



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Patrick's Church  
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### Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6.30pm -Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1st Sun.-Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th 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

Timboon Simpson 9:00 a.m.

Lay Assembly Lismore

### Readings for next Sunday

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### Recent Death

Edward George Hinkley

### Anniversaries:

Olive Bant, Patrick Maloney,  
Sue Henderson, Michael Murray,  
Alice O'Brien, Neil Benallack,  
Ingrid Baxter, Peter McKenzie

### Pray for the Sick

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

**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

### **Project Compassion 2025 Week 3: Unite against poverty this Lent**

In the third week of Lent, our next Project Compassion story features Lam from Vietnam. Lam, a young man from rural Vietnam with a passion for graphic design, faced limited career prospects due to his disability. With support from the I-SHINE program, he pursued IT training and now runs a successful freelance graphic design business. "When I got the chance to be a part of this program, I was over the moon – just bursting with excitement and joy," Lam said.

- Watch Lam's story here: <https://vimeo.com/1051024253>
- Support Project Compassion today: [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)
- Weekly reflection from <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/project-compassion-2025/>

**24 Hours for the Lord: March 28, 2025:** The "24 Hours for the Lord" was introduced by Pope Francis in 2014 and has been held every year since. It is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation. It is celebrated on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Its intention is to put the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church. Parishes and communities can implement this initiative taking care to adapt it according to local needs and customs. Further resources for 24 Hours for the Lord is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

**Third Sunday of Lent. Year C 23rd March 2025.**

# **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## **First Reading**

### **A reading from the book of Exodus (Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15)**

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8**

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

(R.)

## **Second Reading**

### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12)**

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **Matthew 4:17**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Gospel**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 13:1-9)**

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

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

*Politics, Economics, and the Gardener*

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised. Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor: You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener: I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire. Our Lord does that by watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion. We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

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#### **Prayer intention of Pope Francis for the Month of March**

For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Mercy Regional College, Noorat

There's an open day for Mercy Regional College on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Two Sessions: Morning 9.15am Junior Campus Noorat.

## The Senior Campus Camperdown.

Afternoon From 4.00pm Senior Campus Camperdown.

ALL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES WELCOME ARE MOST WELCOME

Details & Registration: [www.mercy.vic.edu.au](http://www.mercy.vic.edu.au)

## Roster

30-March-2025 4th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	A Horan	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	R Henry	T O'Leary
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: No Flowers	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: No Flowers	
Marian Statue: M Brown			

### Notices

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

**For more information** contact Juli Dwyer: 0407332820.

**Roster:** The yearly roster will be available at the start of April. If you need to make any changes to your ministries please advise Rose Henry 0407 875 886.

### ***Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope***



Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

#### ***The Jubilee Prayer***

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. Pope Francis*

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