



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**St. Patrick's Church**  
Camperdown



**St. Brendan's Church**  
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**St. John's Church**  
53, High St, Lismore

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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: Acts 1:1-11**

**2nd Reading: Ephes 1:17-23**

**Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

Dear Friends

In today's gospel we see Jesus give us the commandment of love and asks us to remain in his love. So, united with Jesus in love, we keep his commandment too in the same way he loves us. We must share with others his love for us. This is our call. How do we love others? Do we have a standard for love?

Yes, we do, Jesus has openly demonstrated the love that he had for us by laying down his life for us. He says: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. From this we clearly understand that Jesus' love was not a selfish or conditional but a sacrificial love.

This sacrificial love is not to demand anything in return but to remain in His love. This love is for who and what a person is. God loves us in spite of our mistakes, in spite of our sins and infidelity.

God loves us for what we are and whoever we are. God's love is not selective or exclusive. He loves us with all our limitations and weaknesses. God loves all sinners and saints alike. He calls us friends and asks us to remain in his love. He made the initiative to redeem us and gave us the commandments. If we remain in his love, we can be fruitful. So let us take his call sincerely and bear much fruits for his kingdom. Hence during our celebration let us ask the Lord's mercy and to remain in his love to fulfil his commandment of love as he has loved us. -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 Dominic Savio

Tues- St Augustine Roscelli

Wed- St Boniface IV, Pope.

Thu- St George Preca

Fri- St Damien de Veuster

Sat- St Walter

### 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: Fr Tom Brophy

Cynthia Moran

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ann van Someren, Therese de

Been, Bernard Place Sonya

McKenzie, Peter Narik. (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

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B. 05/05/2024**

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

### **Mass Counts start on this weekend 4-5 May**

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

### **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](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Pope's intention for May** – for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, hear us.

•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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso, "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27). The National Council of Churches in Australia have provided promotional and worship and reflection resources for this week, available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>

### **Fr Tom Brophy Funeral Mass**

Mass celebrating entry into eternal life For Fr Tom Brophy will be celebrated on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Burial will follow at the Ballarat New Cemetery. Rosary will be recited in evening on Sunday, May 5 at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Livestream link for the Funeral Mass is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1XY3pJf9z0>.

Livestream link for the burial is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17ebPR80EK8>

### **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](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** [Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48](#)

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2](#)

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

**Second Reading:** [1 John 4:7-10](#)

**A reading from the first letter of St John**

*God is love.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [John 14:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [John 15:9-17](#)

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

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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: RC		Altar Cobden H Watts	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady			

12-May-2024 Ascension Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	A Horan	G Gleeson	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	S Gillett	R Henry
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy/ J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: C Walsh		Altar Cobden: H Watts	
Marian Statue: J Fry			

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