



# 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: Timboon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly -Lismore)

**Reading for the next Sunday**

**1st Reading:** Jerem 31:31-34

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9

**Gospel:** John 12:20-33

Dear Friends, The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus points to the reality of the cross. Jesus summarizes his preaching, his ministry and his whole life. Jesus accepts the will of God wholeheartedly, carries and dies on the cross for the salvation of the whole of humanity. Through his sacrifice on the cross, he shows to us how much he loves us. When lifted up on the cross, he recalls how the people of Israel grumbled against God and Moses in the desert and many of them were bitten by snakes to death. God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole, so that anyone who had been bitten could look at it and recover.

Here Jesus is referring to the Old Testament incident to convey his message of salvation. Exalted to glory at his cross and resurrection, he promises healing for all. He is confident that he would draw all people to himself. Hence, we are invited to share in Jesus' glory, but first we must partake in his agony. We are called to be a people of God and faith. So we must then believe and accept Jesus as our messiah and saviour. Our call is to follow Jesus and carry our cross in our witnessing life. If we stand firm against the hardships, challenges and suffering that may come in our witnessing life, then our journey leads to share the resurrection and eternal life with Jesus. Neville.

**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.



**Saints and Feasts:**

Mon- St Constantine II

Tues- St Luigi Orione

Wed- St Patricia of Nicomedia

Thu- St Matilda

Fri- St Clement Hofbauer

Sat- St Julian of Antioch

**Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember and pray those who are sick: 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. Jim Sinnott, Raymond Horan, Ramon Murrhy, Michael Darcy, Robert Howard, Zack Bond, Harold Lamb, Eward Randle and Gert Scanlan.

**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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Year B. 10/03/2024**

**"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 – Fourth Sunday of Lent: Meet Memory**

- As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. 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.

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$230.00 & Presbytery \$476.50. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

**LENT STUDY:** After **Friday 9.30 am Mass**, Lenten Study will be held for 45-minute of sharing, takes place as normal during the season of Lent. Beginning from Friday Feb 16th. to 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Please Contact Andrew O'Flynn on mobile 0417 390 468

**Reconciliation for Lent:** will be combined with the weekend masses as follows: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9 am Lismore. Next weekend, (16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>) Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday 9am Timboon and 11am Camperdown.

**Announcement from the Bishop**

Hello everyone, On December 6, following discussions with priests and parishioners, I announced that we would have four ministry districts in the Ballarat region.

After further consultations, I am now able to make appointments of priests to serve in these groups of parishes. The following appointments will take effect on April 10, 2024.

Ballarat Cathedral Parish, Ballarat North Parish and Beaufort Parish

Administrator: Fr Edward Moloney

Assistant Priests: Fr James McKay, Fr Francis Kureeckal MST

Ballarat East Parish, Bungaree Parish and Gordon Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll

Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Restall

Redan Parish, Sebastopol Parish and Linton Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagaoisan OSJ

Assistant Priest: Fr Eladio Lizada OSJ

Wendouree Parish, Creswick Parish and Daylesford Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

In view of Fr Matthew Restall's appointment to the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, I have appointed Fr Sajan Mathew as Assistant Priest in the Paul VI Parish in the Wimmera-Mallee. The priests who are currently serving in these parishes will continue in their current appointments until April 10, when the new appointments will take effect. I hope this advance planning will be helpful in allowing time to prepare for the transition to the new arrangements.

I thank everyone who has been involved in the consultations over the past few months. I thank the priests for their readiness to serve in the various parish communities.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: [2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23](#)**

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they

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ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 136. R. v.6](#)

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right-hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

**Second Reading:** [Ephesians 2:4-10](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [John 3:16](#)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** [John 3:14-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.

Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life. We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

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				

17-March-2024	5th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		T Bricknell	G Kelson	A Horan
11am: Camperdown		M Saunders	M Macaulay	T O'Leary
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson			Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: S Grinter			Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady				

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