



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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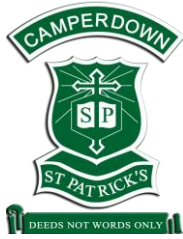
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Dear Friends,

Jesus' story of ten bridesmaids waiting to meet the bridegroom in the middle of the night seems strange to most of us today, but Jesus' audience knew all too well how this could happen to them unpredictably.

Wedding customs in ancient Palestine required extra vigilance and preparation for everyone involved and the celebration would continue for a whole week with their family and friends. There were many other customs and regulations to follow prior and post wedding ceremonies. This could only be done with much preparation and predetermination - there are certain things that we cannot get at the last minute.

The lesson that we understand today is that we have to be vigilant and prepared. We know that the second coming of our Lord is true and he is going to come unexpectedly. Hence, when he comes to lead us to his heavenly kingdom, we will listen for his voice and follow him. Through the gospel today, Jesus gives us a warning that there will be consequences for being unprepared for his coming. So let us ask ourselves: are we ready for his coming like the wise bridesmaids in the gospel? If not, let us listen to him today and prepare ourselves for his coming. The Lord Jesus invites us to the feast in his kingdom. So let us ask the Lord to make us vigilant and attentive to his voice and hear his call so that we may enter his kingdom.

-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 – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tues – St Leo the Great, Pope

Wed – St Martin of Tours

Thurs – St Josaphat

Fri – St Frances Xavier Cabrini

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, Mary Crowe.

Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Geoff Lucas, Rita Castaldo, Keith Vagg, Elizabeth Fahey, Laurence Thornton, Mary Moran, John Barrett, Elizabeth Dwyer, Noreen Darcy and Joan Adeney.

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 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.

Mass gatherings from 7th (Cobden) and 8th (Camperdown) November: We are asking parishioners to attend our Mass celebrations, with a limit of 20 in attendance. Would you please contact the presbytery on 03 5593 1284 to register for the St Patrick's Mass and Paul Dwyer for St Brendan's on 0457 287 518.

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

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

New Restrictions - Ceremonies & Religious Gatherings:

COVIDSafe Plans should include the following:

Reminder that face masks must be worn

Social distancing is adhered to – 4 meter 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.

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,

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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.

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Catholic Care Victoria

Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst, to form a new entity, CatholicCare Victoria from January 1, 2021. Statements and further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-care-victoria/>

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

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

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 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: Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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