



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends; As we approach Holy week where we mainly focus on the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross, the gospel reading is preparing us that theme. Here Jesus gives a new direction; he presents a pattern of life that his disciples have to live. It is a life of self-giving or total sacrifice. Through this self-sacrificing life we gain the fulfilment of our journey of life. Here the focus is on the giving rather than the receiving, serving rather than being served. He articulates his point with an example: the seed must fall to the ground and die. It must take in water, sun, and nutrients in the soil. And it must depend on the care of the planter. Only with these conditions can the seed live, grow and bear fruit. This is also what it means to empty oneself, to suffer and to sacrifice. We must be totally dependent on the care and guidance of the planter Jesus. Only then can we grow in faith and bear much fruits of good works.

This is what we have done in our baptism. Our baptism is our dying to self and our rising to a new life in Jesus. Let us ask ourselves: How do we experience dying to self as to produce much fruits? We can serve God and our neighbour if we bury our selfish ambitions in our witnessing life. Hence, we can be true workers for God if we reject the worldly whims and all that is contrary to the teaching of the gospel. So let us realize our baptismal call to serve God and his people in our sacrificing life. -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: Lismore at 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Is 50:4 – 7, Phi2 :6 – 11,

Mk 14:1 – 15: 47.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St Lea

Tues– Ss Turibius & Rafqa

Wed – Ss Oscar Romero & Catherine

Thurs – the Annunciation of the Lord

Fri – St Margaret Clitherow

Sat – St Rupert

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 **Kevin Bradshaw** who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Olive Bant, Patrick Maloney,
Michael Murray, Alice O'Brien,
Neil Benallack, Sue Henderson,
Ingrid Baxter, Peter McKenzie.

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.

5th Sunday of Lent, Year – B, 21/03/2021

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

This year also we are going to continue to register the attendees' 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/>

Lay Led Assembly Resources

Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Easter Triduum and Easter Season 2021 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material has also been loaded onto the diocesan website members' area.

Message from Mercy Regional College:

Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the 'Year of St Joseph' - With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), the Holy Father recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Mercy has the privilege of an important part of our history being linked in name to St Joseph. Our O'Keeffe campus in Noorat was originally St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, having been established in 1924 as an offshoot of St Thomas' Terang with two Sisters of Mercy from St Thomas' travelling to Noorat each day to conduct school there. The local Catholic church St Joseph's was built in 1919 and whilst the church ceased operation in the early 2000's, it can still be found on Glenormiston Rd and is a private residence.

Whilst reflecting on the history of MRC's O'Keeffe campus, I share with you the timely return of the statue of St Patrick to our O'Keeffe Chapel. This statue was originally donated to the former St Joseph's Catholic Church in Noorat in 1919 in memory of the late Patrick Scally who died in 1911. The statue was then moved to the O'Keeffe Campus when the Church was sold in 2003 and later, it was moved to St Patrick's Primary School in Camperdown. I would like to thank the Scally family for the generous donation of the statue of St Patrick to the O'Keeffe Campus of Mercy Regional College at Noorat.

We are most grateful to have been given a gift of a copy of the booklet commemorating the St. Joseph's School Noorat Golden Jubilee 1924 - 1974. The booklet tells the story of a "close knit community formed around St Joseph's Church and St Joseph's School, Noorat". I have enjoyed reading it this weekend and smile fondly at the still familiar surnames listed in the Roll Call of 1924. We look forward to celebrating St Joseph this year.

Ms Sharon Gillett

PRINCIPAL, MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE

Last Weekend's Collection: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish:\$844.00 and Presbytery:\$696.35. 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.

Lenten Resources - Week 5

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 Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for week 5 is, "How do we discern what God is asking?" 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/>

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... meet.google.com/czn-izyy-qes

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

The online gatherings are open to all members of our community and will end Friday, 26 March.

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

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. Robert Falzon reflects on how St Joseph may have responded to his astonishing call to be the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. What does it mean for fathers and husbands in today's world? <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Mass of the Oils: Monday March 29, 2021

Oils: Please return your orders for oils to Julie Boyd by next Monday, March 22. Oils will be bottled next week. **Mass registration:** Please advise names of those attending the Mass of the Oils from your parish. As some parishes have no representatives attending, there will be room for more people to attend – up to 10 per parish. Please send names to Julie Boyd julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading: Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

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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