



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly -Timboon, Simpson)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philipp 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

Dear Friends,

As we approach Holy week we mainly focus on the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross - the gospel reading is preparing us ahead on that theme. Here Jesus gives a new direction; he presents a pattern of life that his disciples have to live. It is a life of self-giving or total sacrifice. Through this self-sacrificing life, we gain the fulfilment of our journey of life. Here the focus is on the giving rather than receiving, service rather than being served. He articulates his point with an example: the seed must fall to the ground and die. It must take in water, sun, and nutrients in the soil. And it must depend on the care of the planter. Only with these conditions can the seed live, grow and bear fruit.

This is also what it means to empty oneself, to suffer and to sacrifice. We must be totally dependent on the care and guidance of the planter Jesus. Only then, we can grow in faith and bear much fruits of good works. This is what; we have done in our baptism. Our baptism is our dying to self and our rising to a new life in Jesus. Let us ask ourselves: How do we experience dying to self as to produce much fruits? We can serve God and our neighbour if we bury our selfish ambitions in our witnessing life. Hence, we can be true workers for God if we reject the worldly whims and all that is contrary to the teaching of the gospel. So let us realize our baptismal call to serve God and his people in our sacrificing life. 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 Cyril of Jerusalem

Tues- St Joseph, Husband of Mary

Wed- St Cuthbert

Thu- St Edna

Fri- St Lea

Sat- St Turibius of Mogrovejo

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: Ramon Murrhy, Elizabeth Thornton, Jessie Westaway, Sheila Power, Kathleen James, and Ingrid Baxter. (The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

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

5th Sunday of Lent. Year B. 17/03/2024

"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 Month's Collection (February):

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last Month, (for February) you generously gave to the Parish \$3860.00 & Presbytery \$2308.60. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you very much 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 22nd of March. Please Contact Andrew O'Flynn on mobile 0417 390 468

Reconciliation for Lent: will be combined with this weekend masses as follows (16th & 17th) Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday 9am Timboon and 11am Camperdown. Next weekend 24th of March, Sunday 9 am Lismore.

Holy Week Ceremonies for the Camperdown & Timboon Parishes

Holy Thursday 28th March – 5.00 pm Timboon

5.00 pm Lismore (LLA)

7.30 pm Camperdown

Good Friday 29th March – 10.00 am Camperdown, it is an Ecumenical Service of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday starts on 10. am at the corner of Manifold Street and Hampden Hotel. All welcome.

Afternoon Service – 3.00 pm Camperdown, and 4.00 pm Timboon.

Holy Saturday 30th March – 5.00 pm Lismore

6.00 pm Timboon

7.30 pm Camperdown

Easter Sunday 31st March - 9.00 am Cobden.

Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

The Mass of the Oils this year will incorporate acknowledgement of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat and will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees – Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace

With wars in so many countries Australia needs to offer compassionate protection to those who flee from war and persecution. All governments and citizens must protect human rights, protect civilians and seek to build peace. All are welcome to the Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace on March 24, 2024 from 2.00pm – 3.30pm at the McDonald Bandstand, Lake Wendouree Foreshore, opposite the Floral clock in the Botanical Gardens, between Pipers and large playground. Further information is available from the Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/BallaratRAR/>

Project Compassion 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent: Partnerships in Action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. 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.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again. 'People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response. And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground. Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life. We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

17-March-2024	5th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		T Bricknell	G Kelson	N/A
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				

24-March-2024	Palm Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Gleeson	M McKenzie	N/A
11am: Camperdown		R Henry	M Smart	C Conheady
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt			Altar Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: J Fry				

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