



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

Jesus uses parables which are very special kinds of stories describing real life situations. Every parable therefore invites the listener to reflect on the situation described in the story. Hence in the parable of the sower, Jesus invites us to look into our inner life and see how we accept the seed, which is God's word we receive each day of our witnessing life and how much fruit we produce. If our hearts are open and receptive to the word of God and if we treasure it in our heart then the transformation takes place. If we are willing to do everything required according to his word, then our life will bear much fruit: namely fruits of love, mercy and goodness.

The seed grows where there is openness to the word of God in faith, trust in its power to motivate us and a readiness to face all the obstacles which ever may come on our way when we live according to our call of discipleship. Jesus teaches us that the establishment of God's rule on earth does not come automatically. His teaching will not instantly transform the hearts of every listener. Unless they trust in the power of God and express the willingness to make sacrifices to transform their hearts to witness the word of God. Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to accept the world of God with open heart and act accordingly and bear much fruit in our day-to-day life.

-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: Lismore** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

**(Lay Assembly – Timboon)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

Wis 12:13.16-19. Rom 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Marcellina

Tues- St Simon of Lipnica

Wed- St John Plessington

Thu- St Apollinaris of Ravenna

Fri- St Lawrence of Brindisi

Sat- St Mary Magdalene

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Shirley Fletcher and Barry Brown.

### Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Saunders, Pat McLeod, Dinny Ryan, Damian Ryan, Margaret Gallichan, Ellen Anderson, John Walsh, Leo & Margaret Timms, Beverley Palmer.

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.**

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 16/07/2023

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

**First Holy Communion:** we would like to congratulate these children from our parish who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Alexis Barake, Millie Bourke, Brodie Burkett, Theo Cheeseman, Matthew Cridland, Jed Gaut, Lucy Kleinhenz, Max Lucas, Abby Mullholland, and Liam Pascoe.

We would like to express our gratitude to our School Principal, the staff, the Religious Coordinator Mick Saunders (For Tarryn Delaney) and their parents for preparing the children for the sacrament. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$494.00 & Presbytery \$430.15. The Annual Collection for the Pope is \$288.95. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

**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 of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia**

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR decreed the establishment of a new parish in the diocese on July 1, 2023 – the Parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia. The newly established parish will comprise the territory that belonged to the parishes of Merbein (est. 1965), Mildura (est. 1906) and Red Cliffs (est. 1953). More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/parish-of-saints-anne-and-joachim-sunraysia/>

**10 Years too long - It's time to end the trauma.**

Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) Ballarat has organized a Vigil to be held Wednesday July 19. 11:30am-12:30pm gathering at Catherine King MP office, 5 Lydiard Street North followed by Vigil at Queen Victoria Square, opposite Town Hall. The Town Hall Alfred Memorial Bells will ring 10 times at 12 noon in recognition of the 10 Years of Trauma the action to let the Albanese Government know It's Time to End the Suffering. More info at: <https://aran.net.au> email: rarballarat@gmail.com or Margaret Ph:0402 498 644.

**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/>

**In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023**

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

**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

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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 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

**Synod on Synodality "Instrumentum Laboris" or working document published**

On Tuesday, June 20, 2023, the Secretariat of the Synod published the Instrumentum Laboris, or working document, for the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops – commonly referred to as the Synod on Synodality. Read more at the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at

<https://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Closing date is August 4, 2023.

**Catherine O'Connor Memorial Mass**

A Memorial Mass for Catherine O'Connor (Kelly), who died at Willangie on July 27, 1923, will be offered at the Woomelang Cemetery on Saturday, July 22, 2023 followed by lunch at the Woomelang Memorial Hall.

Descendants, other O'Connor and Kelly relatives, friends of the families and any who wishes to commemorate her life are welcome. Please contact [aldous.julie.a@gmail.com](mailto:aldous.julie.a@gmail.com)

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Is 55:10-11

***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

***(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.***

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:18-23

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

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same

freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mt 13:1-9

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

*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

*'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'*

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven *and earth* are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

16-July-2023 15th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St Pat's School
11am: Camperdown	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St Pat's School
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: N Powling		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: M Macauley			

23-July-2023 16th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	M McKenzie	G Kelson
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	A O'Flynn	M Russell
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: M Russell			

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