



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples. After completing his mission on earth, for which he was sent by his Father, he has to leave this world to go back to his Father. But Jesus' love for his disciples and people is so deep that he will not leave them orphaned. He will infuse them with his own Spirit. The Holy Spirit will continue to live among the disciples teaching, guiding, strengthening, healing and comforting them on their journey. This was very evident in the early church. The apostles laid their hands on the people, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit, particularly during the reception of the sacraments of the Church.

The Holy Spirit continues to live and work among us today. Every Christian is gifted with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is when we become aware of his presence and open to his guidance, our lives become joyful and meaningful. The Holy Spirit will teach and remind us of the sacrificing love of Jesus and empower us to respond to that love by loving one and another as Jesus loved. Our loving nature then, is not coming from an alien force, like something imposed on us by the commandments. It is now part of our own will, that is based on our realization of how lucky we are to be loved and our experience of love should overflow to others. So let us ask the Lord to give us the spirit, heart and mind of Jesus, so that we may be able to love everyone as Jesus loved.  
-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:

Acts 1:1-11. Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Dymphna

Tues- St Simon Stock

Wed- Ss Giulia & Pascal Baylon

Thu- Ss Stanislaus & John I, Pope

Fri- St Celestine

Sat- St Bernadino of Siena

### 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:

Mavis Reed,

Petronella Twynstra,

Margaret Molan,

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 of Easter, Year A. 14/05/2023

"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 the child and along with his parents who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations!!

Sunday at 11.00 am Camperdown: Murphy Kyle Forster Son of Mason Forster & Ashlee Evans.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOMS!!!**

**Prayer for Mother's Day – Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love.

We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care.

We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen.

**National Families Week Australia: May 15-21, 2023**

Family Week is a perfect time to come together to celebrate the power of family relationships in all their diversities, and the importance they play in our lives and community. CatholicCare Victoria's theme for Family Week this year is "Circle of Inclusion." Resources from CatholicCare are available at

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/103/familyweek>. The National Families Week website is

<https://nfw.org.au/>

**A Blessing for Families**

Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love.

Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties.

Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others.

Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others.

May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care. Amen.

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023**

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023 is "Do good; seek justice." (cf Isaiah 1:17).

Resources for use in Australia are provided by the NCCA Faith and Unity Commission, in collaboration with the Faith and Order Commission of the Victorian Council of Churches, and are available at

<https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>. Resources include:

- Poster;
- Prayer Card (attached);
- Worship Service sample;
- Sermon notes;
- Biblical reflections and prayers for the eight days;
- Hymns suggestions;
- Background information.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$501.00 & Presbytery \$608.10. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

**National Volunteer Week: May 15-21, 2023**

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. This week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes

people in our diocese, parishes and agencies. The theme for NVW 2023 is "We are the Change Makers." This campaign celebrates the powerful impact volunteers make supporting individuals, communities and the

nation. The Volunteering Australia website has National Volunteer Week resources, certificates of appreciation, volunteer thank you gifts and merchandise available at

<https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/national-volunteer-week-2023-resources-now-available/#/>

**Prayer for Volunteers**

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes.

May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people.

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

We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries.

For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

### **Mass Counts have begun! – updated notice**

If you didn't record your Mass counts for the weekend just gone, you need to think about how many people attended and record it now!

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May. Counting should have started last weekend (6-7 May) and continue each weekend until the end of May. Mass Count 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 used to assist the counter's recording the numbers at each Mass or Assembly and should be returned to the parish office for collation onto the Mass Count form spreadsheet. Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four 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)

At the end of the four weekends you will be required to submit your completed Mass Count Form to the Diocese by Friday 9 June, 2023. If you have any queries please email [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

### ***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles***

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. see v.1

### ***(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.***

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Pt 3:15-18

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

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) See Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Jn 14:15-21

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

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: '*paraclete*'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you *another Paraclete* to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a *Paraclete*, and he would send *another*. What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-ll-el. They run alongside each other. A *paraclete* is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*. Our Lord promises another *Paraclete* dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This *Paraclete* particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth. We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two *Paracletes*, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

14 – May -2023 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell		
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	M Macaulay		T O'Leary
Counting Team:	G & W Gleeson	Altar Camperdown: R Henry		
Church Cleaning:	MRC	Altar Cobden: Helen Watts		
Marian Statue:	C Wilson			
21 -May-2023 Ascension Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister	
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Kelson		
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	M Smart	C Conheady	
Counting Team:	B & M Hewitt	Altar C'down	L Hickey & M Larkins	
Church Cleaning:	S & J Murfitt	Altar Cobden:	Helen Watts	
Marian Statue:	B Hewitt			

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