



# 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: Simpson 9.00 am**

**Camperdown 11.00 am**

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

**Reading for the next Sunday**

**1st Reading:** Deute 4:1-2.-8

**2nd Reading:** James 1:17-, 27

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 23

Dear Friends,

The gospel of this weekend is a conclusion of the 6th chapter of John's gospel. We have been reflecting about the teaching of the sacrament of the Eucharist on this chapter for the last 4 Sundays. Here is the conclusion of the teaching about himself as the bread of life that comes down from heaven and gives eternal life. Here his teaching draws negative reactions and sharp questions. The Jewish listeners wonder how Jesus can give his flesh to eat. Many of them remarked and murmured that his saying is hard and unacceptable. So, Jesus' teachings results in two groups. One group that left Jesus. The other group stayed with Jesus even though they didn't fully understand teachings about the Eucharist.

The Apostles held on to Jesus. Jesus noticed that few of his followers were leaving him. Then Jesus turned to his disciples and asked them: "Do you also want to leave?" Here, Peter responds: Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We see here Peter's loyalty and fidelity to Jesus. Peter declares that they have come to believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus always makes clear to us what he expects from us. He does not need to say sweet words to win our emotions and meet our expectations. He tells us the reality of the cross and of the consequence. He leaves us the decision to stay or to go. -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 Mariam Baouardy

Tues- St Monica

Wed- St Augustine of Hippo

Thu- Our Lady of Good Health

Fri- St Richard Martin

Sat- St Aiden of Lindisfarne

**Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlsten, 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: Anastasia Reilly, Maureen Gstrein, Leonard White, William Lucas, Margaret Lowe. (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. The flyer is also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

### **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal – next weekend**

The BCSF Collection for Retired Priests will be held next weekend. Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Caring for those who cared for us - the Church community's responsibility.

### **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 Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024**

Please advertise this notice on your parish bulletins as all members of the diocese are welcome to attend. The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registration will be required to attend.

### **Resources for Social Justice Sunday**

The Social Justice Statement for 2024-2025 has been published. Bishop Paul has released a video regarding this Statement. To view the video, access copies of the statement and liturgy notes, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Liturgy notes for the weekend are also available from the website.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

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Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. 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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

**Second Reading:** [Ephesians 5:21-32](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [See John 6:63. 68](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [John 6:60-69](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God

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

## **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer. If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

<b>25-August-2024 21st Sunday O.T.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm. Cobden</b>	A Horan	J Dwyer	N/A
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	C McCarthy	R Henry	S Grinter
<b>Counting Team: P &amp; A Burke</b>	<b>Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/ M Larkins</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning: MRC</b>	<b>Altar Cobden: M Walsh</b>		
<b>Marian Statue: B Hewitt</b>			
<b>1 Sept 2024 22nd Sunday O.T.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	N/A
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	A O'Flynn	R Henry	G Lucas
<b>Counting Team: P &amp; A Burke</b>	<b>Altar Camperdown: S Swayn/G Lucas</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning: Robert L</b>	<b>Altar Cobden: J Dwyer</b>		
<b>Marian Statue: P &amp; L Hickey</b>			

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