



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

In the context of the parable in the gospel, the youngest son who says 'Yes' when asked to work in the vineyard is the one who behaves properly to his father. But then he changes his mind and refuses to go and work in his father's vineyard. The eldest son who says, 'I will not' disobeys and humiliates his father. Later when he realizes his responsibility and obedience due to his father, goes to the vineyard and works there. Here we notice that what Jesus asks in the parable is not which of the sons behaved honourably and respectfully to their father but which of the two did his father's will. In the kingdom of God, this is what really counts: we have to do the will of God.

Jesus then points to the tax collectors and the sinners who initially say 'No' but eventually repent of their sins and wrong doings, hence wish to do God's will finally. Jesus points out here that the people who rejected John the Baptist's invitation to work for the kingdom of God, have now accepted his invitation to work for his kingdom. Let us be clear about this invitation to work for God's kingdom. No matter what we say or do in our lives we have to remember that, at the end of our earthly journey, God's kingdom is the only place of destination. So let us regret ignoring the invitation of Jesus and to begin working for his kingdom in the future. - 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 – Ss Wenceslaus & Lawrence
- Tues – The Feast of the Archangels
- Wed – St Jerome
- Thurs – St Therese of Child Jesus
- Fri – The Holy Guardian Angels
- Sat – St Theodore Guerin

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: Nancy Wilson Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Savage, Dorothy Kavenagh, Mary Jones, Barry Perkins, Jack Carrol, Ray Russell, Brennan Raymond

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.

Congratulations: Toby and Nicki who were married this weekend. We wish them happiness and every blessing from God.

Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle: Tickets Still only \$10. Drawn on 30th November. You could purchase you tickets online at www.cutt.ly/mrc-2020 for more information at www.mercy.vic.edu.au Thank you. More information please contact Rose Henry Mobile: 0407 875 886.

Call for Readers: If you would like to participate in the Mass streamed on Sundays as a reader, please contact the presbytery on 03 5593 1284 to leave your details

New Diocesan Website: Thank you to all who are uploading the bulletin and updating your parish page on the website. You are doing a wonderful job. A couple of things which might make life easier:

- **Bulletins:** Please name your bulletin when saving on your computer with the parish name first, so for example Linton and then whatever you normally save it as. Then when you upload it, it will be obvious who the bulletin belongs to and will make it easier to keep the media file on the website tidy.
- **Parish page images:** If you would like to update the image on your parish page, please email your new image to us and we will upload this. Preferably, the image should be landscape and high resolution. We will also go through our photos and see if we have images suitable, as some are not quite right with the upgrade to the new website.
- **Parish administrators who manage two or more parishes:** There is now an option to log in once with the ability to edit parish details and upload the bulletin for multiple parishes. You still have to upload it to each parish but you do not have to log out of each parish and log back in. Please get in touch with Jane or Julie if this option might be helpful for you.
- 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

Third Step Easing of Restrictions:

Hello Everyone,

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has announced some easing of the restrictions that have been in force to counter the spread of COVID-19.

In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, we will move to the Third Step of the government's staged reopening. This will apply from midnight tonight (September 16).

What does this mean as far as our churches and chapels and religious ceremonies are concerned?

Weddings will be able to have up to 10 people gathered (including the couple and two witnesses), plus the celebrant.

Funerals will be able to have up to 20 people gathered, plus those required to conduct the funeral.

Outdoor religious gatherings will be allowed for up to 10 people, plus a faith leader.

Churches and chapels may be open for private worship for households or social bubbles, plus a faith leader.

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

These provisions allow for some increase in numbers for weddings and funerals. Furthermore, it will now be possible to have an outdoor religious celebration for up to 10 people, plus the person leading the prayer. Parishes may be able to arrange some such outdoor celebrations.

Moreover, we will now be able to reopen our churches and chapels, at least for private worship. I encourage parish and school communities to open churches and chapels for some time each day so that people can spend a while in personal prayer in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

It is still possible for parishes to live-stream Mass. However, this can only involve up to five people. The provisions do not allow us to gather in our churches to celebrate Mass as we would dearly wish to.

Together with the other bishops of Victoria, I have been making representations to government for an easing of the restrictions in relation to places of worship. I have proposed that places of worship should at least be treated in the same way as other places where people can gather socially. In the coming week, bishops and other religious leaders will have further meetings with government. I hope these meetings will bear fruit so that we will be able to gather again in our churches. We do need to safeguard the community's health. Yet we have shown that we can observe the necessary precautions for physical health at the same time as we celebrate the liturgy, which contributes so much to the spiritual and mental health of the community. I pray particularly that we will soon be able to share the Eucharist, source and summit of the Christian life. Peace be with you and God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – this Sunday, September 27, 2020

- The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has prepared a Migrant and Refugee Kit, which includes stories from local communities, reflections and prayers
https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit?fbclid=IwAR00HRtrkYbmKFV4Tjyo9SqFOMYSEeUVn3dUN-aWote00KR2-JArGmZS8_8
- Catholic Social Services Victoria would like to draw particular focus, especially in the light of COVID-19, to remember, pray for and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum 'in our own backyard':

Remembering, working and praying for migrants and refugees: On this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. We acknowledge and give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas—many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and, "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs. We encourage you to read more at <http://www.css.org.au/Article-View/Article/23727/Remembering-working-and-praying-for-migrants-and-refugees#.X2qklGgzaCh>

'Walking with Wisdom' Contemplative Sessions (via Zoom) – Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm (AEST) on 8, 15, 22 & 29 October 2020. We invite you to join us for a series of contemplative sessions with Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath, providing opportunities for Deep Listening: to oneself at this unique time in our lives; to Divine Wisdom in the Heart, and in the Hearts of Others; and to engage in a gentle, creative response. Join for one or all sessions. \$85 for the Series or \$25 per session. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/BLILH. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, tel 03 9890 1101, www.heartoflife.melbourne

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

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

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/>
- 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).

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/).

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

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

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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