



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: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Dear Friends Today's gospel reading is inviting us to have a deep union with God to bear much fruits for His kingdom. Here, Jesus compares our relationship with him to a vine and its branches. He is the centre of our foundation. Cutting and separating ourselves from him will cause us to wither fruitless, and die. Away from Jesus, we are useless and helpless; we cannot bear fruit. Jesus is our nourishment and our very life. We are called to remain in Jesus to live with him and to be in communion with him. United to Jesus means, we are to be pruned so that we may be fruitful. What is useless and unnecessary in us to cut off. We let go of the excess baggage in our life.

The pruning is our self-purification, so that we can be healthy and fruitful for the Lord. We become fruitless branches when we no longer listen to Jesus. We refuse to accept him; we go against his will and rebel against his ways because we are unwilling to forego the comforts and conveniences of our life. We do not bear fruit when we listen but do not follow his teachings. We pay lip service but do not practice. So let us examine and reflect on ourselves to find out the areas that we need more attention. Hence let us ask the Lord to prune and cut off whatever is unnecessary in our life. Through this self-purification we may be able to bear fruit for the Lord and to work for his kingdom in our day-to-day 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 Catherine of Siena

Tues- St Pius V, Pope

Wed- St Joseph the Worker

Thu- St Athanasius

Fri- Ss Philip & James, Apostles

Sat- St Peregrine

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlsen, Brian Wain, 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:

Robert Wilson, Harry Gatens, Kathleen Gleeson, Thelma Walsh, Kevin Bradshaw, Mary Cameron, John O'Brien. (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 Easter Year B. 28/04/2024

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

Last Month's Collection (March):

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last Month, (for March) you generously gave to the Parish \$3502.56 & Presbytery \$2107.05. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you very much for your generous support & care for the Parish.

150TH Anniversary Liturgy in parishes – THIS WEEKEND

•We are celebrating the whole of 2024 as an anniversary year. Bishop Paul has invited parishes to acknowledge the 150th anniversary at Masses THIS WEEKEND April 27-28, 2024. He has invited schools to mark the anniversary during the week of April 29 to May 3, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion. Bishop Paul encourages each parish and each school to acknowledge their own history in the context of the 150 years of the history of the diocese. Local communities are coming up with creative ways of telling their local story as part of the diocesan story.

•We encourage you to pray the Anniversary Prayer at these Masses. You may also use the songs composed for the 150th anniversary by Roger Hillman, Fr Andrew Hayes and Gerry Vytilingam. There are three songs available: Together We Build Our Place, Rain in the Mallee and Humble Service.

•Resources, prayer and songs are available at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

•Bishop Paul is commemorating the anniversary year with a personal visit to each parish and looks forward to celebrating with as many local communities as possible throughout the year. We would like to include a brief report and photos in the diocesan news of Bishop Paul's visits to your parish this year. Please send to pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

Mass Counts start on weekend 4-5 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 4-5 May and continue each weekend until the end of May. Forms are attached. You can use either form to record your mass counts.

•Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends. If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

WINTER APPEAL – Dear parishioners, your conference is proud to represent Catholics in caring for the needy. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic> . Take care to write CAMPERDOWN in the Comments/Conference Name box. Thank you. Andrew.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

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When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26](#)

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: [1 John 3:18-24](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [John 15:4-5](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 15:1-8](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerons desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

28-April-2024 5th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	J Dwyer	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	J Saunders	T. O' Leary
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: S Swayn/G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: S Grinter		Altar Cobden: A Scott	
Marian Statue: B Hewitt			

05-May-2024 6th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	T Bricknell	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	R Henry	H Seuren
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: M Russell/A Gardner	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden H Watts	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady			

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