



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

Simon Peter is shocked to hear Jesus is predicting that he would suffer and die in Jerusalem. Peter has just confessed Jesus as the Messiah of God and Jesus has called him "Rock" because of that confession. How then, can Jesus speak of the cross when a crucified man is cursed by God? The Messiah is meant to be a glorious figure, not a man of suffering. The message is just as shocking when preached to the gentile world. A crucified Messiah as God's means of reconciling a lost world is a bizarre message, not at all the good news. The cross can be "good news" only if its meaning is completely overturned. This was shown in the resurrection of Jesus. God was pleased with Jesus' obedience (unto death). That means Jesus was successful in fulfilling the will of God. Because Jesus fulfilled the will of God, God raised him from the dead. According to Paul, the cross is the initiative of God and the demonstration of his great love. God proves his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Paul comes to this realization not on reflection but through a dramatic encounter with the risen Christ. On the way to Damascus, Christ apprehends him and shows him that Christ is in fact what the disciples preach him to be. Paul is struck by the power of God through lighting. Through this conversion Paul then preaches to both Jewish and Gentiles. They understand the paradox of the cross and become believers, ready to lose their lives so that they may find it in Jesus. -Neville



**Saints and Feasts:**  
 Mon- St Boniface, Pope I  
 Tues- St Teresa of Calcutta  
 Wed- St Donatian  
 Thu- St Regina  
 Fri- The Nativity of Virgin Mary  
 Sat- St Peter Claver

**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:**  
 Ezekiel 33:7-9. Romans 13:8-10. Matthew 18:15-20

**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 & Anniversaries:**  
 We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Carroll, Otto Gramms, Petronella Van de Wouw, Neville Vagg, Edith Potter, Ellen Dolan, Marjorie Burnett, Muthu Thamby Selva Rasa, Annamma and Sami Nathan.

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.**

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

**Happy Father's Day** to our heroes and role models of our family. Thank you for everything you have been doing for our family. We love you with all our hearts.



# MRC Our Lady of Mercy Mass

**We are honouring the work of the Sisters of Mercy in establishing our school in this our 50th Year**

St Patrick's Church  
Camperdown  
Friday 8 September, 11.30am

Guests will enjoy lunch in the McAuley Library after Mass.  
Please RSVP to [ndarcy@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:ndarcy@mercy.vic.edu.au)



**MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE**

"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.

It is with quote in mind, and in celebration of our 50th year in 2023, that Mercy Regional College introduces the inaugural Spirit of Mercy Awards.

We call on members of our College community to nominate former students of the College who exemplify Mercy Regional College values and will provide inspiring examples of achievement to current and future Mercy Regional College students.

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

**Nominations for the inaugural Spirit of Mercy Award and Young Spirit of Mercy Award are now open**

For nomination forms and information, visit: [bit.ly/Spirit-of-Mercy](https://bit.ly/Spirit-of-Mercy) or contact Nicole Darcy 5593 2011

Nominations close: **15 September, 2023**

### **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)

### **Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$110.00 & Presbytery \$417.50. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

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



### **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend**

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Collectors, please take a second collection this weekend.

Thank you very much. **Caring for those who care for us – the Church community's responsibility.**

**Social Justice Statement:** Copies of the Social Justice Statement 2024, Listen Learn Love (Australian Catholic Bishops) can be collected from St Patrick's Church, Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. There is also an attractive prayer card available on request. Andrew O'Flynn

### **Prayer for Father's Day**

God of kindness and compassion, we are your children, and you are Father to us all.

We pray for all men who reflect your fatherly example: Those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who embrace their role as father; those who struggle with being fathers; those who are distanced from their children; those who have passed from this world; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities. Give them all strength, comfort, and peace. Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

### ***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah***

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

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

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by

your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

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

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-full necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.' We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

| 03-September-2023 22nd Sunday O.T. | Reader      | P.O.F.                                | E/Minister |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden                     | T Bricknell | G Kelson                              | J Hammond  |
| 11am: Camperdown                   | R Henry     | P Kingston                            | C Conheady |
| Counting Team: H & J Seuren        |             | Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner |            |
| Church Cleaning: MRC               |             | Altar Cobden: Juli Dwyer              |            |
| Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary       |             |                                       |            |

| 10-September-2023 23rd Sunday O.T. | Reader     | P.O.F.                                 | E/Minister |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden                     | G Gleeson  | M McKenzie                             | G Kelson   |
| 11am: Camperdown                   | C McCarthy | J Seuren                               | S Grinter  |
| Counting Team: P & A Burke         |            | Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney |            |
| Church Cleaning: D Cheslett        |            | Altar Cobden: Juli Dwyer               |            |
| Marian Statue: J Larkins           |            |                                        |            |

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