



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

What takes first place in our life or in our daily thoughts and concerns? God has put us first in His thoughts and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to His exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly wondering through our own lifestyle and unbelief, He chose us to give His own beloved son, who laid down his life for our sake out of love. There is no greater proof of God's love for us than unconditionally offering His son for us. His death won for us salvation and adoption as beloved sons and daughters of God.

We owe Him a debt of gratitude for what he has done for us. That is why the Lord Jesus commanded his disciples to give him their undivided loyalty and love above all else. So the love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. Hence, "True Love of God" forces us to express charity towards our neighbours who are also loved by God because He created each of them in His image and likeness. As his disciples, we are called to be kind and generous as He is. Jesus sets before us the one goal in life, that is worthy any sacrifice and that goal is to love God with our hearts and mind and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St Thomas, Apostle
- Tues- St Elizabeth of Portugal
- Wed- St Anthony Zaccaria
- Thu- St Maria Goretti, Martyr
- Fri- Bl Peter To Rot, Martyr
- Sat- St Priscilla

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, Shirley Fletcher and Barry Brown.

Recent Deaths: Leo Timms

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barry Chisholm, Fred Twynstra, Patrick O'Connell, Norman Brewis, William Malady, Catherine Vaughan and Audrey O'Neil

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th 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:

Zec 9:9-10. Rom 8:9.11-13

Mt 11: 25 – 30.

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 02/07/2023

"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 her parents who receives the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations!!

Sunday at 11.00 am Camperdown: Ava Grace daughter of Gregory & Natalie Tongs.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$207.00 & Presbytery \$509.00. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources: July 2, 2023

"A new life in Christ...." Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Resources are available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html> and include a booklet, poster, youth activities, multimedia resources, didgeridoo music, Torres Strait hymns, homily notes, Our voices on....., retreat videos.

Annual Collection for the Pope: July 8-9, 2023

The annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). Depending on your local circumstances, this would be taken on the weekend of July 8-9, 2023. Please note there would be a special collection Next Weekend. You could find the Letter from Bishop Paul in the foyer.

Lay Led Assembly Resources: Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Sundays 11-21 in Ordinary Time Year A 2023 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

Diocesan e-News

Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Parish Appointments:

Bishop Paul has made a new Parish Appointments.

Hello Everyone,

As I mentioned in a message on March 23, Fr Anthony Nagothu has asked to spend twelve months with the Oratorian Community in New York as a time for reflection on his ministry. Since April 20, Fr Anthony has been assisting in the Warrnambool region, in South West Coast Parish, while waiting for a visa for the United States. Fr Anthony has now received the visa and has arranged for travel to New York. He will conclude his time in South West Coast Parish on July 16. I pray for blessings on his time with the Oratorian Community.

In view of Fr Anthony's move, I have appointed Fr Abraham Thomas MST to South West Coast Parish. I thank him for his ministry in the Cathedral Parish for the past eighteen months and pray for blessings on his ministry in Star of the Sea Parish. His new appointment will commence on July 20.

May Christ continue to guide us in our service of our parish communities.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 23, 2023

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Day is marked near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Parishes, schools, agencies, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities. Resources to celebrate this day are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/>

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.

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

Pope's intention for July – For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and be opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us

CatholicCare Victoria Winter Appeal

At CatholicCare Victoria we help individuals, families and communities access the care and support they need, when they need it most. We believe everyone deserves the safety and comfort a home can provide. This winter, you can support people in need of a place to call home. Donate now!

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/16/winter-appeal>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world. St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths. We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

02-July-2023 13th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	A Horan
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	S Grinter	S Gillett
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey	
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: P & J Dwyer		Altar Derrinallum:	
09-July-2023 14th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Kelson	J Hammond
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	M Saunders	G Lucas
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: R & M Larkins			

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