



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

The gospel for the second Sunday of Lent is about the transfiguration of Jesus. God uses this appearance of Jesus' glorification to prepare and strengthen the disciples for the embrace of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. During the passion, the disciples will see Jesus battered, weak and helpless, looking like a sheep in front of a shearer. So God assures and convinces them through the incident of the transfiguration - This is my beloved Son, and shows Jesus in His glory. Despite this, however, the chosen three disciples will fail the test and they wanted to stay in that moment of glorification without going into their own purification and challenges in their life. They wanted the easy way to achieve the glory of God. They even said that it was good for them to be there along with Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

In the same manner, during this season of Lent, the church wants to strengthen us for the coming days of struggle. The idea is somewhat like strengthening and motivating them when they saw the contestants in their faith journey and what prize waits for them if they win in their faith race. To join with God's glory is our destiny, glory like that of Jesus. And it will be ours if, as God commands, we listen to His beloved son. So let us ask God to strengthen us like the disciples in our struggles and challenges that we may face in following the teaching of Jesus in our witnessing life. -Neville.



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: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6;

10 - 12. Lk 13: 1 - 9.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Matilda

Tues- St Clement Hofbauer

Wed- St Julian of Antioch

Thu- St Patrick, Bishop

Fri- St Cyril of Jerusalem

Sat- St Joseph Spouse of Mary

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa Gittany and Terry Beaton and Diane Daffy.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Raymond Horan, Ramon Murrhny, Elizabeth Thornton, Jessie Westaway, Sheila Power, Zac Bond, Brendan Hoffman.

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.

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Sr. Brigid Visit to Colac Sr. Brigid Arthur, a Brigidine Sister who has been a powerful Advocate for Refugees and Asylum Seekers will visit Colac on 16th March. She will speak at 5.30pm, St Mary's Gathering Space. Further Details: St Mary's Parish: 5231 2177 or Fr Michael O'Toole: 0429 393 512.

A Prayer for Ukraine, Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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 \$235.00 & Presbytery \$408.60. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.



Project Compassion – Second Sunday of Lent

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au

Professional Standards documents for parish webpages

Please find attached three documents for upload to your parish webpage. These documents have already been added to the media section of the diocesan website so you just need to search for the file names to upload to individual parish pages. Please include them with your current Professional Standards documents:

- “Feel Safe and Be Safe in our Church” poster;
- “Rights and Responsibilities” poster;
- If you see something that concerns you, say something” poster.

If you require assistance, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) – Easter Cards

Easter cards are being sold at the bulk price of \$10 for 1 packet of 12 cards. Price is inclusive of GST. The recommended retail price is \$15, so a parish is also able to raise funds for its own needs. There are 15 packets of cards to a box and any quantity of boxes can be ordered. Postage will be added to the invoice. Orders will be filled as they are received and the cut-off date for parish orders has been extended to March 20. If you have already purchased a box for your parish and they have quickly sold you can re-order another box. Orders can be placed via phone 1800 101 201 or email orders@aidtochurch.org.

Lent Resources

- Jim Waight, Catholic Education Ballarat Education Officer - Formation for Mission, has developed a resource for our diocesan schools to use during staff prayer time during Lent. Jim has kindly offered this resource for use in diocesan parishes. The resource has voice over and could be stand alone with very little input regarding facilitation. The music and images are free of any copyright issue. Parishes can adapt as needed. A copy of the weekly PowerPoints can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>
- Evangelisation Brisbane have provided two free resources to help the children in your parish or community enter into the season of Lent. These include a Family Lenten Calendar filled with lots of ways they can pray, fast and give alms in ways that are suited to kids. The second is an activity that invites them to Grow a Seed for Lent and tend it throughout the season as a daily reminder that God is helping them to grow also. Both are available via the online shop at www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

13-March-2022 2nd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	K Daffy	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	G Keating		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Macaulay	N/A	M Russell
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: No flowers/KD		
Marian Statue: M Spokes		Altar Derrinallum:		

20-March-2022 3rd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	P Dwyer	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	A Mahony	A Bell		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	Pat's School	SPC School	St. Pat's School	St. Pat's School
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: No flowers/KD		
Marian Statue: M McKenzie		Altar Derrinallum:		

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