



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

In today's gospel we see the last farewell speech of Jesus. This farewell address is a common literary form in the Bible. We have farewell addresses from Jacob, Joseph, Moses Joshua, Paul and among others. In general, the address is introduced by an indication that the speaker is about to die or depart. Then follows an exhortation to his successor. The element of the address may vary. There are words of prophecy or caution about the future. There is also reference to God's intention for the future.

So in his farewell address in the gospel, Jesus intimates with his disciples his impending departure. He speaks of his death. He consoles them by saying that his departure will rebound to their benefit, that he will prepare dwelling places for them in the Father's kingdom. Moreover, it is by his going back to his father, his Father will send the Holy Spirit as their consoler. Jesus tells them how they should live from now on. He gives them a new commandment: that they love one another. People will know that they are his disciples by their love for one another. Jesus also shares with his disciples a secret that the way to the Father is to follow his examples. It is none other than follow his who is the way and the truth and the life. If we want to live life to the full, the kind of life that the Father desires then we must follow the way of Jesus. So let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to follow the examples of Jesus in our day-to-day life. -Neville



### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Boniface IV, Pope

Tues- St George Preca

Wed- Ss Damien & John of Avila

Thu- St Walter

Fri- Ss Pancras & Nereus

Sat- Our Lady of Fatima

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, 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: Peter Narik, Marie Moran, Skye Bowman, Leslie Hammond, Maria Eijsvogel, Marie Davis, Bernard Place, Sonya McKenzie.

### 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.

**(Lay Assembly – Timboon)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17. 1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

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.**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A. 07/05/2023

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

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

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$167.00 & Presbytery \$364.05. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

#### **ACU Centre for Liturgy Online Training Program – Ministers of the Word**

This new four-week training program for Ministers of the Word has been created by Australian liturgy specialists in order to foster and develop the skills of new and existing ministers. The online program features quality liturgical content and offers practical exercises in a supportive and engaging environment. The comprehensive program is suitable for members of all communities, city or regional, large or small, school or parish. More information available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

#### **Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2023**

The first edition of ODC 2023 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

#### **Mass Counts start on weekend May 6-7- updated notice**

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting begins on May 6-7 and continues each weekend until the end of May. Forms are attached. *You can use either the excel or pdf of the Mass Count form to submit your Mass counts. Counter's forms are for recording the numbers at Mass and should be returned to the parish office for collation onto the Mass Count form spreadsheet.*

- Please record a count for every Mass & Lay Assembly held in your parish on each of the 4 weekends.
- Please complete **all** columns, including what the 'usual' count would be.
- If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (eg. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc).

If you have any queries please email [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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#### **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).

#### **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)**

- Australian Heritage Festival Open Day on Saturday, May 13, 2023: The MMHC building initially designed and operational as a place of providence and respite for women in their time of need is located on grounds that were purchased by Mary in 1901. Explore the Museum with one of our guides or independently with our new audio tour. A highlight of your day will be enjoying a cuppa with a Sister of Saint Joseph. Book for a guided tour that will run every hour between 10.30am – 3.30pm at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/australian-heritage-festival-open-day/>
- Mary MacKillop Gift shop: Consider supporting a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items <https://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/>

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- **Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary’s life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum’s collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.
- **Accommodation @MMHC:** When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.’ The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** 1 Pt 2:4-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** Jn 14:1-12

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

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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

#### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers. How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.' What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.' We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.' We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion! Alleluia!

<b>07 – May -2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	M McKenzie	A Horan		
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	J Saunders	R Henry		H Hickey
<b>Counting Team:</b>	G & W Gleeson	<b>Altar Camperdown:</b> C McCarthy, J Delaney		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	C Walsh	<b>Altar Cobden:</b> Helen Watts		
<b>Marian Statue:</b>	J Fry			
<b>14- May-2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>	
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	J Dwyer	T Bricknell		
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	S Grinter	M Macaulay	T O'Leary	
<b>Counting Team:</b>	G & W Gleeson	<b>Altar C'down</b>	R Henry	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	MRC	<b>Altar Cobden:</b>	Helen Watts	
<b>Marian Statue:</b>	C Wilson			

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