



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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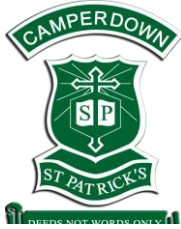
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Dear friends,

The parable of the vineyard points to the violence of the tenants who murder the messengers sent to them by the owner. Even his own son was sent to them and they treated him in the same way and killed him. When Jesus finishes the parable, the chief priests and the Pharisees immediately realize that it was about them. These religious leaders rule over the people with authority from God. Hence, they take the authority, yet how much violence and oppression they commit in the name of God and their religion. For the public eye they appear to be faithful to the law, but they persecute and even kill the prophets and wise men who were sent by God before Jesus, His own son.

Initially the parable concerns the leadership of that Jewish community at the time of Jesus. So, to build up peace, justice and love in the community, the tenants of the vineyard or the leaders of the community should be replaced. Finally God replaced the tenants. The new leadership is appointed to produce the fruit that God expects from His vineyard. Then only the people in the kingdom of God will enjoy the values of justice, peace and love. When the people feel that they are equal to this calling of building up God's kingdom by bearing fruits of justice, peace and love. Hence the true owner of the vineyard sees the people's good deeds and through their good deeds they glorify Him. -Neville



### Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St John Henry Newman
- Tues- St Patrician, Bishop
- Wed- St John XXIII, Pope
- Thu- Our Lady of the Pillar
- Fri- St Edward the Confessor
- Sat- St Callistus I, Pope.

### 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:

Isaiah 25:6-10. Philippians

4:12-14. 19-20. Matt: 22:1-14

### 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: Kevin Mahony

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- Agnes Madden, Mary Fahey,
- Eileen Arundell, Theadora
- Mason, Patrick Mulheron, Marea
- Rea Meagher Rosalie West.

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.**"

### **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 \$345.00 & Presbytery \$475.90. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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



**Camperdown, Cobden, Terang  
and Timboon Anglican Churches**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**St Paul's Church Hall and Gardens, Camperdown**

**Starting around 9.30am**

**Brick Club's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

**Cakes and Delicious goodies**

**Bric a Brac                      Plants**

**Books                              Craft**

**Raffles                              Morning Tea**

**And much more**

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### **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).

**Pope's intention for October – For the Synod:** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world. Lord, hear us.

**October is World Mission Month:** In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us



through Luke 24:13-35, "hearts on fire, feet on the move", that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way. Catholic Mission has launched the World Mission Month 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of

missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. After decades of journeying with the Venilale community, Sr Carolina can summarise her

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understanding of Mission in a sentence: "Mission is where many people need you." Through Catholic Mission, you are invited you to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community. You can contribute today by scanning the QR code or clicking the link.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

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

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

***(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

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

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

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

*He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So, they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

08-October-2023 27th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan	N/A
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	R Henry	M Smart
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson	Altar: Camperdown S Swayn G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: N Powling	Altar Cobden: Claire Malady		
Marian Statue: C Wilson			

15-October-2023 28th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	A Horan
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	M Macaulay	S Gillett
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson	Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: MRC	Altar Cobden: Claire Malady		
Marian Statue: J Fry			

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