



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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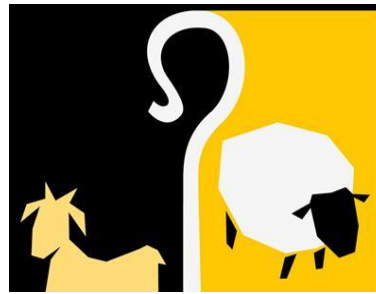
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Dear friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Christ the King. This feast is the culmination of our liturgical year. Next weekend we start the new season of Advent in our liturgical year. Jesus as king does not have the world itself only, but he holds the dominion over the whole creation. Christ's kingdom cannot be compared to any worldly and political power. He rules the heart and mind of men and women. He gives every human being the unique grace of belonging to his kingdom. We become partakers of his kingdom through baptism and sharers of his kingship. It is a life of everlasting happiness to which we all are invited.

We who share in the glory and dignity of Christ the King, also share the responsibility of governing the world. We are called to care for the world and for our fellow brothers and sisters.

This is very clear from today's gospel. He gives concrete examples of the caring love that we should render to one another. Hence it is a love that feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, shelters the homeless and welcomes the strangers. In other words we are called to love others as we love ourselves. By our love and service to our neighbour we could radiate the image of God's love and His kingdom in our witnessing life. Let us ask ourselves do our words and deeds reflect the love of God? If not let us pray to our Lord to give us heart and mind of Jesus to love and care for the people as Jesus did. -Neville



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:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8. 1

Corin 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37

Saints and Feasts:

Mon-Our lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Tues-St Catherine Laboure
Wed- Our Lady of the Golden Heart.

Thu- St Andrew, Apostle

Fri- St Edmund Campion

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, and Shirley Fletcher

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Gaut, Robert Kinley, Ivy White, Hilary Thornton, Alfred Richards and all the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

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.

34th Sunday, The Feast of Christ the King. Year A. 26/11/2023

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

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$185.00 & Presbytery \$449.20. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

Christmas Cards and Calendars: SVdP is selling nativity themed Christmas cards and Columban Calendars after Mass. Calendars are \$10 ea. Cards are \$2.50 for a pack of 5 cards.

Andrew O'Flynn for Camperdown Conference of SVdP

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.

Choir for the Ordination to the Diaconate Mass for Cay Peter Trinh – Saturday, December 16, 2023

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for Cay Trinh's Ordination to the Diaconate Mass on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. We especially invite parishioners from the parishes of Camperdown and Western Border, where Cay has been part of these communities during his pastoral work. Practice times are Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 at the Cathedral (times to be confirmed). There will also be a run through prior to Mass on December 16. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Volunteers for the Mass of the Oils

As part of the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary in 2024, the working committee for the Mass of the Oils are looking for 1 – 2 volunteers from each parish to attend the Mass of the Oils on Monday March 25, 2024 at 11.30am. Volunteers would be required to present a symbol or photo that best represents their parish at the beginning of the Mass.

A parish volunteer is also required to collect the Oils for their parish. This can be the same person or a different person. More information will be provided about this from the Bishop's Office. Many parishes have multiple communities, so the symbol or photo can represent the whole parish or it can be something from the different communities. The symbol/photo framed should be 5in x 7in (12cm x 17.5cm) or for the larger parishes who may need more room, up to 8in x 10in (20cm x 25cm) size framed. For more information, please contact Jane Collins at the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159.

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.

Position Vacant – Secretary in the Bishop's Office

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Secretary in the Bishop's Office, 2-3 days per week. Position and application details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

Announcement regarding CDF Merger

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has made an announcement regarding the merger of our Ballarat Catholic Development Fund with the Melbourne-Sale-Bunbury Catholic Development Fund. Details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/new-era-for-cdf/>

International Day of People with Disabilities – December 3, 2024

Mass to celebrate the International Day of People with Disabilities will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. Watch the video of the Mass announcement presented by Bishop Tim Norton (Bishop Delegate of Disabilities) and representatives from Larche' and Centacare, Brisbane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcrHdd7w9wE>

Journey with us this Advent

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

Caritas Australia's Advent resources invite participants to journey through the four weeks of Advent, reflecting on Scripture and sharing in the stories of our sisters and brothers around the world. Each resource explores Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, with a special focus on justice and the idea of integral ecology that Pope Francis emphasises in *Laudato Si'* (2015) and *Laudate Deum* (2023). Visit www.caritas.org.au/advent to find Advent resources tailored to primary schools and families, secondary schools and youth groups, and parishes and individuals.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners). Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way. We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

26-November-2023 Christ the King	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan	N/A
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	J Seuren	H Hickey
Counting Team: R & A Gardner	Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: M & J Saunders	Altar Cobden:		Helen Kelly
Marian Statue: M Spokes			

03-December-2023 1st Sunday of Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	N/A
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	S Grinter	T O'Leary
Counting Team: P & L Hickey	Altar C'down: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt	Altar Cobden:		Kate Daffy
Marian Statue: M McKenzie			

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