



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Patrick's Church  
Camperdown



St. Brendan's Church  
67, Curdie St, Cobden



St. John's Church  
53, High St, Lismore

### Parish Office:

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Phone: 0439 145 805

**Child Safety Officer:**  
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### St Patrick's Primary School

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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: Timboon 9.00 am**

**Camperdown: 11.00 am**

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

### Reading for next Sunday

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Cor 15: 12,  
16-20

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17. 20-26

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Fish in the Sea of Divine Life

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.



### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Scholastica

Tues-Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed- St Apollonia

Thu- St Giles Mary of St  
Joseph

Fri- Sts Cyril & Methodius

Sat- St Claude de Colombiere

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford; Brian Wain, Julie Karlsen, Marlo McCarthy and Lilly Cain

### Recent Death & Anniversaries

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Cromie, Amanda Delaney, Adrianus van de Wouw, William Baird, Gerard Thornton and Ellen Brewer  
(The names won't appear automatically unless by prior notice)

**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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. Year C Year C 9/02/2025.**

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

### **The arrangements for Camperdown & Timboon by the Vicar General**

As per Bishop Paul's announcement Fr. George Kuruvilla takes effect on the weekend of 1st / 2nd March 2025. Pending his arrival the following interim arrangements have been put in place upon the departure of Neville on Sunday 12th January 2025

Fr. Eugene McKinnon 1st / 2nd February 8th / 9th February 15th / 16th February, 22nd / 23rd February  
Kind Regards, Fr. Marcello Colasante (Vicar General)

**1. Wanted: Cleaners for the church .**

**2. World Day of Prayer**

7th March... 10 a.m.

St. Brendan's Church ,

All welcome ,

For information 0407332820 .Contact Juli Dwyer

### **Word of God Sunday: February 9, 2025**

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on February 9 this year. A number of resources have been developed to commemorate Word of God Sunday <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>.

**Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel: February 8-9, 2025** Further resources on the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgysacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

### **International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking: February 8**

Pope Francis has designated February 8, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. The theme for 2025 is "Ambassadors of Hope: Together Against Human Trafficking". ACRATH invites you to join the online "Marathon of Prayer" to help end human trafficking and slavery <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayer/>

**St Colman's School Mortlake** invite applications for the ongoing position of School Finance Officer commencing 31st March 2025.

We are seeking an enthusiastic, highly competent School Finance Officer, with excellent interpersonal skills. This position is critical to the daily operations of the school, with the successful applicant exhibiting the following competencies:

- relevant computer skills in the Google suite, MSOffice (in particular Microsoft Excel) and a financial software package e.g. Xero / MYOB.

- ability to manage the school's financial processes, such as budgets, monthly / year end-reporting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, reconciliations, BAS, payroll, and meet the accountability requirements of Catholic Education Ballarat (CEB) and Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA)

- confidence and commitment to the school's mission / vision objectives

- warmth, positivity and a welcoming presence within the school community

- an unwavering commitment to the ethos of Catholic Education

Please visit [www.scmortlake.catholic.edu.au](http://www.scmortlake.catholic.edu.au) for a detailed role description to ensure your eligibility for this role. The position is for approximately 25 hours, Monday through to Friday with hours negotiable for the successful applicant. For further information please contact the Principal on 55992 Applications should be made in writing and forwarded via email to: The Principal, Janet Cain [principal@scmortlake.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@scmortlake.catholic.edu.au)

Applications close on Monday 17th February 2025.

### **Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal**

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.

**St Patrick's School** will be using the Camperdown Church for their opening school Mass on Friday, 14th February at 11:30am.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading:** *Isaiah 6:1-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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

## **Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1*

*(R.)* In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' *(R.)*
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

## **Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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

## Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

09-February-2025 5th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	P Dwyer	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	P Kingston	R Henry
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer	Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: R Henry	Altar Cobden: G Kelson		
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary			

16-February-2025 6th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	J Gardner	J Saunders	M Russell
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson	Altar Camperdown: S Swayn/G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: MRC	Altar Cobden: G Kelson		
Marian Statue: J Larkins			

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