



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**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)

**Reading for the next Sunday**

**1st Reading:** 2Chr 36:14 - 23  
**2nd Reading:** Ephesi 2:4-10  
**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

Dear Friends, In today's gospel the evangelist John presents to us the humanness of Jesus. He saw that the temple was being used as a marketplace not a place of worship. Here Jesus was offended and angry. So he reclaims the temple as His Father's house. In the process he uses physical force to clean the church. The cleaning of the temple tells us three things. Firstly, it is a place of worship. The worship in the church should be done with reverence and love. Hence, we go to church to worship and for the celebration of the sacraments, to pray to God and join the community in praising and thanking the Lord. Secondly, God wants mercy and not sacrifice. Sacrificial offerings do not replace compassion and charitable works. To love and to forgive are far better than temple rituals. Thirdly: God cannot be confined to the temple. Jesus must be the centre and focal point of our worship. God is present not only in the temple but also in the hearts of people. By our baptism, we have been cleansed of sin. We have become worthy and made as the temples of the Holy Spirit. So, we are God's people and dwelling place. The gospel message for us today is to clean our hearts, the dwelling place of God. As we are approaching the celebration of Easter, we have to take the gospel message seriously and clean our hearts to make a worthy and sacred dwelling place for God.  
- Neville.



**Saints and Feasts:**

Mon- St Casimir of Poland  
Tues- St John Joseph of the Cross  
Wed- St Colette  
Thu- Ss Perpetua & Felicity  
Fri- St John of God  
Sat- St Frances of Rome

**Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Bernd Menz, Peter Karlsen, and Shirley Fletcher. (the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

**Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:**

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Scanlan, Brian McMillan, Audrey Fry, Dorothy Molan, Elizabeth Hickey, Mary Collins, Anthony Mahony, Catherine Hately

**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.

**Parish Notices**

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed, or phoned into the Parish Office by noon Thursday.  
George Swierczek: 0439 145 805

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



### **Project Compassion 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent: Meet Leaila**

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaila and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Download the weekly reflection by Michael McGirr from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/mission-and-outreach/project-compassion-2024/>

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

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$172.00 & Presbytery \$516.10. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

### **THIS FRIDAY, NO Mass on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of March due to Priests' Retreat, and the LENT**

**STUDY:** will be held for 45-minute sharing to follow as normal during Lent. Beginning from Friday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. to 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Please Contact Andrew O'Flynn on mobile 0417 390 468

### **Lent resources**

There are a number of Lent prayer resources available from the diocesan

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>.

### **Praying with Pope Francis – updated notice**

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 March** – for new martyrs: Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. Lord, hear us

### **International Women's Day – March 8, 2024**

The theme for International Women's Day 2024 is "Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress." Based on the priority theme for the United Nations 68th Commission on the Status of Women, "Count Her In" will examine the pathways to greater economic inclusion for women and girls everywhere.

**Volunteers for the Mass of the Oils:** As part of the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary we invite 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 at the beginning of Mass that best represents their parish. 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. *Please provide the names of these volunteers to the Pastoral Ministry Office, [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) .*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: Ex 20:1-17**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*The Law was given through Moses.*

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God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:22-25

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

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'. By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system. What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person. We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

03-March-2024	3rd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		M McKenzie	A Horan	N/a
11am: Camperdown		S Grinter	A O'Flynn	J Saunders
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: No Flowers	
Church Cleaning: N Powling			Altar Cobden: No flowers	
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey				

10-March-2024	4th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		J Dwyer	T Bricknell	N/A
11am: Camperdown		J Saunders	R Henry	H Hickey
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson			Altar Camperdown: No Flowers	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: No flowers	
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg				

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