



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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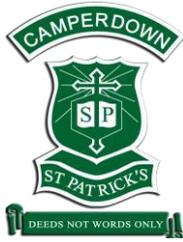
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Dear Friends: The call of the Gospel and of the season of Lent is repentance. How do we repent? The gospel story of Jesus' temptation in the desert suggests what we have to do. Repentance is turning away from material comfort to the cross, from personal convenience to committed service, and from earthly satisfaction to spiritual nourishment. Jesus does not promise a happy life to attract people for his kingdom. He wants our commitment and dedication in answering the call of the gospel. He calls us to be followers, witnesses - not to be spectators or watchers, but to be partakers actively involved in the life of the church and to build the kingdom of God.

The call of repentance is not a compromise or to strike a deal. There is no bargain or neutral stance. We either walk with him or walk away. This is very clear from the response that Jesus gives to Satan: 'The Lord your God shall you worship, and Him alone shall you serve'. The repentance Jesus expects is totally to God, without material gain or self-glorification. It demands a lot of sacrifices in the process of repentance. It asks our willingness to do sacrifices for Jesus. So let us ask the Lord to take the heart of stone away from us, and replace it with the heart of Jesus, so that we can change our life style towards Him with a change of heart. -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)

### Next Weekend Masses

**Sat:** Cobden 6.30 pm

**Sun:** Derrinallum at 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

Tues– St Polycarp of Smyrna

Wed – St Montanus

Thurs – St Tarasius

Fri – St Victor

Sat – St Baldomerus

### Pray for the Sick: Please

remember those who are ill: Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Mary Crowe, Laney Burkett and Mary Ryan .

### Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who has died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John O'Leary, Kevin Suhan, Lorna Mirtschin, Ellen Hinkley, Monoca McDonald, Kevin Delaney, Rene Walsh, Ellen Pekin, Francis White, Ingrid Baxter.

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year – B, 21/02/2021

**Welcome and Congratulations:** we welcome into our St. Patrick's Parish Community Maximus Luke Plozza child of Hannah & Luke Plozza through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**Diocesan Priests Annual Retreat:** Please keep the Priests of our Diocese in your prayers as they attend their Annual Retreat next week. **There will be no weekday Masses during the week.** Thank you.

**Thank you:** I would like to express my gratitude for all those who had expressed their sympathies, comforts via messages and cards and especially by prayers at the loss of my beloved sister Christabel Xavier last week. I really appreciate your care and support during this sad time. God bless you all.

**In Registering the Attendances at Church:**

This year also we are going to continue to register the attendances' names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it. Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): The announcement from our Bishop Paul Bird.**

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian government has announced the ending of the COVID lockdown from midnight tonight (Wednesday, February 17). For the most part, the provisions will now be as they were just before the February 12 lockdown.

There will be no overall limit on the number of people who can attend religious gatherings and ceremonies (including weddings and funerals). The number of people will depend on the size of the church.

We will still need to keep a record of the first name and contact phone number of each person who attends. If we keep the record manually (using pen and paper), the density quotient will be 1 person per 4 square metres. If we keep the record electronically, using a QR (Quick Response) code, the density quotient will be 1 person per 2 square metres.

**Please note**, however, that **wearing a mask** will be **mandatory** indoors (with necessary exceptions such as for readers and presiders while they are reading the Scriptures or prayers). Wearing a mask will also be mandatory outdoors when we cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance.

Thank you all for your patience throughout the five days of lockdown and all through the months of restrictions. Special thanks to those who have been serving our communities as needed, such as in keeping records and doing the extra cleaning of our churches.

I rejoice that we will be able to worship together again in person.

Best wishes for a fruitful Lent.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

**Message from Mercy Regional College Principal:**

Welcome to Mercy in 2021.

We are very pleased to share with our community our College Theme for 2021, "New Beginnings". This theme was chosen by our 2021 Student Leadership Team and is aptly supported by the chosen words of Catherine McAuley "A good beginning is of great importance" and Paul's words in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". I spoke in our Commencement Mass about the excitement of seeking new beginnings and accepting new opportunities whilst recognising that this often takes great courage as well as determination and support. Paul's words remind us to draw on our belief that Jesus is always with us and in us, giving us courage and strength to seek new beginnings and not fear making mistakes or failure, safe in the knowledge that this is how we learn and how character is built. We draw also on the support of our family, friends and community.

Whilst we envisage new beginnings, Catholic Education is celebrating [200 years in Australia](#). The theme for this celebration is "*Faith in the future*" which reflects the core purpose of Catholic education to form students in their faith, and to provide an education that enables our graduates to make a meaningful contribution to the world as well as a commitment to build on the great work of those who have come before us, and to provide a Catholic education for future generations of students in a rapidly changing world. A celebratory Mass will be held across the nation on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia as well as of Mercy Regional College, on 24 May. We will celebrate with Mass and day of celebration at McAuley campus.

Sharon Gillett. *Principal.*

**Lenten Resources - Week 1:**

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary

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Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for week 1 is, 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?' These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

### **Parent Sacrament Meeting**

The Parent Sacrament Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at 8:30am in the Library at St. Patrick's School. Information, enrolment, forms, dates and payments will be available at this meeting and you are encouraged to attend if you have a child making their Sacrament this year. Thanks.

**World Day of Prayer:** St Brendan's Cobden Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1:30 p.m. All Welcome.

### **Year of St Joseph**

- Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. A number of resources have been developed by the ACBC to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. The resources are available from the ACBC website <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>. Diocesan prayer cards will be distributed to parishes and schools in the coming weeks.
- **Monthly Reflections:** Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. The February reflection, written by Scripture scholar Sr Michele Connolly RSJ, explores the many ways in which St Joseph was "Attentive to the Word of God" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

**(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

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.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.  
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:** 1 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison.

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Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Reading:** Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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| 21-Feb-2021 1st Lent         | Reader     | P.O.F.                            | Offertory | E/Minister |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden               | J Dwyer    | B Hammond                         | N/A       | A Horan    |
| 9 a.m. Lismore AWC           | A Mahony   | A Mahony                          |           | S McLeod   |
| 11am: Camperdown             | C McCarthy | J Seuren                          | N/A       | P Kingston |
| Counting Team: P & L Hickey  |            | Altar Camperdown: No flowers      |           |            |
| Church Cleaning: J & J Molan |            | Altar Cobden: No flowers/G Kelson |           |            |
| Marian Statue: J Larkins     |            | Altar Derrinallum: No flowers     |           |            |

| 28-Feb-2021 2nd Lent        | Reader    | P.O.F.                            | Offertory | E/Minister  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden              | G Kelson  | P Dwyer                           | N/A       | J Blair     |
| 9 a.m. Derrinallum          | S McLeod  | S McLeod                          |           | L Johnstone |
| 11am: Camperdown            | A O'Flynn | M Lucas                           | N/A       | R Henry     |
| Counting Team: P & L Hickey |           | Altar Camperdown: No flowers      |           |             |
| Church Cleaning: J Saunders |           | Altar Cobden: No flowers/G Kelson |           |             |
| Marian Statue: P & L Hickey |           | Altar Derrinallum: No flowers     |           |             |

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