



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Friends, In today's gospel we see that it has two parts, one is that Jesus openly tells the people about the hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders. Here he gives them a warning not to follow their example. Their lives are full of insincerity. The other is, he praises a poor widow who has dropped "two small coins" into the temple treasury. He draws a lesson from this incident. According to Jesus she has put in more than the other contributors. These two coins, worth a few cents, are all she has, and yet she gives them all. In contrast, the others who have put in large sums give from their surplus wealth. The woman does not think of withholding a coin for her needs because she is certain that God will take care of her. God, whose generosity is boundless, will not forsake her. In another sense, the poor widow offers her whole self, her whole life her whole being. She makes the sacrifice without reservation because of her love for God. In the light of the widow's example, it is good to recall when we last gave our most precious possession to Jesus or made a supreme sacrifice for Jesus. We must admit that there are parts of our life, daily activity or ourselves that we do not totally surrender to Jesus. Something keeps holding us back from Jesus. Let us find out what is holding us back from Jesus. In the sacrament of baptism we gave our promise to God, that we would trust and honour God above everything else, like the poor widow. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to imitate Jesus in our witnessing life. -Neville



**Saints and Feasts:**

- Mon- St Martin of Tours
- Tues- St Josaphat
- We- St Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Thu- St Lawrence O'Toole
- Fri- St Albert the Great
- Sat- Ss Margaret & Gertrude

**Pray for the Sick:**

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

**Recent Death:** Fr. Chris Baker  
Kathleen Potger (Sherrine  
Swayn's Sister-in-law)

**Anniversaries** We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barry Brown, Colin Wain, Laurence Thornton, Brian Gaut, Elizabeth Dwyer, Noreen Darcy, Joan Adeney.,  
(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:** Daniel 12:1-3

**2nd Reading:** Heb 10:11-14,

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32

**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

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

### **Reflections on Communion from the Chalice**

Bishop Paul has prepared some reflections on the communion with Christ that we celebrate in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine. This document is available from this website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/reflections-on-communion-from-the-chalice/>

**We are going to start giving out communion under the appearance of bread and wine from this weekend.** If you feel unwell or have any symptom of any sickness or feel uncomfortable by receiving communion by both species of bread and wine feel free to take your alternative means to receive the Eucharist. Thank you.

### **An Announcement from our Bishop:**

Hello everyone, I am pleased to announce an appointment to the parishes of Colac, Apollo Bay and Cororooke. From January 15, 2025, Fr Andrew Hayes, currently Parish Priest of Gariwerd (Ararat and Stawell), will become Parish Priest of Colac, Parish Priest of Apollo Bay and Supervising Priest of Cororooke. I thank Fr Andrew for his current service and his willingness to take up the new assignment.

This appointment is in view of the coming retirement of Fr Michael O'Toole from his roles in the new year. I thank Fr Michael for his years of service to the communities of Colac, Apollo Bay and Cororooke and all the communities he has served in our diocese. From January 15, 2025, Fr Michael will be Priest in Residence in Apollo Bay, helping Fr Andrew Hayes in the care of the communities of Apollo Bay and Lorne. I thank Fr Michael for his offer to help.

God bless you all., Bishop Paul

### **The Annual MRC Car Raffle, 2024**

1st Prize is a MG ZS Excite, with 8 more fantastic prizes.

\$20 per ticket. Tickets at [www.mercy.vic.edu.au](http://www.mercy.vic.edu.au), ph 5593 2011, at some local shops and events or Camperdown Mass in every weekend.

### **Deacon Cay's Ordination to the Priesthood**

Deacon Cay Trinh (Peter) will be ordained Priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am.

Thank you to the parish communities of Camperdown, Cobden, Timboon, Simpson, and Lismore of your ongoing prayer and support of our Deacon Cay Trinh. If anyone from our Parish community is interested in attending the celebration, Please Contact Paul Dwyer, 0457 287 518 and Rose Henry: 0407 875 866 to book your seat in the bus. Thank you. All are welcomed to attend.

### **New Priest Fr. Cay Trinh's Thanksgiving Mass at Camperdown:**

Fr. Cay is willing to come and celebrate a thanksgiving Mass for our Parish the weekend after his Ordination 30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Please make a note in your calendar.

### **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).

**Prayer for November:** For those who have lost a child: Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. Lord, hear us.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading:** [1 Kings 17:10-16](#)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.'

But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2](#)

#### **(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever 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 bowed down.  
It is 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, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** [Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Matthew 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** [Mark 12:38-44](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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

**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white-hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life. On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

| 10 November 2024 32nd Sunday O.T. |            | P.O.F.                       | E/Minister |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden                    | K Daffy    | G Kelson                     | G Gleeson  |
| 11am: Camperdown                  | J Saunders | S Gillett                    | G Lucas    |
| Counting Team: R & A Gardner      |            | Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy |            |
| Church Cleaning: C Walsh          |            | Altar Cobden: H Kelly        |            |
| Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary      |            |                              |            |

| 17 November 2024 33rd Sunday O.T. | Reader    | P.O.F.                                | E/Minister |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden                    | G Kelson  | P Dwyer                               | J Dwyer    |
| 11am: Camperdown                  | S Grinter | J Saunders                            | M Russell  |
| Counting Team: M, J & P Conheady  |           | Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/ M Larkins |            |
| Church Cleaning: Robert L         |           | Altar Cobden: H Kelly                 |            |
| Marian Statue: J Larkins          |           |                                       |            |

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