



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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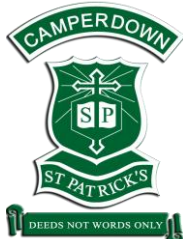
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Dear Friends;

The gospel reading is inviting us to have a deep union with God, to bear much fruits for His kingdom. Here, Jesus compares our relationship with him to a vine and its branches. He is the centre of our foundation. Cutting and separating ourselves from him will cause us to wither fruitless and die. Away from Jesus, we are useless and helpless; we cannot bear fruit. Jesus is our nourishment and our very life. We are called to remain in Jesus to live with him and to be in communion with him. United to Jesus means we are to be pruned so that we may be fruitful. What is useless and unnecessary in us is cut off. We let go of the excess baggage in our life.

The pruning is our self-purification so that we can be healthy and fruitful for the Lord. We become fruitless branches when we no longer listen to Jesus. We refuse to accept him; we go against his will and rebel against his ways because we are unwilling to forego the comforts and conveniences of our life. We do not bear fruit when we listen but do not follow his teachings. We pay lip service but do not practice. So let us examine and reflect on ourselves to find out the areas that we need more attention. Hence let us ask the Lord to prune and cut off whatever is unnecessary in our life. Through this self-purification we may be able to bear fruit for the Lord and to work for his kingdom in our day-to-day life. -Neville



### Weekend Mass Times (N/A)

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson

9am 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

### Next Weekend Masses

**Sat: Cobden** 6.30 pm

**Sun: Lismore** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

### Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Acts 10: 25-26;34-35, 44-48,

1Jn 4: 7 – 10, Jn 15: 9 – 17.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Ss Philip & James Apostles

Tues- St Peregrine

Wed- St Angelo of Jerusalem

Thurs- St Dominic Savio

Fri- St Augustine Roscelli

Sat-St Boniface iv Pope

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McLaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Mary Crowe, Mary Ryan, Bernd Menz, and Teresa Gittany

### Death & Anniversaries: We pray for

those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia Baird, Marie Moran, James Burton, Skye Bowman, Vincent Arundell, Marie Davis, Peter Noonan, Tom Gleeson.

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 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection). Thank you

### **A Prayer for the Year of SAINT JOSEPH**

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy ad courage. Amen**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year – B, 02/05/2021

**Welcome and Congratulations:** We welcome into our St. Patrick's Parish Community Alexander Peter Lee son of Ekaterina and Daniel Lee, and also Etti Grace, Ruby Alice, Peggy Clare and Jim Thomas children of Alice Corneby and Patrick Glennen through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**Parish Rosters for this current year** are available in the foyer. Please collect after Mass. If unavailable on your turn please arrange for someone else to take your place. Thank 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: \$290.00 and Presbytery: \$508.05. God bless you and keep you all safe in His care.

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

There are changes to Victoria's COVIDSafe settings from 11.59pm on Friday, April 9, 2021. <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony>.

**Faith in the Future - Pastor & Principal forum**

A Diocesan meeting for principals, parish priests and governing authority representatives facilitated by Fr David Ranson, will be held on May 13-14, 2021 at the Mercure Ballarat. Please note that this is a two day event. Registrations are essential and close on Friday, May 7, 2021 at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/faith-in-the-future-pastor-principal-forum-tickets-149979020287>

**Catholics in Australia encouraged to receive COVID-19 vaccine**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released a media statement and FAQs and guidance on COVID-19 vaccinations. Both documents are attached and are also available from the diocesan website. A bulletin notice regarding this is included below.

**Mass Counts begin this weekend!**

As previously advised, the 2021 National Mass Count will take place over the first four weekends in May (**starting 1 May 2021**). Please see the Instructions for Parishes below. There are two options attached for recording the counts, in the Excel form or on the pdf version of the form. **Please do not alter the Excel form in any way.**

You are required to record the relevant information and return to [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au) at the diocesan office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. We will then record the information online with the National Centre for Pastoral Research.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARISHES – COMPLETING THE PAPER FORMS**

1. Before the first weekend of May please make sufficient copies of the Mass Count 2021 Form for all the Parish's Mass Centres in time for the **FIRST** four weekends of May.
2. Were there any counts that are very different to usual attendances please also note the usual number and the reason why it is not a 'usual' Mass or Assembly.
3. For masses that are streamed you are asked to indicate this and to provide the number of views.
4. On the third weekend only you are also required to collect gender information about your Mass attendees.
5. On the fourth weekend only you are also required to collect the age demographic of Mass attendees. This may be easier for some parishes than others. A suggestion is to simply ask each age group to stand up and count them.
6. After all four weeks' data is collected, please return the spreadsheet/form by email to the address on the bottom of the form (make sure you keep a copy as well).

Should you require assistance please contact Fran Peterkin by email: [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7154.

**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

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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>

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

02-May-2021 5th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	B Hammond	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	S Bialek	K Deppeler		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	S Grinter	N/A	T O'Leary
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: C & J Conheady		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Helen Watts		
Marian Statue: J Larkins		Altar Derrinallum: D Wynd		

09-May-2021 6th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer	N/A	A Horan
9 a.m. Lismore	K Deppeler	S McLeod		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	M Saunders	N/A	S Grinter
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: R Henry A Cunningham		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Helen Watts		
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey		Altar Derrinallum: H Noone		

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