



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Brendan's Church  
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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: Timboon 9.00 am**

Camperdown 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

### Reading for the next Sunday

**1st Reading:** Proverbs 9:1-6

**2nd Reading:** Ephesi 5:15-20

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

Dear Friends, This weekend's gospel is a continuation from the last weekend's gospel. Once again Jesus presents himself as the bread that comes down from heaven. He invites us to partake of his bread, so that we will live forever. In gospel we see that the Jewish people were not happy about the invitation of eating his body and drinking his blood. They were murmuring about his family's background among themselves. Jesus asked them to stop murmuring among themselves and to believe in him. He went on to say: "Whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life". This invitation of believing in him and to eat this bread of life is continually offered at the celebration of the Eucharist. During the consecration, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become truly the body and blood of Jesus. In Holy Communion, we receive Jesus in the form of bread and wine. It is indeed Jesus whom we receive. We draw spiritual nourishment and strength from the Eucharist. The Eucharist sustains and gives us eternal life. At the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus. We become like him and for him. Each Eucharist that we celebrate helps us to become like Jesus for others, to act and speaks like Jesus to them. It becomes our source of strength and nourishment in our witnessing life. As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us ask the Lord to strengthen and nourish our faith so that we may be able to witness Jesus. By our witnessing life, we may be able to demonstrate the love, mercy and forgiveness of God to the people who are living in our society. -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 Jane Frances

Tues- Ss Pontian & Hippolytus

Wed- St Maximilian Kolbe

Thu- The Assumption of Mary

Fri- St Stephen of Hungary

Sat- Our Lady of Knock

### 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: Molly Morrison, Joseph Dimech, Pat Ringelberg, Norah Place, Johannes van Someren and Merle Sumner. (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

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN Ordinary, Time. Year – B. 11/08/2024**

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

### **Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2024**

The second edition of ODC 2024 is available for collection from the diocesan offices in Ballarat. Please encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese. This edition is also available to view online <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ODC-July-2024-1.pdf>

### **Safetrac Training update**

A large number have now successfully completed the training module “Creating a Child Safe Organisation”. A list of completion status was sent to all parishes two weeks ago. If you haven’t already, please refer to it and follow up with those who have not yet completed the training. If you have any queries please contact

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### **Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024**

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. There is a flyer attached that you could display in your parish or add to your bulletin. The flyer is also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

### **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).

**For political leaders:** Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor. Lord, hear us.

### **Diocesan e-News**

The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://mailchi.mp/907cc86997aa/edition-119-february-15-14183292>. You can also view this edition at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> or you can subscribe on this page to receive future editions straight to your email address.

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and education and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. This celebration coincides with the feast of the country’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray for more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia. For information regarding vocations, go to <https://sydneyvocations.org/events/national-vocations-awareness-week-2024-2/>

**The Feast of the Assumption on 15<sup>th</sup>**: a Mass on 9.30 am at St Patrick's church Camperdown

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** [1 Kings 19:4-8](#)

A reading from the first book of Kings

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

**Second Reading:** [Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

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

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

**Gospel:** [John 6:41-51](#)

A reading from the gospel according to John.

*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his

father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"? Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divine human life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live *forever*.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

11-August-2024	19th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Kelson	A Horan	N/A
11am: Camperdown		J Gardner	M Macaulay	M Russell
Counting Team: H & J Seuren			Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: M Walsh	
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary				

18-August-2024	20th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		B Hammond	B Hammond	N/A
11am: Camperdown		R Henry	P Kingston	J Saunders
Counting Team: H & J Seuren			Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: C Walsh			Altar Cobden: M Walsh	
Marian Statue: J Larkins				

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