



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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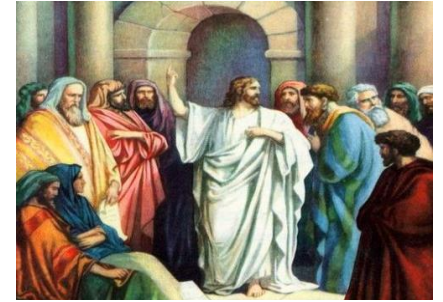
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Dear Friends, Many people in Israel recognized Jesus as a man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets of their time. When Jesus asked the disciples, who he was? Peter, professed that Jesus was truly "the Son of the living God". Jesus replied to him: No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. That means, through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to declare publicly that Jesus was the Anointed One, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem the world as the expected Messiah. Jesus told his disciples to be silent about his identity as the anointed Son of God and Messiah. Because Jesus wanted his disciples and people to discover his identity through their eyes of faith like Peter. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it. This was a real challenge to Jesus. He explained to his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of salvation might be accomplished. He also explained to them, how different God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways are. It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of evil and won for us eternal life and salvation to humankind. Let us ask ourselves: who is Jesus for us and what different does he make in our life? If we want to share in the victory of Jesus, then we must also take up our cross and follow where he leads us.



**Saints and Feasts:**

- Mon- Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
- Tues- Ss Robert & Hildegard
- Wed- Ss Joseph & John Macias
- Thu- Our Lady of La Salette
- Fri- Ss Andrew, Paul Chong
- Sat- St Matthew, Apostle

**Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlson, 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: Frank & Mary O'Leary, Daniel O'Leary, Dora Beaton, Herby Fitzgerald, Joan Park, Thomas O'Sullivan.

(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

**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.

**Reading for the next Sunday**

**1st Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20**  
**2nd Reading: Jame 3:16 – 4:3**  
**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

**"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/>

### **Retired Priest's Collection:**

You generously contributed to the Retired Clergy Appeal Fund \$886.00. Thank you for your generous continuing support for this Retired Clergy Appeal. God bless you.

**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/>

### **World Day of Migrants & Refugees – Sunday, September 29, 2024**

The Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office have provided resources for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024. Resources are available from the diocesan website and includes prayer cards, music, a liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes and prayers of the faithful

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/>

### **Volunteers Needed:**

We are making a request to our Parish Eucharistic Ministers, to express their interest to take communion to our sick brothers and sisters who are housebound. Please contact parish office on 55931284. Thank you.

### **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 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/

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### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and environmentally friendly Parish

**First Reading:** [Isaiah 50:5-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9](#)

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal.  
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb, they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless, so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

**Second Reading:** [James 2:14-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Galatians 6:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Mark 8:27-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,'

they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

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				

22 Sept 2024	25th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		K Daffy	B Hammond	N/A
11am: Camperdown		J Seuren	S Gillett	T O'Leary
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson			Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: J Dwyer	
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney				

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