



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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Timboon, Simpson)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Dear Friends. This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ or the feast of the Eucharist. This feast commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. In the Old Testament Passover, they used unleavened bread that recalls the manna that was delivered from above to the people during their journey in the desert towards the Promised Land. The bitter herbs are a remembrance of their hardship and suffering during their slavery and exile. And the red wine is in memory of their crossing of the Red Sea. Hence the Jewish people annually commemorate this event as the feast of the Passover. It took a new meaning in the New Testament Era with Jesus. Jesus, in his turn at the Passover meal that was his last Supper with his disciples celebrated the Supper in view of his passion, death and resurrection. The unleavened bread is now Jesus' body broken and given to the disciples and to the humanity: "Take it; this is my body". The red wine is now Jesus' blood poured out for the redemption of the world: "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many". So when we celebrate the Eucharist, we are encountering and experiencing Jesus himself. Because Jesus has given us this memorial of his passion to bring us it's saving power until the end of the world. At the end of the celebration, we are sent out to bring to others what we have received, to share Jesus with others and to be Jesus to the world around 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 Charles Lwanga

Tues- St Filippo Smaldone.

Wed- St Boniface of Mainz

Thu- Ss Marcellin & Norbert

Fri- The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat- The immaculate Heart of Mary

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: Frank & Nance Gardner, Peter Cannard, Stella FitzGerald, Bernard Harrington, Margaret Ryan, Thelma Timmermans. (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

9th Sunday, The Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ, 02/06/24

"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

What Vinnies Camperdown does: Conference meets fortnightly for prayer, social and adult faith formation of Members. Good works include Bread Run and Home Visits. Some members volunteer in the Vinnies shop. The Assistance Centre is a work of the Vinnies Corangamite Region. Vinnies Victoria is considering its strategic plan. The local members are involved in planning as well. Andrew O'Flynn, Conference President.

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 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.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – Formation – updated notice

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Clergy in parishes, Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions. Dates are: Robinvale - June 13; Horsham - July 28; Colac – July 30; Buninyong - August 4; Wendouree – August 13; Warrnambool - August 25. Further details on the format will follow.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Exodus 24:3-8](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes

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of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13](#)

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading: [Hebrews 9:11-15](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [John 6:51-52](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel: [Mark 14:12-16, 22-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make

the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistía*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

| 02-June-2024 Body and Blood of Christ | Reader | P.O.F. | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | G Gleeson | P Dwyer | P Dwyer |
| 11am: Camperdown | J Gardner | R Henry | S Gillett |
| Counting Team: MJP Conheady | | Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/M Larkins | |
| Church Cleaning: MRC | | Altar Cobden: A Horan | |
| Marian Statue: R & M Larkins | | | |

| 09-June-2024 10th Sunday O.T. | Reader | P.O.F. | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | K Daffy | A Horan | G Gleeson |
| 11am: Camperdown | C McCarthy | P Kingston | S Grinter |
| Counting Team: MJP Conheady | | Altar Camperdown: S Swain/G Lucas | |
| Church Cleaning: D Cheslett | | Altar Cobden: A Horan | |
| Marian Statue: M Macauley | | | |

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