



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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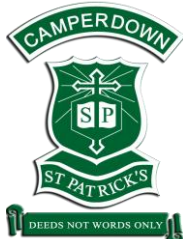
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Dear friends,

In today's gospel we see another miracle like the one we had last weekend. Jesus cures a leper. A leper approached Jesus, knelt down and asked him to make him clean. Jesus was moved with pity and made him clean. Then he asked the man not to tell anyone but to go and show himself to the priest and make an offering as proof as Moses prescribed. He went away and began to tell everyone about his healing. Here Jesus does the unthinkable for a Rabbi. He interacts with the leper and stretches out his hand and touches him. His actions show his compassion and love for the leper. He heals the leper so he may be reinstated into the community as a child of God.

What Jesus seeks in us are not our mistakes, failures or sins but our contrition and desire to be healed and to become God's children. So to become as God's children we have to be like the leper in the gospel and seek Jesus with an expectant faith. We have to take the initiative and ask him to heal our hearts from bitterness, our minds from revenge, our lips from lies, our hands from hurting and our lives from selfishness. Let us ask like the leper in the gospel, Lord "If you wish, Lord, you can make me clean". We also ask him to give his power and grace to live a life that proof of our inner healing. -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:** Timboon at 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St Claude de la Colombiere

Tues– St Jeremy

Wed – Ash Wednesday

Thurs – Bl Fra Angelico

Fri – St Belina

Sat – Ss Jacinta & Francisco Marto

### 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 .

### Recent Death:

#### Anniversaries:

We pray for those who has died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Baird, Rita Marshall, Lawrence O'Neil, Patricia Gray, John Hatley, John Vogels, Charles Kelly and David Halloran.

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.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, Year – B, 14/02/2021

**A sad news:** I would like to express a sad news about my sister Christabel Anoja Xavier (54, I Jaffna, Sri Lanka) who passed away last week. Please pray for the repose of her soul. May the good Lord welcome her into His everlasting kingdom of peace and eternal happiness.

**Ash Wednesday Masses cancelled – see below**

**While there will be no Masses this Sunday, a live stream is planned for 11:00 a.m. from Camperdown on YouTube: see *St Patricks Camperdown channel*.**

**Last Weekend's Collection:** I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish: \$310.00 and Presbytery: \$480.05. God bless you and keep you all in His care.

**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.**

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen on the news today, in response to recent coronavirus infections, the Victorian government has introduced a 5-day lockdown for the whole state. This will come into effect at midnight tonight, Friday, February 12, and continue until midnight on Wednesday, February 17.

During these days, no public gatherings are permitted. This includes gatherings for religious ceremonies. Under the "Ceremonies and religious gatherings" heading, the government's summary says: "No in-person gatherings permitted. Broadcast permitted." **The major gatherings affected will be the Sunday Masses that would have been celebrated this weekend and the Ash Wednesday services that would have been celebrated next Wednesday.**

In relation to funerals, the government summary indicates that funerals (either indoor or outdoor) may involve no more than 10 people, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral.

For the coming five days, we will not be able to gather in our churches for Masses or other ceremonies.

However, we will still be able to pray at home and there are resources available to help us in this.

I note in particular the page on our diocesan website that provides a list of links to Masses online and links to Scripture and prayer resources. There are also links to sites with ideas for family activities during lockdown.

The page on our diocesan website is <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churches-information-and-advice-2/>

#### [Coronavirus — information and advice – Diocese of Ballarat](#)

We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea. Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, reaching out in joyful and humble service, caring for all of God's creation, growing in love day by day and looking forward to life with God forever.

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People occasionally take time out for a "retreat", some days of quiet and reflection and prayer. With the requirement to generally stay at home, the coming days will be something of a five-day retreat for everyone in Victoria. While it will involve restrictions, I hope it can be a fruitful time with some extra moments of quiet and reflection and prayer. In this sense, we might count these days as an early start to Lent.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

**Our Diocesan Community:** The Ballarat Diocesan print publication "Our Diocesan Community" (ODC), jointly sponsored by the Diocese and Catholic Education Ballarat, will again be published three times during 2021. Attached is the timeline of publication. The aim of "Our Diocesan Community" is to share the good news of the many initiatives taking place in our parishes, schools and agencies around the diocese. ODC is distributed to all parishes, all staff and families of primary schools and all staff members of secondary schools of the diocese. Contributors to ODC are the people of the diocesan community. The only way we all will hear of the good things happening in the various communities is if they are written and contributed from the local level. It is helpful if we have an ODC contact person in each parish / school / agency to assist with the

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gathering of news and distribution of the magazine. If you are able to provide a contact person please email their contact details to [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**We now invite your contribution to the first issue for 2021.** The focus for this year will be the Plenary Council / Year of St Joseph. We are hoping to gather stories and examples of new initiatives and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school communities and agencies. We hope to have this first issue of “Our Diocesan Community” delivered in the week beginning March 22 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, February 12. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au). A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications.

#### **Our Diocesan Community Distribution Numbers**

Please advise the Pastoral Ministry Office if you need to change the number of ODC copies your parish receives, [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

#### **Parent Sacrament Meeting**

The Parent Sacrament Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th 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.

#### **To Lismore Residents, from The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

The Camperdown Conference visits in Lismore and would like to recruit two Associates. Please introduce yourselves to Regional President Andrew, at Lismore, Sunday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

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

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ

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

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

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14-Feb-2021 6th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	M McKenzie	G Kelson	J Blair J Dwyer P Dwyer
9 a.m.: Lismore	A Bell	A Bell		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Saunders	Mahony Family	C Conheady S Grinter H Seuren
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: C & J Conheady		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary		Altar Derrinallum: D Halloran		

21-Feb-2021 1st Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	B Hammond	J Dwyer	J Blair A Horan G Kelson
9 a.m. Lismore AWC	A Mahony	A Mahony		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	J Seuren	Conheady Family	M Macaulay P Kingston S Robertson
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		

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