



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Patrick's Church  
Camperdown



St. Brendan's Church  
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St. John'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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown: 11.00 am

Timboon and Simpson 9:00 a.m.

Lay Assembly

## Readings for next Sunday

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

**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

## Recent Death

We pray for Teresa Andrews who died recently

## Anniversaries

Bill O'Sullivan, Ramon Murrihy, Elizabeth Thornton, Sheila Power, Kathleen James, Jessie Westaway, Brendan Hoffmann, Leonard Park, Harold Lamb, Zachariah Bond, Ingrid Baxter.

## Pray for the Sick

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

**St Patrick's day:** 17<sup>th</sup> March when we are celebrating St Patrick's Day, Holy Mass will be celebrated in Camperdown at 10.00am.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** St Patrick's School will participate in a special celebration of Mass at 9.30 am

## Resources for the Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

There are 36 events throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. For each event, the National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource that parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection. The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer.
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes.
- Reflection: Testimony – a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; image/artwork – a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation.
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes.
- Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

These resources can be accessed from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>.

Project Compassion 2025 Week 2: Unite against poverty this Lent

This week through Project Compassion, we learn about Toefuata'iga from Samoa. Toefuata'iga, a 13-year-old student in Samoa, faced severe challenges and disruptions to her learning due to water scarcity. After Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Samoa installed a 10,000 litre water tank at her school, Toefuata'iga and her classmates saw improved health and more consistent class attendance. "I would like to become a good teacher. To teach the children so they will have a brighter future," Toefuata'iga said. Watch Toefuata'iga's story here: <https://vimeo.com/1051027125>

• Support Project Compassion [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

• Download the weekly reflection from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/p>

**Second Sunday of Lent. Year C 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading**

A reading from the book of Genesis (Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18)

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'  
This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

*Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1*

**(R.)** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall, I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

## **Second Reading:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 3:17 – 4:1)

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. (For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown).

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

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 9:28-36)

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

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

#### **Transfigured Body soul**

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But do they believe the same thing about the human person? What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief. Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory. That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, body soul. That is our ultimate destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God? You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow. We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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## Harmony Week: March 17-23, 2025

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and coming together to celebrate the cultural diversity in your area and spread the message of "everyone belongs". The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is during this week on Friday, March 21. While Harmony Week celebrates Australia's rich cultural diversity, it is also important to focus on the urgency of combatting racism wherever and whenever it arises <https://www.harmony.gov.au/>

**Prayer for Harmony Week:** *Lord, give us courage to follow your ways. Help us to make thoughtful decisions and kind actions, so that we may live in loving harmony with others. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### Choir for Mass of the Oils 2025

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 14, 2025. Practice times are Sundays, March 30, April 6 and April 13 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

### 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.

**Thank You to everyone** who helped and attended our World Day of Prayer in Cobden on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. We had a fantastic roll up of 30 participants ,

Also a **Big Thank You to Anne McMeel** for being our guest speaker, the topic was the Cook Islands .

<b>16-March-2025 2nd Sunday Lent</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	G Gleeson
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	S Grinter	R Henry	G Lucas
<b>Counting Team: MJP Conheady</b>		<b>Altar Camperdown: No Flowers</b>	
<b>Church Cleaning: MRC</b>		<b>Altar Cobden: No flowers</b>	
<b>Marian Statue: J Fry</b>			

<b>23-March-2025 3rd Sunday Lent</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	T Bricknell	G Kelson	J Dwyer
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	J Seuren	C McCarthy	R Henry
<b>Counting Team: MJP Conheady</b>		<b>Altar Camperdown: No Flowers</b>	
<b>Church Cleaning: S Grinter</b>		<b>Altar Cobden: No Flowers</b>	
<b>Marian Statue: L &amp; J Delaney</b>			

**Pope Francis Prayer for 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. Lord, hear us.**

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

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