



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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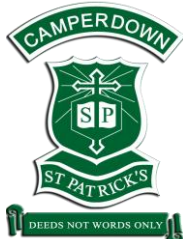
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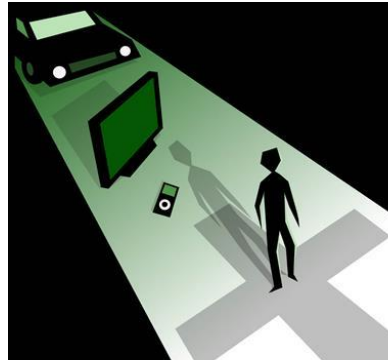
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Dear friends, In today's gospel we see Jesus spell out the specific norm for his discipleship. By this he tells the people, in a frightening way, that they must prefer him to anyone dear to them – father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even to their own selves if they want to be his disciples. Jesus demands supreme priority in our hearts. He can require this, because he is not only a human or Messiah but in fact the Son of God, true God.

He willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to his Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from the slavery of sin and everything that would keep us from his love, and goodness. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory over sin and death and enter into His glory. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. If we want to share in his glory and victory, then we, too, must 'count the cost' and say 'yes' to his call to "take up our cross and follow him" as our Lord and Saviour. Jesus challenges us to examine who and what we love first and foremost, like his disciples. The choice is ours - who will we serve and follow - the path and destiny the Lord offers us. So we may ask: What is the 'way of the cross' for us? The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down our lives each and every day for Jesus' sake. During this coming week let us reflect on these questions and examine our way of life. Do we give Christ the number one priority and unequalled place in our hearts? Is there something or someone in our lives that competes for first place against Christ? Neville.



### **Saints and Feasts:**

- Mon- St Teresa of Calcutta
- Tues- St Donatian
- Wed- St Regina
- Thu- The Nativity the blessed Virgin Mary
- Fri- St Peter Claver
- Sat- St Finian

### **Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz and Peter Karlsen.

### **Recent Death:** Margaret Lowe

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ellen Dolan, Marjorie Burnett, Joan Hendry, Petronella Van de Wouw, Neville Vagg, Edith Potter, Otto Gramms, Benjamin Clark, Con Goonan, Gavin deBeen

**Weekend Mass Times**  
**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:**

Ex 32:7-11, 13 – 14; Tim 1:12 – 17. Lk 15: 1 – 32.

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.

## **Happy Father's Day**

You always worked so hard to provide for us.  
You always made the time for us.  
You have always encouraged and supported us.  
And you are the best DAD to us! Best Wishes

### **Welcome and congratulations:**

We welcome Oliver and Bowie children of Shannon Sullivan & Benjamin Hinkley into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!!

**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.

### **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – TODAY**

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Collectors, please take this Annual Retired Clergy Support Fund Collection after the Communion this weekend. Thank you

### **Prayer for Father's Day**

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the god of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen,

Taken from <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/a-fathers-day-prayer-2/67183>

### **Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$302.00 & Presbytery \$457.10. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

### **Resources for Safeguarding Sunday – September 11, 2022:**

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. Resources for this day are available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-sunday> and build off the theme for National Child Protection Week 2022 -- Safe and Supported:

**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 – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). **Pope's intention: For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**Lay Led Assembly Resources:** Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Sundays 23-33 (including Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe) Year C 2022 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

**Apostolic Letter "Desiderio Desideravi" of the Holy Father Francis:** The Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, to consecrated men and women and to the lay faithful on the liturgical formation of the People of God, is available to download from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/apostolic-letter-desiderio-desideravi-of-the-holy-father-francis/>

**Synod on Synodality:** The Australian National Synthesis for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, colloquially known as the Synod on Synodality, has been published. The Australian

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synthesis draws from the local diocesan consultations that took place between October 2021 and March 2022, after which diocesan reports were prepared. Countries around the world are producing national syntheses that will assist the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in its ongoing work to prepare the international gathering in Rome in October 2023. More information available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/australian-synthesis-for-global-synod-of-bishops-published/>

### **National Online Conference for Evangelisation: October 20-22, 2022**

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from October 20-22, 2022. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at [www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au](http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au).

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Wis 9:13-18

### ***A reading from the book of Wisdom***

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand Years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Phlm 9-10, 12-17

### ***A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon***

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a

slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 14:25-33

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave *preference* to his mission, even as a precocious 12-year-old in the Temple. In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities. Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct. We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

04-September-2022 23rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	Hammond Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	S McLeod	G Keating		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	R Henry	Henry Family	M Macaulay
Counting Team: Smart Family		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: P Burke		Altar Cobden: J Dwyer H Hickey		
Marian Statue: L Timms				

11-September-2022 24th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy	G Kelson	
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	S McLeod		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	M Smart	C McCarthy	O'Leary Family	P Kingston
Counting Team: Smart Family		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: J Dwyer H Hickey		
Marian Statue: M Macaulay				

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