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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 Mass

Our Church's and the Diocese's Anniversary

celebration on next Sunday.

Mass only at **Camperdown** at 10.00 am

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Job 38:1. 8-11

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Dear Friends.

The gospel contains two parables: What is common between the two? Both speak of small and insignificant seeds. But when they sprout and grow, these smallest of seeds become the largest of plants. The parables tell us about how the kingdom of God grows in the heart of human beings. They explain the nature of God's kingdom. They show us how God's Kingdom begins in an ordinary circumstance and matures gradually in the course of time. It tells us at least two things. First one, a big thing comes from small beginning. The ordinary can become a special one. Even if we are small or insignificant, we are valuable in God's eyes.

Whatever we have, no matter how ordinary we are, we can offer ourselves and contribute a lot towards God's Kingdom. Whatever we are, unskilled or average, God can use us to make a difference. In God's eyes no one is unnoticed or forgotten. Everyone is special and important. Second one is; growth, change or improvement is a law of life. We cannot remain where we are, passive or stagnant. But not to go forward or not to progress, means it is to go backward. We can grow and shine. We can achieve and improve. We should neither resign to our condition nor rely on luck. We can be better, and we can give our best. God never leaves us or gives up on us. He gives everything we need to move forward in life and grow in God's grace. God's grace even moves people to help us. God always gives us fresh hope, another chance and new opportunities so that we can grow and renew our lives. -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 Teresa of Portugal

Tues- St Marina

Wed- St Romuald

Thu- St Silverius

Fri- St Aloysius

Sat- St Thomas More

Sun- St John Fisher

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlsen, and Brian Wain. (the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

Recent Deaths: Helen Watts

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernie Kell, Heather Corneby, Clella Rosolin, Noala Sargeant, Benedict Nicholls, Thomas Moran (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

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

Our Church's and the Diocese's Anniversary celebration:

Our present Church stands out proudly as our identity of faith for the last 100 years. As we celebrate the anniversary of the formation of the diocese for 150 years, our church committees have decided to combine both celebrations together when Bishop Paul visits our parish on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd in June. We would like to invite you for the dinner with the Bishop on Saturday night at Hampden Hotel function room and on Sunday morning 10.00 am mass followed by morning tea at the College Library. Please Contact Gerard Gleeson on 0427 096 493 and Jordy Muller on 0403 511 995

SVdP Camperdown – WINTER APPEAL – Dear parishioners, your conference is proud to represent Catholics in caring for the needy. To donate go to

<https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2024/camperdown-conference> . Thank you. Andrew O'Flynn, Conference President.

National Refugee Week: June 17-23, 2024

In a world marked by displacement and the search for refuge, this year's Refugee Week theme "Finding Freedom" – with a focus on family – encapsulates the profound journey of resilience, strength, and unity that defines the refugee experience. This Refugee Week, we aim to shed light on the transformative power of familial bonds as well as chosen bonds in the face of adversity and emphasise the crucial role families play in providing solace, support, and a sense of belonging to those forced to flee their homelands. More information is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-refugee-week-june-17-23-2024/>

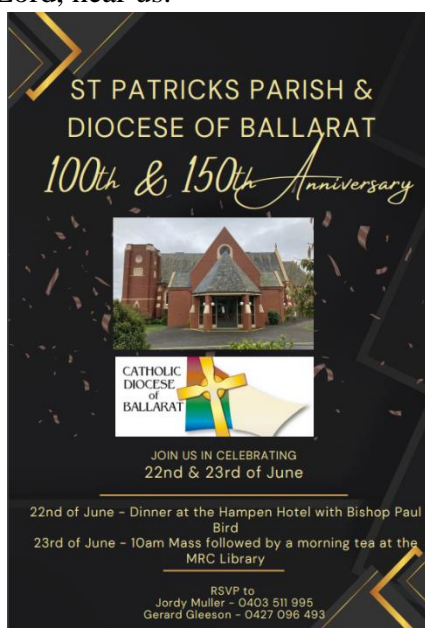
Fraud and Scam Emails and Text Messages:

The Parish or Fr Neville will NEVER contact anyone via email or text message requesting assistance, money or gifts. If you receive any emails or text messages asking for any of these things or something that seems a little off, please make contact with the Parish via our Landline 03 5593 1284.

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 June - for those fleeing their own countries: Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries. Lord, hear us.



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

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. Cycle 5 begins July 15. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Ezekiel 17:22-24](#)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2](#)

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading: [2 Corinthians 5:6-10](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the Sower;
all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 4:26-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence, and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature. The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

16-June-2024 11th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	B Hammond	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	C McCarthy	G Lucas
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: M Russell/ A Gardner	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: A Horan	
Marian Statue: M Russell			

23-June- 2024 12th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
10.00 am Camperdown	J. Saunders	A Flynn	R Henry
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy/J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: M & J Saunders		Altar Cobden: A Horan	
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary			

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