



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends, The Samaritans who lived in the region between Galilee and Judaea and the Jews who lived in the rest of the land of Israel had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade, and inter-marriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out.

When Jesus decided to pass through Samaria, he stopped at Jacob's well because it was mid-day and he was both tired from the journey and thirsty. Jacob's well was a good mile and a half from the nearest town, called Sychar. It wasn't easy to draw water from this well since it was over a hundred feet deep. Jesus had neither rope nor bucket to fetch the water.

When a Samaritan woman showed up at the well, both were caught by surprise. She was an outcast and not welcomed among her own townspeople. Jesus then did something no respectable Jew would think of doing. He reached out to her and was risking ritual impurity and his reputation. He treated the woman like he would treat one of his friends - he greeted her and spoke at length with her. Jesus' welcoming approach to her was disgraceful to both Jews and Samaritans because this woman was a public sinner. No decent Jew or Samaritan would even think of being seen with such a woman.

Jesus broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and tradition to bring the good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles alike. He demonstrated the universality of the gospel both in word and deed. No one is banned from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from the love of God which is our stubborn pride and wilful rebellion. -Neville



### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Patricia of Nicomedia

Tues- St Matilda

Wed- St Clement Hofbauer

Thu- St Julian of Antioch

Fri- St Patrick, Bishop

Sat- St Cyril of Jerusalem

### 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, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Catherine O'Flynn, Gryff Dwyer and Shirley Fletcher.

### Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Raymond Horan, Ramon Murrhiy, Zackariah Bond, Elizabeth Thornton, Robert Howard, Harold Lamb, Bill O'Sullivan

### 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:

1 Sm16:1. 6-7,10-13. Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

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.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A. 12/03/2023

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



**Project Compassion Third Sunday of Lent – March 11 & 12, 2023**

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Lent resources**

There are a number of Lent prayer resources available from the diocesan webpage:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

**Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023**

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$406.00 & Presbytery \$445.80. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

**St Patrick's Lent Study:** Successful meeting last Monday. Books still available. Meeting Mon March 13th, 12.15pm, at St Patricks.

**Safetrac Online Learning LAST CALL!!**

Thank you to those who have completed the training module. There are still quite a number of people who were nominated by parishes that are yet to complete the training module for Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Ballarat. Although the extended due date of 4th March has now passed the program is still accessible. Please follow up with members of staff and volunteers that were listed for this training that they have completed the course. If you have volunteers who are no longer required to complete the training, ie. they have resigned from their positions, or they have completed in a group setting, with husband/wife, during a meeting or otherwise, could you please let me know by emailing: [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au). The link to the website is: <https://clients.safetrac.com/cdob/> and all user names are the same format: ie: First Name.Surname [Mary.Smith] ... don't forget the full stop between first name and surname!! The correct Username must be used to receive the email to create the password.

**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 March - For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.**

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options. For more information contact: [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au) or visit [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au)

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Ex 17:3-7

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

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

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

**Second Reading:** Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

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

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'  
 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
 will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give  
 will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father  
 neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know;  
 we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.  
 But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship  
 the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper  
 the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

### REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as *our* sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament. We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

12-March-2023 3rd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	A Horan		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	A Mahony		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	R Johnstone	P Kingston		M Russell
Counting Team: R & W Henry		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: No flowers		
Marian Statue: M Ryan				

19-March-2023 4th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	G Kelson		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	L Johnstone		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	M Smart	M Saunders		G Lucas
Counting Team: H & J Seuren		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: No flowers/KD		
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg				

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