



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

The gospel is a parable about the workers in the Vineyard. In the parable, the landowner does not treat the workers in the same way. To those hired first, he acts as an employer; he promises the usual daily wage of one denarius. And at the end of the day, he does exactly that, he gives them their due.

However, to those hired last the owner chooses to act as a donor: it means a person who treats other people as if they were members of his own family. Such treatment is free and complimentary; it is not earned by the workers.

That those hired last are paid first is an important narrative point. It prepares for the expectation on the part of those hired first, and their disappointment that comes when they are treated as paid workers rather than family members. Because of this they turn envious. However, the evil intention does not work because the owner is good and generous.

The parable shows us something about God's mercy. God acts as our merciful father. He deals with us not according to what we truly deserve but according to His gracious mercy. God does not owe us anything. But then when we humble ourselves as mere hired workers, He will raise us up and treat us as His beloved children. This parable is calling us to show mercy and kindness towards the people who are poor and needy in our community.

-Neville



Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- Bl Herman of Reichenau
- Tues- Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
- Wed- St Vincent de Paul
- Thu- Ss Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
- Fri- Ss Michael, Gabirel & Raphael
- Sat- St Jerome, Doctor

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: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Next Weekend Readings:

Ezekiel: 18:25-28. Phili: 2:1-11.

Matthew: 21:28-32

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 & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Mayers, William Rohan, Dorothy Kavenagh, Mary Jones, Barry Perkins, Jack Carroll, Pauline Everett, Raymond Brennan and Ray Russell.

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.**"

Welcome and congratulations:

We welcome Fergus William child of Katie and Chris Mahony along with his godparents who receive the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Brendan's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations!!
Saturday at 6.30 pm Cobden.

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, 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 \$195.00 & Presbytery \$344.95. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

Migrant & Refugee Sunday – September 24, 2023

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is, "Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) have created online resources which are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/109th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-24-2023/>

Prayer for Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2023

God, Father Almighty,

grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace,

so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world,

and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love

to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation

the culture of encounter and of care. Amen

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya



Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. To donate scan or click the QR code.

CTC: Engaging Your Faith online series



Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations and issues in Science and Religion. Choose from 14 sessions in October and November 2023. \$25.00 per session for

people NOT seeking teaching accreditation, \$40.00 per session for teachers seeking accreditation. Scan or click the QR code for more information

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

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

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.

Pope's intention for September – For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. Lord, hear us.

Synod on Synodality: Room for everyone in our Church

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Yarra Theological Union and Garratt Publishing present "Synod on Synodality: Room for everyone in our Church" to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7.00pm via zoom. Leading the discussion is one of the ACBC's representatives at the Synod, Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst. For more details and to register, scan or click the QR code. This a free event. The convocation will be recorded and made available the week following the event. You must be registered to receive the link to the video.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high
above earth as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation See Acts of the Apostles 16:14)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So, they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'.

Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah.

And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world.

24-September-2023 25th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	R Henry	M Macaulay
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins	
Church Cleaning: R Henry/A Wynd		Altar Cobden: Helen Hickey	
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg			

01-October-2023 26th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy	N/A
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	A O'Flynn	P Kingston
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: Claire Malady	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady			

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