



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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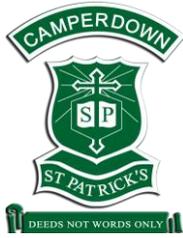
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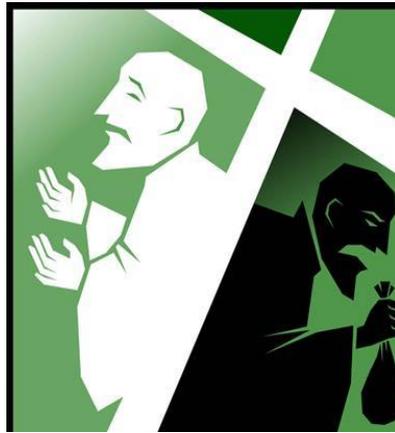
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Dear Friends, In today's gospel we see that when Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he as usual offered an answer and thought Jesus would be pleased with it. But Jesus comes with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times seven. Here, Jesus makes it clear that there is no limit to giving and receiving forgiveness. He drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed a large sum of money - millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province. But the man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not forgive his neighbour who owed him a very small amount, which was about one-hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater! If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, we feel towards our neighbour. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us. If we do not show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "Judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy". Let us ask the Lord to purify our hearts so that may be able to show mercy and loving-kindness to all - and especially to those who cause us grief. - 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 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tues – St Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed – Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

Thurs – St Robert Bellarmine

Fri – St John Macias & Joseph

### 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.

### Recent Death:

Petronella Van de Wouw (Peta)

### Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edith Mathews, Claire Lafferty, Thomas O'Sullivan, Graham Larkins and Margaret Daffy.

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:**

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.

## **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)

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2020 was the beginning of the Special Laudato Si Anniversary Year (24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## **Annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection – this weekend**

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 this weekend (September 13, 2020). Please find attached information and documentation to assist in promoting the collection in your parish. A special video production has also been included for promotion of the appeal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o62bhQoaCTw&feature=youtu.be>

- The Holy Land Collection option has been added to your parish CDF Pay portal, which can be found on the diocesan website. You are more than welcome to direct your parishioners to the site or include the option in any correspondence you send out. The funds received under your parish will be deposited into the parish bank account and as always should be included on the levies (September quarter).

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

## **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](https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/inclusive/) at <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 10<sup>th</sup> September 5pm-6.30pm. More info and free registration at:

[www.trybooking.com/BKZSO](http://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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

## **New Diocesan Website & Protocols**

- The new diocesan website is now live [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://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](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

# **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## **First Reading: Sir 27:30 – 28:7**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8**

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. *My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)*
2. *It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)*
3. *His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)*

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Rom 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Mt 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**The gospel of the Lord.**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentment, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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