after the lost sheep, did not say a word to the desperate woman. This is unexpected from Jesus who is close to sinners and outcasts. The Jewish people often speak of the Gentiles as outcasts or unclean since they worship idols, offer sacrifices to evil gods and reject the true God. Jesus was sent by God to first feed the children of Israel with the true bread of life that would bring healing and lasting union with God. His disciples pleaded with him to help the woman. His answer seems intended to discourage her from asking, but she is not discouraged by the answer. Her love for her daughter is so great that she fights to the last, even with whatever self-respect she has left. And this human love conquers Jesus' attention.

So, the woman's love for her daughter and her faith earn her the immediate cure of her daughter. Let us ask ourselves: is our relationship with God a wrestling one like the woman in the Gospel? It is not that God is kind sometimes and not at other times; it is simply that we cannot dictate to God. A prayer or our supplication must not be an automatic lip service but it must come from the heart with a strong faith in God. God will not turn a deaf ear if a person is seeking a favour like the woman in the gospel. So, let us ask God to strengthen our faith so that we may not merely do lip service to God, but from our hearts. Neville.



Weekend Mass Times (N/A)

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

9am 4th 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 – St. Donatus

Tues – St. Helen

Wed – St. John Eudes

Thurs – St. Bernard Clairaux

Fri – St. Pius X

Sat – The Queen of the Blessed Mary

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, Brian Wain.

Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Norah Place, Mary Egan, Charles Jehu, John Baker, Mattie Adams, and Amy O'Donohue.

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.

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/UC1c1zEq4cD-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.

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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

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stage 3 restrictions have been re-introduced in regional Victoria effective from August 5, 2020...the latest information from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Hello Everyone,

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has introduced further restrictions to counter the renewed spread of COVID-19.

In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, Stage 3 restrictions will apply from midnight tomorrow (August 5). The restrictions will apply until September 13.

The regulations require that "religious ceremonies and private worship" be "broadcast only". This means that our churches and chapels will be closed to the general public. It will still be possible to live stream Masses or other services from churches or chapels, although this would only involve those necessary to conduct the services and enable the live streaming. For information about Masses online, you could go to our diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.

It is very sad that we will not be able to gather for Mass in the coming weeks. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions are necessary for the health of the community. I hope and pray that these steps

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will be effective in reducing the impact of the pandemic and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God. In the meantime, we can pray anywhere and anytime in our own heart. Families can pray together at home. We might also pray with others online or simply with a phone call.

Christ promised to be with us always. May we know his presence in the weeks ahead.

Peace be with you. God bless you all.
Bishop Paul

Hello Everyone,

Last week, the Victorian Premier announced some further restrictions aimed at countering the spread of the coronavirus.

From midnight tonight (Thursday, July 30), people living in the local government areas of Colac-Otway, Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Moorabool, Golden Plains, and the Borough of Queenscliff, will no longer be able to visit people or have visitors at home. This will affect people in a few of our parishes, such as Apollo Bay and Colac.

The other new provision will affect us all, namely, **the requirement to wear a face covering.**

From midnight on Sunday (August 2), people throughout our diocese, together with people throughout the whole of Victoria, will be required to wear face coverings whenever we leave home.

You can find further details on the Victorian government's web pages, such as at www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) restrictions Victoria](http://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria) Details on restrictions in Victoria to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID19). www.vic.gov.au

The government website provides information about particular issues, such as that children under the age of 12 and people with certain medical conditions do not need to wear a face covering.

Here I would simply add a note regarding the celebration of liturgies.

In our diocese of Ballarat, we will still be allowed to gather for liturgies in churches, with a maximum of 20 people in the congregation, plus those needed to conduct the service. However, from Monday August 3, everyone will be required to wear a face covering throughout the liturgy. The only exceptions would be when the priest is speaking to the congregation or reading prayers, when a reader is actually reading the Scriptures, when a song leader is leading the singing and when anyone is receiving communion.

As well as the new requirement to wear a face covering, the current requirements about hygiene and distance between people will continue to apply.

God bless you all.
Bishop Paul

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 (JB)

The Response is: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Matthew 4:23.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people. This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'. We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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