



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Friends,

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The desire for glory and greatness seems to be inborn in us. Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. Children were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honour. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honour at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant. Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve. Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant. Jesus lowered himself and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature. If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory and love. Are we ready to humble ourselves and to serve as Jesus did? -Neville



**Saints and Feasts:**

- Mon- St Pio of Pietrelcina
- Tues- Our Lady of Walsingham
- Wed- Bl Herman of Reichenau
- Thu- Ss Coamas & Damian
- Fri- St Vincent de Paul
- Sat- St Lawrence Ruiz

**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 & Anniversaries:**

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank & Mary O'Leary, Daniel O'Leary, William Mayers, Kevin Mahony, William Rohan, Dorothy Kavenagh, Pauline Everett and Jack Carroll.  
(The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

**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: Num 11:25-29**

**2nd Reading: James 5:1-6**

**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43.47-**

**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.

**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

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year – B. 22/09/2024.**

**"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/>

**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/>

### **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/

### **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 schools, homily notes and prayers of the faithful. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/>

**Water security** - access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. The quality of available safe water is constantly diminishing. In some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatise this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market (Laudato Si 30). Consider your water usage even though here in Australia we are lucky to have access to this precious resource!

**Best Wishes to Tim Bourke:** As we know that Tim Bourke, the principal of St Patrick's Primary school is retiring by the end of this month due to his personal reasons. We, that parish community thank you Tim for the knowledge and skill you have given to our children and continue to give each day. Thank you for helping to prepare young leaders for the world of tomorrow. We wish you nothing but success and happiness in your new role. Goodbye Tim and God bless you and your family

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading:** [Wisdom 2:12, 17-20](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6](#)

**(R.)** *The Lord upholds my life.*

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading:** [James 3:16 – 4:3](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [See 2 Thess 2:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** [Mark 9:30-37](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective. We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

<b>22 Sept 2024</b>	<b>25th Sunday O.T.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>		K Daffy	B Hammond	N/A
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>		J Seuren	S Gillett	T O'Leary
<b>Counting Team: G &amp; W Gleeson</b>			<b>Altar Camperdown: R Henry</b>	
<b>Church Cleaning: MRC</b>			<b>Altar Cobden: J Dwyer</b>	
<b>Marian Statue: L &amp; J Delaney</b>				
<b>29 Sept 2024</b>	<b>26th Sunday O.T.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>		G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>		S Gillett	R Henry	H Seuren
<b>Counting Team: G &amp; W Gleeson</b>			<b>Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy</b>	
<b>Church Cleaning: R Henry</b>			<b>Altar Cobden: J Dwyer</b>	
<b>Marian Statue: M Brown</b>				

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