



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus gives us a new commandment and explains that, 'As I have loved you, so you also should love one another'. Such love is the mark by which people will know that they are the disciples of Christ. Christians are not distinguished from other people by their clothing, colour, education, attainment of wealth or power, but by their Christ-like love for one another.

Let us remember that the Christ-like love is a love that we should show or practise with the spirit of Jesus. It may be called unconditional love, which is motivated by the loveliness of the other. It is the love for even the unlovable, including the poor and one's enemies.

Because this love is unconditional and is a participation in the love of our heavenly Father for Jesus, and for Jesus we have to love our brothers and sisters. That is, we have to embrace and exclude no one just as Jesus loved everyone and sacrificed himself for the salvation of the world.

In following Jesus, we are committing ourselves and willing to pay the cost of loving, even if it means suffering and death like Jesus. Jesus says: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". In our celebration let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus so that we may be able to love everyone unconditionally like Jesus in our day-to-day 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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings:

Acts 15: 1-2, 22 – 29, Rev 22: 12 – 14, 16-17,20; Jn 17: 20 – 26.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Simon Stock

Tues- Ss Pascal & Giulia

Wed- St John I Pope & Martyr

Thu- St Celestine

Fri- St Bernadino of Siena

Sat- Ss Eugene & Christopher

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 Coral Beard.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Petronella Twynstra, Anna Seuren, Margaret Molan, Richard Hinchliffe, Edna Kelly and Mavis Reed.

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.

5th Sunday of Easter, Year C. 15/05/2022

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$310.00 & Presbytery \$724.25. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Lay Led Assembly Resources: Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Easter Triduum and Season of Easter Year C 2022 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

Mass Counts have begun!

If you didn't record your mass counts for the weekend just gone, you need to think about how many people attended and record it NOW!

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting should have started last weekend (7-8 May) and continue each weekend until the end of May. Mass Count Forms are attached. You can use either the PDF or Excel Sheet to record your Mass counts. Also attached to this email is a "Counter's Form." This form can be used to assist the counter's recording the numbers at each Mass or Assembly.

- Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends.
- Please complete all columns, including what the 'usual' count would be.
- If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (eg. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc)

After the four weekends are complete you will be required to submit your completed Mass Count Forms to the Diocese by Friday 10 June, 2022.

If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant: Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission with responsibility for the Dioceses of Ballarat and Sandhurst (West Victoria)

For a position description and short video on what it is like to work at Catholic Mission, go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>. If you are interested, please submit a cover letter of 1 page and a resume no longer than 3 pages to employment@catholicmission.org.au

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2, 2022

Planning for the second issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2022 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2022 themes of "For a Synodal Church", the Plenary Council and the International Year of Glass. We are hoping to gather stories 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 community and agency. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning June 20. 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 document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. *Jane & Julie for the ODC Editorial Committee*

National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022: CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

National Volunteers Week: May 16-22, 2022

National Volunteers Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 16-22, 2022 NVW is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for NVW 2022 is Better Together. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, Better Together. The Volunteering Australia Volunteer website has National Volunteer Week resources, certificates of appreciation, volunteer thank you gifts and merchandise available <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/nvw-resources-2/>

Prayer for Volunteers: We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

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

Volunteer Welcome Packs: Volunteer Welcome Packs for parishes are available to collect from the Catholic Development Fund Office. The Volunteer Welcome Pack is designed to meet the requirements of Standard 7 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which states that “personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training”. The Pack is designed to be part of the volunteer induction process and should be provided to all volunteers, new and existing. An information letter is available in the church foyer.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria online event – May 25

Sherry Balcombe, Manager of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, will be guest speaker via zoom on May 25, 2022 at 7.00pm. Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world and will lead people to consider several key questions. This event is hosted by the Justice Action Group of St Mary of the Cross, Mordiallic & Aspendale during National Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3). To register go to <https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF>

Fertility Awareness - a Holistic Medical Approach live webinar

Join us for an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™ Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of AIRRM (Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine), at **7:30pm (AEST) on Thursday, 19th May 2022.**

The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method® and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility.

Places are limited for this free webinar, so please register early to secure your spot.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fertility-awareness-a-holistic-medical-approach-live-webinar-tickets-336841932287>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, “It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.” And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

The is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) Alleluia!

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-5*

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven

from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

The is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes. We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

15-May-2022 5th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	M McKenzie	J Dwyer	P Dwyer A Horan
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	S McLeod		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	St. Pat's School	St. Pat's	St. Pat's	St. Pat's School
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: C Wilson				

22-May-2022 6th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond	Noy Family	J Blair J Hammond
9 a.m. Lismore	S McLeod	A Mahony		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	R Henry	D Russell	P Conheady J Saunders
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: J Fry				

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