



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends, In line of today's gospel, we might be wondering, what is the good life, and the ultimate end or purpose of life? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The word beatitude literally means "happiness" or "blessedness". What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom or entering into the joy of the Lord. Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the material goods he puts at our disposal.

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and evil behaviour leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. So let us pray to the Lord to give his wisdom and grace to witness Jesus according to the teaching of the gospel and enter everlasting peace and happiness. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:
 Mon- St Martina
 Tues- St John Bosco
 Wed- St Brigid of Ireland
 Thu-The Presentation of the Lord
 Fri- Ss Ansgar & Blaise
 Sat- St Joan of Valois

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: Simpson 9.00 am
Camperdown 11.00 am.
 (Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Next Weekend Readings:
 Is 58:7-10. 1 Cor 2:1-5.
 Mt 5:13-16

Pray for the Sick:
 Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Deaths: Jimmy Thomas
 Bernard Delaney and Bernie Cunningham
Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
 Dianne Pickles, Desmond Baker, Joseph Bradshaw, Bertilla Carvarsan, Betty FitzGerald.

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.

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."

Acknowledgement of a Donation:

We, the parishioners would like to express our gratitude to the family of the Late Mr & Mrs Leonard Fahey for their donation to St. Patrick's Church Camperdown building fund \$26, 464.18. We really acknowledge and appreciate their enormous offer and generosity towards our church. Let us continue to keep them and his family in our prayer. May the good Lord bless them and keep them in His care all the years to come.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$215.50 & Presbytery \$534.50. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania 2023

Liturgical resources are available in preparation for the Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Fiji from February 5-10, 2023. The prayer for the assembly and prayers of the faithful for Sundays leading up to the assembly are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/federation-of-catholic-bishops-conferences-of-oceania/>

Liturgy Formation 2023

The Commission will offer Liturgy formation in 2023. Expressions of interest have been received from the Sunraysia parishes for Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion and scripture reflection. The southern zone have requested formation on the pastoral care of the sick and house bound. The ACU Centre for Liturgy is able to assist with this formation. Please advise the Liturgy Commission of formation areas of interest for your parish to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Divine Renovation Australasia conference – February 10-12, 2023

Divine Renovation supports dioceses, priests, and their leadership teams as they strive for parish renewal. Parish leaders are invited to the 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference where you will be inspired, connected and equipped to lead your parish from maintenance to mission. The conference will be held in Sydney from February 10-12, 2023 and includes inspiring keynotes, impactful workshops, uplifting liturgy, prayer and worship. More information at <https://divinerenovation.org/draus2023/>

Word of God Sunday – February 5, 2023

The Church in Australia marks Word of God Sunday on February 5 this year. Several resources have been prepared to assist with the promotion and commemoration of the day. They include homily notes, liturgical notes, prayers of the faithful, musical recommendations, reflection by Fr Tom Elich, bulletin notice and images for promotion. Resources available at <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>

Reconciliation Programs

To assist parishes in preparing children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Liturgical Commission would like compile a list of suitable resources and is seeking information on programs used in your parish for this sacrament. Please send this information to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au. The current junior diocesan reconciliation program, "Forgiveness Is..." will no longer be available. The senior reconciliation program "Turn Around!" will continue to be available for purchase from the Pastoral Ministry Office.

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.

Pope's intention for January - For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Sunday Humour

A drunk man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway seat next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?"

"My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, and a contempt for your fellow man."

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Well, I'll be damned," the drunk muttered, returning to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

"I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2023 - Flag Raising Event

Ballarat Interfaith Network invites you to join their Flag Raising Event in celebration of United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 from 11.00am to 12.00noon at St Peter's Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street, Ballarat. After the raising of our own unique Ballarat Interfaith Network flag, we will adjourn into the church for a keynote address from a member of the local Muslim community, prayers for peace offered by representatives of other faiths, and one or two musical performances. Welcome - Mayor of Ballarat, Cr Hudson. Muslim Keynote Speaker - Obaid Noor. Refreshments provided. Contact 0400 650234.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

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

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation. The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

29-January-2023 4th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	A Horan	Gleeson Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	S Bialek		A Couotts
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	J Saunders	Kingston Family	G Lucas
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: P Burke		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: R Henry				

05-February-2023 5th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	G Kelson	Noy Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	S McLeod	A Bell		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	S Grinter	M Smart	H Hickey
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: S Darcy				

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