



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends, This weekend's gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's gospel. We saw a display of a new way of life or a lifestyle to attain the kingdom of God. Today's gospel is setting out some guidelines for us to follow in our faith journey. These guidelines make our life different as children of God. It is through our kindness and love we are invited to reflect the love and mercy of God. That is to treat others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Here, God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. On the other hand, it is easier to show kindness and mercy when we expect to get some benefits from doing so. But, how much harder when we expect to get nothing in return. Jesus goes further and asks us to pray for those who do us evil and harm. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or evil? Hence, with God's grace, all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, and griefs. Such love and grace have the power to heal and to save from all evil. It also gives us the courage to return evil with good things. So let us ask the Lord to inflame our hearts with his love to live according to the values of the gospel. -Neville.



Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St Peter Damian
- Tues- The Chair of St Peter
- Wed- St Polycarp of Smyrna
- Thu- St Montanus
- Fri- St Tarasius
- Sat- St Victor

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:
Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler,
Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin
McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey,
Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa
Gittany and Terry Beaton.

Recent Deaths: Val Eileen Lee

Rev. Sr. Anne Forbes

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John O'Leary, Geoff Daffy,
Monica McDonald, Kevin
Delaney, Ellen Pekin (Nell), Ellen
& Kevin Hinkley, Kevin Suhan.

Weekend Mass Times
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 9.00 am
Camperdown 11.00 am.
Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B
 Sirach 27: 4 – 7; 1Cor 15: 54 – 58; Lk 6: 39 – 45.

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. Thank you.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

Diocesan priests Annual Retreat: Please keep the Priests of our Diocese in your prayers as they attend their Annual Retreat this coming week. There will be no Weekday Masses during this week. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer: This year World Day of Prayer will be held at the Uniting Church, Cobden on 4th March 10:00 a.m. All Welcome.

Thank You: The Society of St Vincent de Paul, of Cobden would like to thank you all for your generous contributions to our Christmas Appeal.

This Year's Sacramental Programme: St. Patrick's School are now collecting enrolments for this year's Sacramental Program. Enrolments and payment of \$25 is due by Friday 11th of February. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact the school on 03-55931962. The Sacramental dates for 2022 are;
Reconciliation (grade 2) on Thursday 10th of March at 6pm.
Confirmation (grade 3) on Friday 29th of April.

First Holy Eucharist (grade 4) on Saturday 16th of July in Cobden or on Sunday 17th of July in Camperdown.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>. Updates are also available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$284.00 & Presbytery \$529.00 God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Project Compassion 2022

February 26-27, 2022 is Project Compassion Sunday - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Get your Project Compassion 2022 activities off to a good start, ensuring your whole parish is engaged with this year's theme, "For All Future Generations." Many parishes find it is a great help having a parishioner/s, parish social justice team or youth group working with them as their 'Caritas Parish Representative/s'. This person or team could create Project Compassion displays, distribute materials, photocopy, and staple, organise the use of films and prayer reflections and arrange other appropriate ways to maintain Project Compassion's message during Lent. To help you find a Caritas Parish Representative, the PC22 includes advertisement bulletin notices and a parish flyer, as well as a guide for new Parish Representatives website

<https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/projectcompassion/?audience=Parish&resourceTopics=Project+Compassion+2022includes>. Your Diocesan Director, Jillian Hogbin, is also happy to assist your community, please email caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Usual day of work is a Tuesday.

Synod of Bishops: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023.

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 2022. 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, and families and staff of primary and 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 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

We now invite your contribution to the first issue for 2022. The focus for this year will be "For a Synodal Church", the Plenary Council and the International Year of Glass. 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 April 4 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, February 25. 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

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document). Material can be sent to 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See: Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear. Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness

20-February-2022 7th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	M McKenzie	N/A	
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	L Johnstone	S McLeod		
11am: Camperdown	P Conheady	M Smart	N/A	
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: R Henry		Altar Derrinallum:		

27-February-2022 8th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer	N/A	G Gleeson
9 a.m. Derrinallum	A Bell	A Mahony		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	R Johnstone	P Conheady	N/A	M Russell
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: M Russell (G) A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: S Darcy		Altar Derrinallum:		

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