



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends; In the gospel, we see that the risen Jesus appears to His disciples and they believe Him, but Thomas doubts. He wants to be sure and demands proof. Thomas missed the first appearance of the risen Jesus because he wanted to be alone and separated from the community of the apostles. The same thing would happen to us when we withdraw from our faith community, hence we miss great relationships and opportunities of meeting Jesus. Here we have to admire Thomas' honesty. He is not playing with words just to impress us and win his sympathy. He wants to be certain and speaks his mind. He is truthful. Jesus respects his honesty and genuineness; he grants his request. Then he surrenders himself to Jesus totally, expressing his profound belief in a remarkable way: 'My Lord and my God'. Jesus knows our human limitations; we first have to accept them and genuinely seek help from God like Thomas. Jesus offers His peace to us, His gift of faith and the restoration of the relationship between God and us. Through our personalities or human nature we may have avoided our Sunday gathering and community worship, hence have lost the relationship with God. Let us now genuinely and truthfully surrender ourselves to God like Thomas and confess: My Lord and my God. Then He will offer His peace and the gift of faith that we need for our witnessing 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: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.30 pm.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Acts 3:13 – 15,17-19; 1 Jn2:1 – 5,
Lk 24: 35 – 48.

Divine Mercy 3 O'Clock Prayer.

You expired Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and ocean of Mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of life, unfathomable Divine Mercy for us. Envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us. I trust in you.

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 died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Damian Burke, Michael Dwyer, Una Hately, John Kavenagh, Marjorie Gordon, Ian McKenzie, Francis Sergeant, Frank Fahey.

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year – B, 11/04/2021

Dear Parishioners,

From all of us here at St. Patrick's Parish and our staff, we pray for you and your families and loved ones, to have the blessing of Easter over the coming year.

With heartfelt gratitude, I would like to thank the volunteers, who helped us with their time and talents to go through the Easter ceremonies in a reflective and meaningful way: the musicians, the readers, the communion ministers and the decorators, for their dedicated and loving service to our parish. We are indeed blessed with such selfless and loving followers of Christ.

Easter brings so many promises of God and hope to us. I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude.

May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families in the days to come. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones throughout this year.

Welcome and Congratulations: we welcome into our St Patrick's Parish community Stella Georgia daughter of Pru and Aaron Sinnott, Livinia Jayne and Emerald Rose children of Tahlia and Luke Sinnott through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Cobden CWL's Final Meeting: is on Wednesday 21st April, after the Mass at 10.30 am and is followed by a shared lunch. All welcome. RSVP Helen Watts 5595 2210 or Kate Daffy 5595 1020. Thank you. We parishioners of St Patrick's Church Community appreciate their service over many years in the local community and wish to express our gratitude for them on their selfless service to the community. May the Lord continue to bless them and keep them in His care over the coming years.

Project Compassion 2021: This year Project Compassion collection was \$548.95. Thank you very much for your ongoing support in promoting Caritas Australia's annual appeal. **The Good Friday – (The Holy Land Collection)** collection was \$178.35. Once again thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

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.

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.

Last Weekend's Collection: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish: \$747.35 and Presbytery: \$706.25. 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.

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>

- **Daily Prayers to St Joseph:** The ACBC have provided daily prayers and a shorter Litany to St Joseph available from <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

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

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for April:

April universal intention for evangelisation – Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

11-April-2021 Divine Mercy	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	A Horan	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	K Bell		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Smart	N/A	G Lucas
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: J & J Molan		Altar Cobden: Ann Scott		
Marian Statue: H & J Seuren		Altar Derrinallum: S McLeod		

18-April-2021 3rd Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	G Kelson	N/A	J Dwyer
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	A Mahony	S Bialek		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	M Macaulay	N/A	R Henry
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Ann Scott		
Marian Statue: E Boyd		Altar Derrinallum: K Bell		

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