



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus is teaching about the Law. The 1<sup>st</sup> five books in the Old Testament are called the "Torah". They contain the ritual, cultural and rabbinic laws of Moses for the Jewish people. The Torah is fulfilled not by the interpretations of the Jewish rabbis but only through Jesus. The evangelist Matthew adds the prophets to show the Jewish community of the revelation of God's salvation running through history up to Jesus. Jesus fulfils the law and the prophets not by a literal sense but actually going through the promises one by one.

In fact, Jesus at times violates the Sabbath rest or dispenses with ritual cleanliness. In Jesus there has dawned what the law and the prophets only announced. In him has come the fullness of God's covenant. That is to say God's salvation. In this fulfilment, there is continuity and further deepening. But there is also break and replacement. Jesus came and said we have to obey the spirit of the law but rather than the letter of the law. He gave us a new commandment of love. He demonstrated that commandment of love by self-sacrifice on Mount Calvary. At the core of Matthew's teaching is the law that is the expression of God's will, now centred on Jesus who is the heart of the law. So let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to radiate God's love in our words and deeds.

-Neville



### 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: Timboon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

### Next Weekend Readings:

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18. 1 Cor 3:16-23.

Mt 5:38-48

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Julian of Lyons

Tues- Ss Cyril & Methodius

Wed- St Claude de la Colombiere

Thu- St Jeremy

Fri- The 7 Founders of the Order of Servites

### 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 & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nellie & Michael Brewer, Lawrence O'Neil, Eileen Pearson, Cornelius Twynstra, William Baird, Rita Marshall, Patricia Gray, John Hately and John Vogels.

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.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 12/02/2023

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

**Welcome and congratulations:**

We welcome Kalani Grace Duynhoven child of Nikita & James Duynhoven into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!!

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$226.00 & Presbytery \$493.30. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

**Lent Study:** "Ashes to Hope" There are still seven places. Day and time yet to be negotiated. Talk to Andrew O'Flynn after Mass or phone 0499 306211.

**Ash Wednesday** – 22<sup>nd</sup> February this year. 11.00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church at Camperdown.

**Shrove Tuesday:** St Paul's Anglican is inviting us For Shrove Tuesday on 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb 2023, at 11.30 am until 2.00 pm, St Paul's Church in Church Street. \$10.00 per head. Enquiries Simcox 0419 372 469. Thank you.

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

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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)

**Our Diocesan Community 2023**

The Ballarat Diocesan print publication "Our Diocesan Community" (ODC), jointly sponsored by the Diocese and Catholic Education Ballarat, will again be published three times during 2023. Attached is the timeline of publication. The aim of "Our Diocesan Community" is to share the good news of the many initiatives taking place in our parishes, schools and agencies around the diocese. ODC is distributed to all parishes, and families and staff of primary and secondary schools of the diocese. Contributors to ODC are the people of the diocesan community. The only way we all will hear of the good things happening in the various communities is if they are written and contributed from the local level. It is helpful if we have an ODC contact person in each parish / school / agency to assist with the gathering of news and distribution of the magazine. If you are able to provide a contact person please email their contact details to [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

We now invite your contribution to the first issue for 2023. The focus for this year will be International Year of the Millet / Synod of Synodality / Plenary Council. We are hoping to gather stories and examples of new initiatives 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 communities and agencies. We hope to have this first issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning March 27 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, February 17. 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](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au). A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications.

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/-adult-ministry/world-youth-day/>

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

## **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:** Sir 15:15-20

***A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus***

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R. v.1

***(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!***

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 2:6-10

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

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37](#)

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

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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

**REFLECTION** by Diane Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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 OFlynn	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				

19-February-2023 7th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	B Hammond	J Dwyer	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	S Bialek		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	J Seuren	Conheady Family	M Macaulay
Counting Team: Smart Family		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary				

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