



# 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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### 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: Lismore** 9.00 am  
**Camperdown:** 11.00 am  
(Lay Assembly – **Timboon,**  
**Simpson** 9:00 a.m.)

### Reading for next Sunday

**1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 26:2.  
7-9. 12-13. 22-23  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Cor 15: 45-49  
**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

*Blessed* are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.



### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – Seven Founders of  
Servite Order  
Tues – Bld John of Fiesole  
Wed - St Conrad of Piacenza  
Thu - Sts Jacinta and  
Francisco Marto  
Fri – St Peter Damian

### 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: Lawrence O'Neil, Dorothy Benson, Eileen Pearson, John Hatley, John Vogels, David Halloran, Geoff Daffy (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

**Sixth Sunday O.T. Year C 16<sup>th</sup> February 16/02/2025.**

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

**1. Wanted: Cleaners for St Brendan's Church Cobden .**

**2. World Day of Prayer**

7th March... 10 a.m.

St. Brendan's Church ,

All welcome ,

For information 0407332820 .Contact Juli Dwyer

**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.

**Rite of Election 2025**

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to adults who have undertaken formation. The Rite of Election for catechumens and candidates will take place on SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025 at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. At the conclusion of the ceremony all are invited to join the Bishop in the Cathedral Hall for a light lunch. A sheet containing the *Procedures for the Ceremony* is attached. Also attached is a copy of last year's ceremony for reference purposes.

For the Ceremony we require one reader for the First Reading and Welcomers to greet and hand out the booklets. If you have anyone for these ministries, please let me know as soon as possible. Also, if you have anyone who would like to join in the music ministry, please let me know.

On a weekend close to the Rite of Election, parishes should celebrate the *Rite of Naming*. A copy of the text for the Rite of Enrolment of Names is attached.

Please complete the RESPONSE FORM <https://www.trybooking.com/CQPPF> by Friday, February 21, 2025.

*Photo permission:* We seek permission from those participating in the Rite of Election to publish photos in the diocesan communications. Please advise the Pastoral Ministry Office if this is not suitable.

If you have any queries, please contact Julie Boyd (ph. 5337 7159)

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for the Diocesan Liturgical Commission

**Hello Everyone,**

Greetings from the Bishop's office. I hope the new year has begun well for you.

Earlier this month, I announced that from **March 1, 2025, Fr George Kuruvila**

**Koorumullumpurayidam MST**, currently Co-Pastor of the Western Border Parish, will become **Parish Priest of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden.**

I am now pleased to announce that from **March 1, 2025, Fr Cay Xuan Trinh** will become **Assistant Priest in the Western Border Parish.**

I am also happy to announce several other **appointments that will take effect from May 1, 2025.**

From May 1, **Fr Matthew Thomas**, currently **Parish Priest of the Sunraysia Parish**, will also be **Parish Priest of the Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes.**

From May 1, **Fr William Lowry**, currently Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish, will become **Assistant Priest in the Sunraysia, Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes.**

At the same time, **Fr Matthew Restall**, currently Assistant Priest in the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, will become **Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish.**

Also from May 1, **Fr Shaiju Mathew MST**, currently Administrator of the Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes, will be appointed to **the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes.**

In line with canon 517.1, Fr Shaiju Mathew will be **Co-Pastor** of these parishes, in collaboration with **Fr Justin Driscoll**, who will be **Co-Pastor and Moderator** of these parishes.

I thank all these priests for their willingness to take up these new assignments. I pray that these appointments will bring blessings on them as well as on the parishioners they will be serving.

May this Jubilee Year be truly a Jubilee of Hope for all the communities throughout our diocese. God bless you all.

**Bishop Paul**

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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

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

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

## Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

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

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			

23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6:30pm Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	S Grinter	J Saunders
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson	Altar Camperdown; M Russell/ A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: Robert L	Altar Cobden: G Kelson		
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey			

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