



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm -Cobden
Sunday: 9am 1st Sun.-
Simpson (except winter, then
Timboon)
9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore
9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon
(Lay-led assembly will be held
on the other weekends)
Sun: 11am Camperdown
Next Weekend Mass:
Saturday 6.30 pm – Cobden
Sunday 9.00 am Lismore
11.00 am Camperdown
(Lay Assembly – Timboon,
Simpson)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
or 1:3-10
Gospel : Mark 6:7-13

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to *prefer* to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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 Gregory Grassi & Companions
Tues- St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
Wed- St Veronica Giuliani
Thu- St Benedict
Fri- Sts John Jones & John Wall

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)

Anniversaries: We pray for those

who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Norman Brewis, Parick O'Connell, Elaine Lucas, Michael Walsh, Lorraine Campbell, Lorna Madden, Neville Reed, Kevin Watts, Peter Watts, Annette Stedman (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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year – B. 07/07/2024

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

Annual Collection for the Pope: June 29-30

The annual collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul (June 29). Depending on your local circumstances, this could be on the weekend of June 29-30 or July 6-7. Letter from Bishop Paul attached.

Ribbons on a section of the cathedral fence

Bishop Paul offers this update following discussions about ribbons on the cathedral fence.

In March this year, LOUD fence ribbons were removed from the St Patrick's Cathedral fence following consultations between members of LOUD fence and representatives of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, to allow maintenance work to be undertaken.

In 2015, during the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the LOUD fence began tying ribbons to fences in Ballarat and beyond, as a sign of solidarity and support for those who suffered child sexual abuse in institutional settings.

While maintenance work was undertaken, Parish Council and LOUD fence representatives began discussions for a long-term memorial on the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral to acknowledge victim survivors, their loved ones and supporters who experienced child sexual abuse in church settings and elsewhere.

We hope that the memorial will provide ongoing recognition of those who experience the ongoing impacts of child sexual abuse, be a reminder for the continuing attention to safeguarding children and vulnerable people in the community and promote healing across the Ballarat community.

With maintenance work on the fence completed, Bishop Paul, together with representatives of the Parish Council and LOUD fence have announced a next step to be taken while discussions about a long-term memorial continue. As an interim arrangement, ribbons will be placed on a dedicated section of the cathedral fence on Sturt Street.

Parish representatives will gather with LOUD fence members at 11 am on Saturday July 6 to tie ribbons to the dedicated section of fence. Parishioners and LOUD fence invite anyone who wishes, to tie a ribbon as a sign of support for victim/survivors, their loved ones, and supporters and as a reminder for continuing to safeguard children and vulnerable people everywhere.

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.

For the pastoral care of the sick: Let us pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. Lord, hear us.

Sport can lead the way to Christ



Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport connected and why should they be? Whether competing, supporting or encouraging play for health, sport is part of our family and social life. In sport we experience community and teamwork, sacrifice and dedication, the benefits of rules and fair play, the highs of success and the learnings that come with defeat. We learn from coaches, parents and friends as we put in the extra effort to train or to attend games. Sport forms us not only in the skills of play or competition, but in life experiences that form our personal human development. The Church and sport can learn from each other in many ways. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a new document that explains how sport is a gift that can draw people closer to Christ. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/sport-can-lead-the-way-to-christ/>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources: July 7, 2024 *Keep the Fire*

Burning: Strong in Faith

On this day, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) have provided resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday on July 7, 2024.

A liturgy resource has been thoughtfully compiled to enrich your worship experience on this significant day. Link <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2024-atsi-sunday.html#ovo>

Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop Dinner 2024

Save the date: The Annual KSC Archbishop's Dinner to support the education of clergy will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024 at the Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. More information available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/361551410249967?ref=newsfeed>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 122. R. v.2*

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake.

For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Home town crowds and 'mighty works'

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

07-July-2024 14th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	G Gleeson	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	S Grinter	T O'Leary
Counting Team: Smart Family	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: R Henry	Altar Cobden: K Daffy		
Marian Statue: P & J Dwyer			

14 July-2024 15th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	K Daffy	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	M Saunders	H Seuren
Counting Team: P & L Hickey	Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: Robert L	Altar Cobden: K Daffy		
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey			

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