



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

In today's gospel Jesus insists his disciples be the salt of the earth and light of the world. Salt and light are two powerful images that bring out the essence of Christian discipleship. Salt is an essential ingredient in the food that makes the food tasty. Losing its own identity, it joins with the other to give taste to the food. Its presence is not visible, but we experience its taste. So also, is Christian discipleship. Our presence should enable the society to experience the presence of God, to supplement the quality of life of the community with that invisible presence.

Light is the element that drives away the darkness and enables people to see. We are called to be the light in the world. The first reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, underlines the way our light should shine out in the world. It is in loving service to our brothers and sisters that we shine forth as light of the world. In John's gospel we see where Jesus says: I am the light of the world. The duty of a disciple is to reflect that light of Christ into this world. I

It is through our works of charity and selfless service we become a light that shines out to the world and salt that permeates God's presence among the community in which we live. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to give us His power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be able to be his disciple in our day-to-day life. -Neville



**Saints and Feasts:**

- Mon- St Paul Miki & Companions
- Tues- St Richard the King
- Wed- Ss Josephine & Jerome
- Thu- St Maron
- Fri- St Scholastica
- Sat- Our Lady of Lourdes

**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: 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:** Bernard Delaney

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

- Damian Ryan, Richard Walsh,
- Amanda Delaney, Bernard White,
- Amy Thomson, Joan Cromie,
- Adrianus Van de Wouw

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 \$187.00 & Presbytery \$519.60. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

**Thank you** to those who contributed to the Cobden Community Christmas Appeal 2022

**Mercy Regional College Opening Mass:** will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 am.

**St Patrick's Primary School Opening Mass:** will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 am.

**Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.**

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Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know

**Project Compassion Sunday: February 19, 2023**

On Sunday, February 19, 2023, Bishop Paul will be launching Project Compassion 2023, "For All Future Generations" at St Patrick's Cathedral during the 5.00pm Mass. Parishes of the dioceses are invited to do the same. Please find attached a reflection that can be offered to your parish community and a Prayer of the Faithful. Parishes may wish to commission their Caritas Ambassadors / Representatives who manage Project Compassion for their parish or school communities. If you would like to receive a commissioning prayer to use, please contact Jillian Hogbin, Caritas Diocesan Director at [caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**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.cahtolic.org.au](mailto:liturgy@ballarat.cahtolic.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 – THIS SUNDAY**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**Round Table Ecological Theology Sessions**

The recent Plenary Council committed the Catholic Church in Australia to developing and committing to a culture of life-long faith formation. For some years now, Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson rsm have been offering regular adult theology classes. A new series of six sessions begins on Wednesday, February 22

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(1.00pm – 3.00pm or 7.00pm – 9.00pm) at the Mercy Centre, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East. Then (March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26). For more information please send your mobile number and email to Sr Veronica at [veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au](mailto:veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au)

### **World Youth Day**

World Youth Day will be held from 1-6 August, 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Anyone interested in attending can register with the Archdiocese of Melbourne to join with them in pilgrimages they have on offer. More information at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/world-youth-day/>

### **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 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.

### **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock Final Mass**

An invitation to people of the diocese to attend the Final Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and Fr Anthony Nagothu, Parish Priest, will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm. Following Mass there will be a gathering at the Patchewollock Community Centre. Please bring food to share and drinks of your choice. Flyer is on the Ouyen Parish webpage

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ouyen/>

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Is 58:7-10

***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word,

if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed,

your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

***(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 2:1-5

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, *I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.***

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about

Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mt 5:13-16

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

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

**REFLECTION** by Diane Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt. As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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				

12-February-2023 6th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	M McKenzie	K Walsh	
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	K Bell		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	M Saunders	Kingston Family	S Grinter
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: R Henry A Cunningham		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: E Boyd				

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