



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

Today's gospel story surprises us because, Jesus has no word for the desperate woman. Jesus who goes after the lost sheep, didn't say a word to the desperate woman. This is unexpected from Jesus who is close to sinners and outcasts. The Jewish people often speak of the gentiles as outcasts or unclean, since they worship idols, offer sacrifices to evil and reject the true God. Jesus was sent by God to first feed the children of Israel with the true bread of life that would bring healing and lasting union with God. His disciples pleaded him to help the woman. His answer seems intended to discourage her from asking. But she is not discouraged by the answer. Her love for her daughter is so great that she fights to the last, even whatever self-respect she has left. And this human love conquers Jesus' attention.

So, the woman's love towards her daughter and her faith earns her an immediate cure of her daughter. Let us ask ourselves: Is our relationship with God a wrestling one like the woman in the Gospel? It is not that God is kind sometimes and not at other times; it is simply that we cannot dictate to God. A prayer or our supplication must not be an automatic lip service, but it must come from the heart with a strong faith in God. God will not turn a deaf ear if a person is seeking a favour like the woman in the gospel. So let us ask God to strengthen our faith so that we may not merely do a lip service to God but from our hearts. -Neville



### Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St Pious x, Pope
- Tues- The Queenship of Mary
- Wed- St Rose of Lima
- Thu- St Bartholomew, Apostle.
- Fri- St Joseph Calasanz
- Sat- St Mariam Baouardy

### 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, Shirley Fletcher and Barry Brown.

**Recent Deaths:** Joseph Dimech  
**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Ringelberg, Ricky Robertson, Anastasia Reilly, Maureen Gstrein, Adams Lamrock, John Baker, Amy O'Donohue, Frederick Years.

### 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, Simpson)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

Isaiah 22:19-23. Romans

11:33-36. Matthew 16:13-20

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.**

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 20/08/2023

"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 children from two families and along with their parents who receive the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations!!

Sunday at 11.00 am Camperdown: Ruby Eve and Will Thomas children of Jason and Anna Murrell.

Holly Leila and Annabel Alice children of Paul and Sophie Hinkley



The poster features the Mercy Regional College logo at the top left, with the text "Spirit of Mercy AWARDS" in a large, elegant script font. To the right, a quote by Marian Wright Edelman is displayed: "You can't be what you can't see," is a quote attributed to Marian Wright Edelman, a US activist for the rights of children. She believed that young people are less likely to be inspired for their future if they don't have visible role models. Below the quote, it states that in celebration of the college's 50th year in 2023, the inaugural Spirit of Mercy Awards are being introduced. A call to action follows, asking members of the college community to nominate former students who exemplify the college's values. At the bottom, three callouts provide key information: "NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN", "Nominations for the inaugural Spirit of Mercy Award and Young Spirit of Mercy Award are now open" with a link to the nomination forms, and "Nominations close: 15 September, 2023".

**From Mercy College:** There has been a hive of activity next to the church, with the beginnings of our Community Garden beginning to take shape. Year 10 students began the work on Monday with a mighty effort laying a barrier, soil and the first planter boxes. More developments to come on this wonderful collaborative project!

**MRC Car Raffle 2023**

Our annual major fundraiser is back, and tickets are now available.

1st Prize is a Mazda CX-3 Maxx Sport (demo) and there are 9 more great prizes.

\$10 per ticket, or 6 for \$50, 13 for \$100. Tickets online at [shop.mercy.vic.edu.au](http://shop.mercy.vic.edu.au), the MRC office (5593 2011), or several local shops. Drawn at the MRC 50th Jubilee Dinner on 25 November (Tickets for the dinner also available via online shop or MRC office)

**Palms Australia - Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours**

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know, ph. 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$300.00 & Presbytery \$472.30. 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.

**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

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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). **Pope's intention for August** – For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research** in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life. Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

**Neil Para's 1000 km Walk for Freedom** - asking the PM for a fair go for Refugees

Neil is walking 1000 km from Ballarat to Sydney, to ask Prime Minister Albanese for fairness for refugees who've lived here in Australia for more than a decade. Neil is a refugee who fled war and persecution in Sri Lanka and has lived in Ballarat since 2013. The government's recent announcement has given permanence to 19,000 – but what about the rest? For more details and to sign the petition, scan or click the QR code

**Social Justice Statement 2023-2024**

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 56:1.6-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

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

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of

them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

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

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

A *pagan woman* approaches a *Jewish man* and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people. This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory. That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'. We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

20-August-2023 20th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	C McCarthy	J Saunders
Counting Team: Smart Family	Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: MRC	Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: B Hewitt			

27-August-2023 21st Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	A Horan
11am: Camperdown	M Smart	J Saunders	T O'Leary
Counting Team: H & J Seuren	Altar Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: S & J Murfitt	Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: J Plain			

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