



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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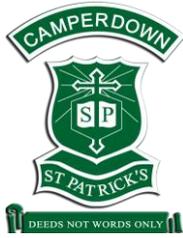
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Dear Friends, In today's gospel we see that the evangelist Matthew gathers Jesus' teaching on how the disciples or the believing community must deal with one another to show that they are Jesus' followers. One thing is certain: that they are not a perfect community. There are members who offend against others. And so the question is how should the community deal with an erring brother or sister? In the gospel, Jesus advises three steps to achieve reconciliation and to avoid fatal consequences that may arise when an offence is committed. The first is confrontation in private. If a person feels dishonoured or offended, he is to confront the offender in private to avoid placing the alleged offence in the public arena. If the perception of offence has been cleared then the conflict has been successfully resolved. The second step is negotiation with two or three witnesses. The conflict has become semiprivate and legal with the calling of witnesses. The witnesses have a serious role to play and should never bear false witness. It is hoped that the witnesses or negotiators succeed where private efforts have failed. Honour must be repaid and restored to avoid going to the third stage. The third stage and last resort is adjudication. Here the community acts as the final arbiter. If the offender disregards the community's judgement, he is cast out of the community and no longer treated as a part of God's people. He is designated as an outsider. And in a culture where life depends on the support and relationship of a family and community, to be excommunicated is the ultimate tragedy for the offender. - 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. Regina

Tues – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed – St. Peter Claver

Thurs – St Finian

Fri – St. Daniel

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: Robert Hill, Otto Gramms, Mary Delaney, Michael Coles-Skeyhill, Emily Coles-Skeyhill, Benjamin Clark, Con Goonan, Douglas Till.

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/UClc1zEq4cD-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.

Happy Fathers' Day to all the Dad's in the Parish.

Father's Love

An 80 year old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45 year's old highly educated son. Suddenly a crow perched on their window.

The Father asked his Son, "What is this?"

The Son replied "It is a crow".

After a few minutes, the Father asked his Son the 2nd time, "What is this?"

The Son said "Father, I have just now told you "It's a crow".

After a little while, the old Father again asked his Son the 3rd time, "What is this?"

At this time some expression of irritation was felt in the Son's tone when he said to his Father with a rebuff. "It's a crow, a crow, a crow". A little after, the Father again asked his Son the 4th time, "What is this?"

This time the Son shouted at his Father, "Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again, although I have told you so many times 'IT IS A CROW'.

Are you not able to understand this?"

A little later the Father went to his room and came back with an old tattered diary, which he had maintained since his Son was born. On opening a page, he asked his Son to read that page. When the son read it, the following words were written in the diary:-

"Today my little son aged three was sitting with me on the sofa, when a crow was sitting on the window. My Son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied to him all 23 times that it was a Crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question again and again for 23 times.

I did not at all feel irritated I rather felt affection for my innocent child". While the little child asked him 23 times "What is this", the Father had felt no irritation in replying to the same question all 23 times and when today the Father asked his Son the same question just 4 times, the Son felt irritated and annoyed.

From today say this aloud, "I want to see my parents happy forever. They have cared for me ever since I was a little child.

They have always showered their selfless love on me.

They crossed all mountains and valleys without seeing the storm and heat to make me a person presentable in the society today".

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.

Bishop's Office

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

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

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.

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](#).

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. Read the discernment paper at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-2.pdf>. Visit the [Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal theme's page at https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/inclusive/](https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/inclusive/).

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. Wednesday September 9th at 7.30 pm.

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 Wednesday September 9th, at 7.30 pm. 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/>

New Diocesan Website & Protocols

- The new diocesan website is now live www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. A parish administrators manual for the new website is attached. An instruction video for parish page administrators can be found at this link <https://vimeo.com/452368184/1b497cc311>.
- Updated protocols for website parish page administrators and those accessing the website members area are also attached.
- Please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office for any website enquiries pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

This is the Word of the Lord

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

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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