



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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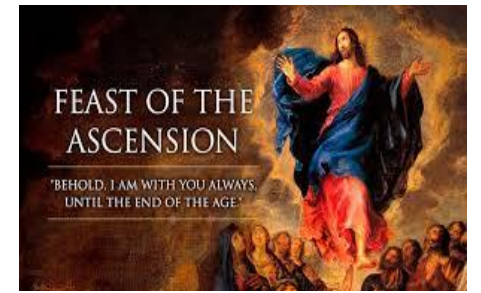
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Dear Friends. This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Lord's Ascension. This feast reminds us of our final glory in the heavenly kingdom. Jesus ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus came down in an obedience to his Father and has lived with us in this world. He has fulfilled his mission successfully and went back to his Father. Our goal is to be one with Jesus and with the Father. But before we go to heaven we must fulfil our mission like Jesus. Our mission is to live our baptismal commitment and carry out the teaching of the gospel. To join Jesus in his ascension to heaven is to go the way with him in his life and continue his ministry. We have to carry our own cross and follow the footsteps of Jesus. So this feast of the Ascension reminds us also our mission. Jesus just before he ascends to his Father, he commissions his disciples to continue his mission until he returns. Hence by our baptismal commitment we share the same mission of the Apostles. We are being sent out into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. We proclaim how much God loves us. We bear witness to what God does for us. We go in the name of Jesus to the poor, the lonely and the downtrodden, show our love and care for them like Jesus. We have to go to those in need of God's mercy, love and forgiveness so that they may be able to see God's providential care through our words and deeds. -Neville.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Our Lady of Fatima
Tues- St Matthias, Apostle.
Wed- St. Dymphna
Thu- St Simon Stock
Fri- S Pacal & Giulia
Sat- St John I Pope

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: Donna Marshall
Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Marie Moran, Skye Bowman, Maria Eijsvogel, Anna Someren, Mavis Reed, Petronella Twynstra, Leslie Hammond. (The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

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: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, -13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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

7th Sunday, The Feast of the Ascension Year B. 12/05/2024

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:

Mother is a part of God. Mother is a part of love. Mother is a part of our strength. Mother is a part of our winning. Mother is a part of who direct us to right path to proceed, and ..and .. so...on..

Nothing can be compared to the love a mother has for her children. Your love is incomparable, unconditional, and inseparable. No matter where we go or what we do, we always find ourselves finding solace in our mother's advice at the end of the day. Happy Mother's Day.

Mass Counts continue this weekend 11-12 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count continues for the next three weekends in May.

•Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends

Last Month's Collection (April):

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last Month, (for April) you generously gave to the Parish \$4872.57 & Presbytery \$3378.95. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you very much for your generous support & care for the Parish.

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 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.

•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

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

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

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In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6](#)

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations, God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading: [Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself..

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) [Matthew 28:19. 20](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 16:15-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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				

19-May-2024	Pentecost Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		J Dwyer	K Daffy	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown		S Gillett	M Macaulay	M Russell
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: H Watts	
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney				

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