



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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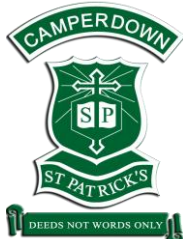
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Dear Friends;

The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus points to the reality of the cross. Jesus summarizes his preaching, his ministry and his whole life. Jesus accepts the will of God wholeheartedly, carries and dies on the cross for the salvation of the whole of humanity. Through his sacrifice on the cross, he shows to us how much he loves us. When lifted up on the cross, he recalls how the people of Israel grumbled against God and Moses in the desert and many of them were bitten by snakes to death. God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole, so that anyone who had been bitten could look at it and recover.

Here Jesus is referring to the Old Testament incident to convey his message of salvation. Exalted to glory at his cross and resurrection, he promises healing for all. He is confident that he would draw all people to himself. Hence, we are invited to share in Jesus' glory, but first we must partake in his agony. We are called to be a people of God and faith. So we must then believe and accept Jesus as our messiah and saviour. Our call is to follow Jesus and carry our cross in our witnessing life. If we stand firm against the hardships, challenges and suffering that may come in our witnessing life, then our journey leads to share the resurrection and eternal life with Jesus.
-Neville



Weekend Mass Times (N/A)

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(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.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Jer 31:31 - 34, Heb 5:7 - 9,

Jn 12: 20-33

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St Clement Hofbauer

Tues– St Juian of Antioch

Wed – St Patrick Bishop

Thurs – St Cyril of Jerusalem

Fri – St Joseph Spouse of Virgin Mary

Sat – St Cuthbert

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, and Mary Ryan.

Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who has died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Audrey Fry, Robert Howard, Ray Murrhly, Zack Bond, Harold Lamb, Elizabeth Thornton, Brendan Hoffman, Jessie Westaway, and Kathleen James.

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 (1st 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.

4th Sunday of Lent, Year – B, 14/03/2021

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.

Lent Resources

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

Last Weekend's Collection: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish: \$349.00 and Presbytery: \$511.40. God bless you and keep you all safe in His care.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

The latest updates regarding COVIDSafe practices are available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Mass of the Oils: Monday March 29, 2021

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 29. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2021, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. We will also acknowledge the 2020 and 2021 clergy jubilarians and commission Plenary Council delegates from our Diocese, Marie Shaddock and Felicity Knobel.

COVID-19 restrictions allow a maximum of 300 people in the Cathedral (this number includes clergy).

Therefore to assist the diocese in observing this limit, parishes are asked to nominate up to five representatives to attend from each parish - please submit these names to Julie Boyd. Parish representatives will need to check in on arrival at Mass. If numbers allow, parishes may be invited to nominate more people to attend. Unfortunately only those who are registered will be able to attend Mass to ensure we do not exceed the 300 person limit. There will be no hospitality following the Mass this year. For more information please contact Julie Boyd, email Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

A Little Bit of Lent

Each Friday during Lent there is an opportunity to join in an online reflection on an aspect of the Lenten journey and offering a time to pray, reflect and respond to a reading of the week and to consider the meaning of Lent in our daily lives. These reflections will take just 15 mins and begin at 8.15 am.

A little time to pray...A little time to reflect...A little time to respond... If you are interested in taking part in any or all of, A little bit of Lent, is you can join us online here.

The online gatherings are open to all members of our community and will continue for five weeks, ending the Friday, 26 March.



Reconciliation for Lent: will be combined with the weekend masses as follows: 14th Sunday 9 am Lismore, the (20th & 21st) next weekend, Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday 9am Timboon and 11am Camperdown.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament on last Thursday at St Patrick's Church Camperdown. We assure you of our prayers and support in your faith journey. Alexis Barake, Halle Barake, Millie Bourke, Theo Cheeseman, Matthew Cridland, Isabelle Gordon, Jayden Kleinhenz, Lucy Kleinhenz, Max Lucas, Abby Mullholland, Liam Pascoe Wally Rees, Brodie Burkett and Tommy Fox.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 (Year A)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Response is The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 (Year B)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) John 3:16 (Year B)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21 (Year B)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light.

What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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14-March-2021 4th Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	P Dwyer	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	K Deppeler	K Deppeler		A Coutts
11am: Camperdown	St Pat's	St. Pat's	N/A	St. Pat's
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy		
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg		Altar Derrinallum: No flowers		

21-March-2021 5th Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	A Horan	N/A	G Gleeson
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	L Johnstone	L Johnstone		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	P Kingston	N/A	R Henry
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy		
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady		Altar Derrinallum: No flowers		

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