



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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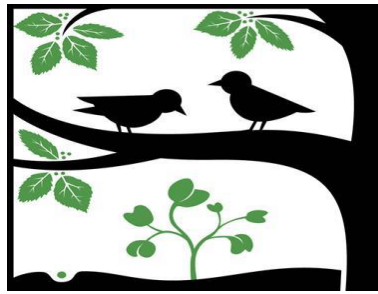
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Dear Friends,

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is imbedded in nature and behaviour of the people in Jesus' time. The word 'weeds' refers to a poisonous plant often found in the wheat fields. The enemy who sows weeds may be a jealous neighbour, who struggles and cannot cope with the prosperity of the other people, who waits for the favourable time to seek honour by putting down others. Jesus uses this situation in life to paint what should be the behaviour of the people who belong to the kingdom of God: that is the children of God, governed by the will of God.

Jesus rejects the Jewish notion of 'Chosen People' and opens his circle to all kinds of people, including sinners and outcasts. No group is so perfect that it does not include 'weeds'. We all share the same human nature and that is subjected to jealousy, hatred, revenge, and self-glory. But we could overcome these bad human inclinations by the power of God. It might be a lifelong battle to fight against our human tendencies. Hence, God's judgement will indeed expose people's evil deeds.

In the meantime, people live and struggle in this world as wheat and weeds in the field. Therefore, we must watch out that what is evil and what is right in the eyes of God. So let us pray for the wisdom of God so that we may be judged with what is right and wrong.  
-Neville



### Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St Christina of Bolsena
- Tues- St James, Apostle
- Wed- Ss Joachim & Anne
- Thu- Ss Natalie & Aurelius
- Fri- St Alphonsa of India
- Sat- Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

### Pray for the Sick:

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

### Recent Deaths: Doris White

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kevin Watts, Peter Watts, Peter Saunders, Noel Russell, Ian Russell, Maureen Gatens, Dinny Ryan and Damien Ryan.

### 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: Timoon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

**(Lay Assembly – Lismore)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

1 Kings 3:5.7-12. Rom 8:28-30

Matthew: 13:44-52 .

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.**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 23/07/2023

**"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 \$494.00 & Presbytery \$430.15. 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.

**Retreat in Everyday Life – Moments of Grace** – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing.

The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) and we will be in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation

**Mindfulness & Meditation – Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person)**

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/?> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).

**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](mailto: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. We pray for all grandparents and the elderly and thank them for their gifts to families and to our parish communities. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/>

**Prayer for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023**

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged.

I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united.

Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

**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).

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

### **Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre and Museum**

- **Open Day:** MMHC are holding an Open Day on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Hourly tours from 10.00am. More information and bookings at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-house-melbourne-at-mmhc/>
- **Fundraising Dinner:** A dinner, auction and raffles will be held from 6.30pm on Friday, August 18, 2023 at Mount St Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. Cost \$50.00pp (BYO drinks). RSVP by Friday, August 11 on QR code or ph. 03 9926 9300.
- **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.
- **Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The exhibition in the Temporary Gallery 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.
- **Mary Mackillop Today (MMT) Community Grants 2024 Applications Open:** Schools and community groups with a project that helps people, may be able to apply for a grant up to \$10,000. Applications open Monday, August 14, 2023. Apply at <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/what-we-do/our-projects/grants/how-to-apply/>

**Accommodation at 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:** Wisdom 12:13.16-19

***A reading from the book of Wisdom***

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

**(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **(R.)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-27

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

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.  
 The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30

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

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come. We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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			

30-July-2023 17th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	R Henry	R Henry
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown C McCarthy J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: S Grinter		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: H & J Seuren			

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