



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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: Lismore 9.00 am**

Camperdown 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Timboon)

**Reading for the next Sunday**

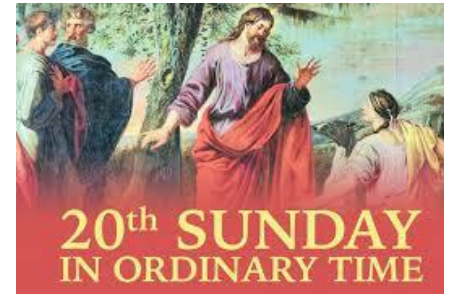
**1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-18**

**2nd Reading: Ephesi 5:21-32**

**Gospel: John 6:60-69**

Dear Friends, This weekend's gospel is a continuation from the last weekend's gospel passage. Here we see that the Jewish people wonder how Jesus can give his flesh to eat. This is for them a kind of cannibalism. Besides this, in the book of Genesis, God prohibits them from eating 'flesh with its lifeblood still in it'. Because of this, the Jewish people have the greatest reverence for blood as the source of life. To come in contact with the blood is immediately to become ritually unclean. Thus, they cannot understand what Jesus is telling them. But Jesus is pointing to the mystery of the Eucharist. His life will be a sacrificial offering on the mount of Calvary. Anyone who will partake in the communion of his body and blood will remain in Jesus and will have eternal life. So to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood is to integrate totally into our being the very person of Jesus. That is to assimilate his whole way of thinking and acting. In our diet-conscious age, we say, 'You are what you eat'. If you eat a fatty food, you will put on weight. In the same way, if you eat the body and drink the blood of Jesus you will take the form of Jesus. This is exactly what Jesus wants us to understand. That is to become a part of him. By sharing the Eucharist, will give us the grace, strength and the energy to grow into his goodness. Hence, receiving the Eucharist should make us think like Jesus, speak like Jesus and act like Jesus. So in our celebration, let us ask the Lord to give us the grace and energy that we need through the Eucharist to think, speak and act like Jesus in our day-to-day life. -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 John Eudes

Tues- St Bernard of Clairvaux

Wed- St Pious x, Pope

Thu- The Queenship of Mary

Fri- St Rose of Lima

Sat- St Bartholomew, Apostle

**Pray for the Sick:**

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

**Recent Death:** Mary Flynn

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Egan, Frank Ringelberg, Ricky Robertson, Charles Jehu, John Baker, Mattie Adams, Amy O'Donohue. (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.**"

### **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.

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Position Vacant: Pastoral Care at Mercy Place Ballarat Aged Care

### **A permanent part-time position is available at Ballarat Mercy Place Aged Care.**

Applications are available on the seek link

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/77920166?type=standout&ref=search-standalone&origin=jobCard#sol=bf828cb7ac33e2ee3f0a0309916d6ede9fc496a3>. For any further information or interest in formation regarding pastoral care, please contact Bernadette Wurlod, email: [BWurlod@mercy.com.au](mailto:BWurlod@mercy.com.au)

### **ACU Big Sing for a Big Cause - August 25, 2024**

The Australian Catholic University, in partnership with St Patrick's Cathedral (Melbourne) and St Patrick's College (Ballarat) is hosting "Big Sing for a Big Cause", which will see singers, choirs and instrumentalists combine for a special performance, raising funds for those affected by homelessness. The concerts will be in Ballarat and Melbourne, performing Street Requiem, a piece co-composed by Dr Kathleen McGuire, a renowned composer and ACU senior lecturer in Music Education. Donations will be raised for Peplow House (a ministry of CatholicCare Victoria) and ACU's Urgent

Financial Hardship Grant. For more information go to  
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/acus-big-sing-for-a-big-cause/>

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** [Proverbs 9:1-6](#)

A reading from the book of Proverbs

*Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.*

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.  
She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says,  
'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared!  
Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. 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. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong  
lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Be watchful that you may know the will of God.*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people.  
This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but  
recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply  
dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when  
you are together and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always  
and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [John 6:56](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** [John 6:51-58](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose? The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the LORD, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

18-August-2024	20 <sup>th</sup> 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				

25-August-2024	21st Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30 pm: Cobden		A Horan	J Dwyer	N/A
11am: Camperdown		C McCarthy	R Henry	S Grinter
Counting Team: P & A Burke			Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/ M Larkins	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: M Walsh	
Marian Statue: B Hewitt				

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