



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

Jesus' story of ten bridesmaids waiting to meet the bridegroom in the middle of the night seems strange to most of us today. But Jesus' audience knew all well how this could happen to them unpredictably. Because wedding customs in ancient Palestine required extra vigilance and preparation for everyone involved and the celebration would continue for a whole week with their family and friends. There were also other customs and regulations to follow prior and post wedding ceremonies. This could only be done with much preparation and predetermination.

There are certain things that we cannot get at the last minute.

Here the lesson that we get today is that we have to be vigilant and prepared. We know that the second coming of our Lord is true and he is going to come unexpectedly.

Hence, when he comes to lead us to his heavenly kingdom, we will have to hear his voice and follow him. Through the gospel today, Jesus gives us a warning that there would be consequences for being unprepared for his coming.

So let us ask ourselves: are we ready for his coming like the wise bridesmaids in the gospel? If not let us listen to him today and prepare ourselves for his coming. The Lord Jesus invites us to the feast at his kingdom. So let us ask the Lord to make us vigilant and attentive to his voice and hear his call so that we may enter his kingdom.

-Neville



### 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: Timboon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

**(Lay Assembly – Lismore)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31.

1 Thess: 5:1-6. Matt: 25:14-30

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Francis Xavier

Tues- St Lawrence O'Toole

Wed- St Albert the Great

Thu- Ss Gertrude & Margaret

Fri- St Elizabeth of Hungary

Sat- Ss Peter & Paul

### Pray for the Sick:

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

### Recent Deaths: Barry Brown

Mary McVilly

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

Elizabeth Dwyer, Noreen Darcy, Keith Hickey, John Bradley, Kevin Hinkley, Josephine Koles, Edith Robertson, Joan Adeney.

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 \$206.00 & Presbytery \$456.60. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

### **Retirement of Vicar-General our Diocese:**

Hello Everyone,

I write to advise that, because of health concerns, Fr Kevin Maloney will be retiring from his responsibilities as Vicar General on November 1.

I am expressing my thanks to Fr Kevin for his dedicated service as Vicar General over the past five years.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

### **Ordination to the Diaconate**

Seminarian Cay Trinh (Peter) will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

### **Prison Sunday – November 12, 2023**

Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. "We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love," Pope Francis said at the time. Each year in November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake. Resources are available at <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Prison-Sunday>

### **Prayer for Prison Sunday**

Let's think of our incarnated brothers and sisters,  
and let's think about the tenderness of God for them.  
and pray for them so that they may find,  
in that window of hope, a way out toward a better life. Amen.

Pope Francis

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Significant Catholic Person/People from your Parish**

In preparation for the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary in 2024, the anniversary committee for the Mass of the Oils are searching for 1 or 2 significant Catholics from your parish for a display to be presented in the Hall after the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 25, 2024. This could be a well-known person who has achieved success in their chosen field or it could be someone who has left a legacy in your parish, as a benefactor, contributor or historian. Please provide names and supporting information and photo to [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) before February 5, 2024.

### **Prayer for Remembrance Day.**

Father of peace,  
we pray for those who have served to protect our great Southern Land;  
we commend to your mercy those who died for our freedom;  
we pray for the safety of those who are currently serving in the defence forces;

we pray for peace throughout the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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).

**Pope's intention for November** – For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father. As he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16

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

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 62:2-8. 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. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

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

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

12-November-2023, 32nd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	J Saunders	M Saunders
Counting Team: M, J & P Conheady		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: S & J Murfitt		Altar Cobden: Helen Kelly	
Marian Statue: R Henry			

19-November-2023, 33rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy	N/A
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	P Kingston	J Saunders
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: D Cheslett		Altar Cobden: Helen Kelly	
Marian Statue: S Darcy			

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