



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends, after engaging in preaching the word of God and showing his miraculous and divine power in healing, people begin to attribute honourable opinions of Jesus. In the gospel we see that Jesus tests his disciples with crucial questions. Who do people say that I am and who do you say that I am? Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets: John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the son of the living God. No human being arrives at this knowledge, unless specially revealed to him by God. Peter gives Jesus' true identity; not certified to him by human beings but by the Father himself. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would establish; a church that no evil power would overcome. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "Rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest compliments. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the anointed one and the only begotten son of God. Faith in Jesus makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Lord Jesus tests each of us personally with the same question: who do you say that I am? Our answer will depend on how well we know God and His son Jesus and our efforts to make him known to others. Does our lifestyle reveal our faith-experience of Jesus and who Jesus is to us in our words and deeds?.....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. Bartholomew Apostle

Tues – St. Louis IX king of France

Wed – St. Mariam Baouardy

Thurs – St. Monica

Fri – St. Augustine of Hippo

Sat – Our Lady of Good Health

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: Ricky Robertson, Frederick Eyars, Anastasia Reilly, Maureen Gstrein, Mary Bonner, Leonard White, Brian Hawkins, and Jeanette Kay.

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.

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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.

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 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.

Plenary Council 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. Please put the information on your bulletins (see notice below) and you might like to send out in emails to parishioners.

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

Diocesan Resource Centre Closed until further notice

Please be advised that with the reintroduction of Stage 3 Restrictions, the Diocesan Resource Centre will be closed until further notice (at least until 14 September).

New Diocesan Website updated

This week we have been notified by Fraynetwork that the Genesis server is much more vulnerable than originally thought and we are now working towards **launching the new diocesan website on August 31**. With this in mind, we are asking that parishes have bulletins and any other information necessary for the weekend of August 30 uploaded by **Thursday, August 27** and then Fraynetwork will transition the current website over on the Friday and the weekend with the new website going live on Monday, August 31. A manual and video will be issued to parish page administrators and others who access the website. Due to this quick turnover, Fraynetwork have offered to assist with training of parish administrators. We are working this out at present.

Cancellation of Chrism Mass for 2020

Bishop Paul has advised parishes by email this morning that the Chrism Mass has been cancelled for 2020 due to the coronavirus restrictions which do not allow for large gatherings. We look forward to celebrating this mass on the Monday of Holy Week in 2021

Annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection

This year, due to the closure of churches during Holy Week and the cancellation of the annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection, Pope Francis has rescheduled this collection to the weekend of Sunday, September 13, 2020. Please find attached information and documentation to assist in promoting the collection in your parish.

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October 2020

The 5th anniversary 2020 was the beginning of the Special Laudato Si Anniversary Year (24th May 2020 – 24th May 2021) with the hope that it be a time of grace, a true Kairos experience and "Jubilee" time for the Earth. For humanity and all God's creatures.

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

The theme for Season of Creation 2020 is “Jubilee for the Earth” in which we are invited to consider the integral relationship between the rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living, the need for just and sustainable systems revealed this year by the global COVID-19 pandemic makes this a time to reflect and further act on the urgency of the situation of our world today and act for future generations with local to national responses.

Liturgically, we celebrate remembering God’s action in prayer.

- For Liturgical resources to guide our reflection on this season, <https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/a-catholic-season-of-creation-sundays-of-september-year-a>
- For further information on the Season of Creation and Ecumenical Resource, <https://seasonofcreation.org/celebration-guide/>

Child Protection Sunday will be marked by the Catholic Church in Australia on Sunday September 13.

As in 2019, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference secretariat will progressively release resources such as Prayers of the Faithful, parish bulletin notices and social media resources on the ACBC website in the lead up to Child Protection Sunday. Materials are available on the dedicated Child Protection Sunday - visit the page [here](#).

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Staying Connected ... Doing Ministry Safely Online

A 90 minute online workshop designed for those working with children and young people in church communities. Thursday 10th September 5pm-6.30pm. More info and free registration at: www.trybooking.com/BKZSO

Social Justice Statement 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-2021, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meet the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Join the St. Patricks Parish on-line Social Justice Forum 2020. Tuesday September 8th.

Dear Parishioners, this year the Australian Catholics Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*. The statement is available online, runs to 20 pages but is in five sections. Each part is worth a read.

Further, these COVID 19 times encourage us to experiment with meeting on-line. Therefore Michael McKenzie and Andrew O’Flynn in consultation with Fr Neville, the Parish Council and St Vincent de Paul Camperdown Conference, invite parishioners to an online forum to be held the evening of Tuesday September 8th.

Interested? Then send an e-mail to oflynn@bigpond.com (note the spelling) or principal@spcamperdown.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday September 1st. Find the statement at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. For more information about the appeal, and to make a donation go to: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or ph: **1800 101 201**.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Is 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

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Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

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

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity

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