



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: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Dear Friends, Jesus never turned anyone away who approached him with sincerity and trust. whatever Jesus did, he did with tender loving care. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus approaches a man who is deaf and has an impediment in his speech, Jesus shows his loving care for this man's difficulty. Jesus takes him aside privately, from a noisy crowd. Then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle and cures him. Here he physically identifies with this man's sickness and awakens faith in him. The people's response to this miracle testifies Jesus' great care and mercy for others. No burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. Let us ask ourselves how do we expect Jesus to treat us when we ask for his help? Do we approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? We have to approach him like a man in the gospel. Because Jesus never turned anyone away with empty hands. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like the same manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Let us examine ourselves: Do we show kindness and compassion to our neighbours and do we treat them with consideration as Jesus did in the miracle story? So let us pray in our celebration to the Lord to fill us with the Holy Spirit and to inflame our hearts with love and compassion, so that we may be able to show others kindness and care like Jesus. -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 Peter Claver

Tues- St Nicholas of Tolentino

Wed- St Daniel

Thu- Most Holy Name of Mary

Fri- St John Chrysostom

Sat- The Exaltation of the Cross

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: Irene Beasley

Anniversaries: We pray for

those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Louis Goonan, Otto Gramms, Benjamin Clark, Gavin de Been, Con Goonan, Elwyn Heard, Edith Mathews.

(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

23rd Sunday IN Ordinary, Time. Year – B. 08/09/2024

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

First Holy Communion: we would like to congratulate these children from our parish who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Thomas Dixon, Leroy Fisher, Poppy Gaut, Baxter Huggins, Roy Molan, Amber Narik, Charlotte Pascoe, Anderson Pekin, Brady Rippon-Hanson, Olivia Simmonds, Will Sinnott, George Titmus, Lewie West, Pippa Woodmason, Savanna Wright, Vivian Rowan and Gabriel Capizzi.

We would like to express our gratitude to our School Principal, the staff, the Religious Coordinator Tarryn Delaney and Mick Saunders, their parents for preparing the children for the sacrament. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey.

We welcome Fr. Ed Moloney to our parish this weekend. We would like to appreciate his willing to join and celebrate mass with us this weekend. Thank you Fr Ed Moloney.

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/>

Safeguarding Sunday – THIS SUNDAY

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday 2024 on September 8 -**THIS SUNDAY** - at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. This year Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week - "Every conversation matters". Other resources available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-sunday-september>.

Last Month's Collection: (August)

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last Month, you generously gave to the Parish \$2814.00 & Presbytery \$2142.75. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

Diocesan e-News: The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://mailchi.mp/251395aaac20/edition-119-february-15-14185523?e=c28697ff66>. You can subscribe to receive future editions straight to your email address at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

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 cry of the earth: Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. Lord, hear us.8-2024/

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:4-7 (NRSV)*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer; and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or; "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised
This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* cf Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

8 Sept 2024	23rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		T Bricknell	K Daffy	N/A
11am: Camperdown		J Saunders	S Grinter	R Henry
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: M Russell/A Gardner	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: J Dwyer	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady				

15 Sept 2024	24th Sunday O.T	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Gleeson	G Kelson	N/A
11am: Camperdown		S Grinter	J Seuren	M Macauley
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy/J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: D Cheslett			Altar Cobden: J Dwyer	
Marian Statue: J Fry				

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