



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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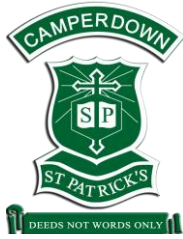
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Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. The gospel does not tell us who the saints are but describes a pattern of life for holiness. We would have heard this gospel passage many times over the years. It is called the Beatitudes. At the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he proclaims who belongs to God's kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the mournful, the meek, the merciful, the clean of heart, those hungry and thirsty for righteousness, the peace-loving and the persecuted. They are all blessed because God in his grace and loving mercy has chosen to be on their side. They were the people who won the favour of God through their witnessing life.

If we wish to be saints, that is, to be in the number of the blessed or to win the favour of God through our faithful witnessing life, we must strive: to help ease the plight of the poor, to console fellow brothers and sisters crushed by loss and fear, to empower others, to commit ourselves to justice for all, to extend to others the mercy we have received from God, to see God in others, to work for peace and to be faithful to God even in persecution. As we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, let us ask the Lord to rekindle our faith so that we may be able to follow the example of the saints faithfully and to witness the teaching of the gospel in our day-to-day life.

- 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 – All Souls

Tues – St Martin de Porres

Wed – St Charles Borromeo

Thurs – St Sylvia

Fri – St Leonard of Noblac

Sat – St Ernest

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are in ill health: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain.

Recent Death: Jan Riches

Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Richard Kane, Nathan McLeod, Leo Fitzgerald, Josephine Rounds, Jamie Alexander, Stanley Brewer, Jane Nolan, James Rantall.

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 6.30 pm (No Live Stream)

Sunday: Camperdown at 10.30 am (Live Stream)

Only the 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.

Mass gatherings from 2nd November: We are inviting parishioners to attend our Mass celebrations, with a limit of 20 at each Mass. Would you please contact the presbytery on 03 5593 1284 to register for the St Patrick's Mass and Paul Dwyer on 0457 287 518 for St Brendan's.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has issued information regarding gatherings in places of worship now that restrictions have eased in regional Victoria. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section at:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

New Restrictions - Ceremonies & Religious Gatherings:

Covid Safe Plans should include the following:

Reminder that face masks must be worn

Social distancing is adhered to – 4 metre square rule, crosses / markings on floor

Names, contact numbers and time attended MUST be recorded / provided and kept

Maximum number of people permitted to be displayed (20 plus one faith leader)

Hand sanitiser must be provided

Cleaning / Sanitising protocol to be displayed

Reminder if people are sick or unwell not to attend and get tested.

Clergy Appointments for Parish of East Wimmera and Parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol

Hello Everyone,

Following consultations over the past few weeks, I am pleased to be able to announce appointments to the Parish of East Wimmera and the Parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol.

From January 15, 2021, Fr Gerard Prunty, currently Parish Priest of Mortlake and Terang, will become Parish Priest of East Wimmera. I thank Fr Gerry for his years of service to the communities of Mortlake and Terang and pray for blessings upon him as he prepares to join the communities of East Wimmera in the New Year.

From January 15, 2021, Fr Eugene McKinnon, currently Parish Priest of East Wimmera, will become Parish Priest of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol. I thank Fr Eugene for his years of service to the communities of East Wimmera and pray for blessings upon him as he prepares to join the communities of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol in the New Year.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle: Tickets Still only \$10. Drawn on 30th November. You could purchase your 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.

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 read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>. The National Plenary Facilitation Team have released a resource to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers (attached). Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. **For the month of November we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS A joyful, hope-filled and servant community?** *This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices*

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of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – particularly for refugees and asylum seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries. Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Read the discernment paper: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PC2020-thematic-papers-5.pdf>

Visit the thematic page: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/servant/>

Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format: The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Reflections on the papers from the Ballarat Diocese: Can be read at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/listen-to-what-the-spirit-is-saying/>

Next step on Plenary Council journey: As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/next-step-on-plenary-council-journey/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Rv 7:2-4. 9-14](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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