



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

Sunday: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly -Timboon,
Simpson 9.00 am)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:37-43

2nd Reading: Colossi 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Dear Friends, ; In the gospel, we see that the risen Jesus appears to his disciples and they believe him. But Thomas doubts it. He wants to be sure and demands proof. Thomas missed the first appearance of the risen Jesus because he wanted to be alone and separated from the community of the apostles. The same thing would happen to us, when we withdraw from our faith community, hence we miss great relationships and opportunities of meeting Jesus. Here we have to admire Thomas' honesty. He is not playing with words just to impress us and win his sympathy. He wants to be certain and speaks his mind. He is truthful. Jesus respects his honesty and genuineness; he grants his request. Then he surrenders himself to Jesus, going all the way for him and expressing his profound in a remarkable way: 'My Lord and my God'. Jesus knows our human limitations; we first have to accept them and genuinely seek help from God like Thomas. Jesus offers his peace to us, his gift of faith and the restoration of the relationship between God and us. Let us now genuinely surrender ourselves to God like Thomas and confess: My Lord and my God. Then He will offer His peace and the gift of faith that we need for our life.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- The Annunciation of the Lord

Tues- St Acacius

Wed- St Michael of the Saints.

Thu- St Stanislaus of Poland.

Fri-St Julius

Sat- St Martin I, Pope.

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Bernd Menz, Peter Karlsen, and Helen Watts.

(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: Eddie and Martha

Howard, John Ryan, , Sarah

Fitzgerald, Marietta Kelson, Betty

Carey, Len Riches and Martina

Langenhuizen. (The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

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

2nd Sunday of Easter Year B. 07/04/2024

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

Welcome and Congratulations: we welcome into our St Patrick's Parish community Tully Stephen Boyd son of Gloria Duynhoven and Michael Boyd through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Project Compassion 2024: This year Project Compassion collection was \$818.35. Thank you very much for your ongoing support in promoting Caritas Australia's annual appeal. The Good Friday – (The Holly Land Collection) collection was \$182.35. Once again thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

Parish Rosters for 2024: are available in the foyer today. Please collect after Mass. If unavailable on your turn, please arrange for someone else to take your place. Thanks for Rose Henry, Nicole Darcy & Jordy Muller for preparing the Roster for the year 2024 & all those who have volunteers to take part.

Diocesan History Timeline & Parish History

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

There has also been an "Our History" section added to parish pages on the website for parishes to update with their own history. If you would like to add any dates to the diocesan timeline or need assistance with adding information to the parish "Our History" section, please email

pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Resources

The following resources are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

- The text and PowerPoints of the three anniversary songs - Together We Build our Place, It's Raining in the Mallee and Humble Service;
- The text of the Anniversary Prayer and a copy of the prayer card;
- The 150th Anniversary logo.

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.

Pope's intention for April – for the role of women: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. Lord, hear us

Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

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

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1](#)

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 John 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [John 20:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 20:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

07-April-2024	2nd Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		T Bricknell	P Dwyer	N/A
11am: Camperdown		J Gardner	P Kingston	G Lucas
Counting Team: P & A Burke			Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: R Henry			Altar Cobden: A Scott	
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary				

14-April-2024	3rd Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Gleeson	A Horan	N/A
11am: Camperdown		R Henry	C McCarthy	J Saunders
Counting Team: P & A Burke			Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: Robert L			Altar Cobden: A Scott	
Marian Statue: J Larkins				

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