



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Patrick's Church
Camperdown



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Weekend 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: Simpson 9.00 am
Camperdown: 11.00 am
(Lay Assembly – Lismore 9:00 a.m.)

Reading for next Sunday

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:15-16
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Learning the Language of Heaven

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus *is* the Word of God in human history. Jesus *is* the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but comunicado, holy comunicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon – Bld Luke Belludi
Tues – Bld Sebastian of Aparico
Wed - St Maria Boscardin
Thu – St Gabriel of Our Lady of Shadows
Fri – Bld Daniel Brottier

Pray for the Sick:

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

Recent Death & Anniversaries

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
John O'Leary, Michael O'Leary, Monica McDonald, Kevin Delaney, Ellen Pekin, Patrick Mahony, Kevin Suhan, Lorna Mirtschin, and Ellen Hinkley

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

Seventh Sunday O.T. Year C 23rd February 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

Welcome and Congratulations: We welcome the children Jude Hutt, Ivy Corneby, Levi Bramley and Logan Bramley who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations and best wishes for their faith journeys along with their parents and Godparents.

Ash Wednesday Masses: Cobden Tuesday 4th March 6:00 p.m., Timboon Wednesday 5th March 9:00 a.m., Camperdown 5th March 11:00 a.m.

Our Diocesan Community 2025

The Ballarat Diocesan print publication "Our Diocesan Community" (ODC), jointly sponsored by the Diocese and Catholic Education Ballarat, will again be published three times during 2025. Attached is the timeline of publication. The aim of "Our Diocesan Community" is to share the good news of the many initiatives taking place in our parishes, schools and agencies around the diocese. ODC is distributed to all parishes and families and staff of primary and secondary schools of the diocese. Contributors to ODC are the people of the diocesan community. The only way we all will hear of the good things happening in the various communities is if they are written and contributed from the local level. It is helpful if we have an ODC contact person in each parish / school / agency to assist with the gathering of news and distribution of the magazine. If you are able to provide a contact person please email their contact details to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au

We now invite your contribution to the first issue for 2025. The focus for this year will be the **Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope**. Pope Francis seeks to rekindle hope and trust in the future, encouraging Catholics to deepen their faith through acts of charity, penance, and pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year. We look forward to you sharing your stories with this theme in mind. We are hoping also to gather stories and examples of new initiatives and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school communities and agencies. We hope to have this first issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning March 31 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is **Friday, February 28**. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications. *Julie & Jane, for the ODC Editorial Committee.*

Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year 2025

During this Jubilee Year, which represents a time of grace and spiritual renewal for the entire Church, is the gift of the plenary indulgence. Among the conditions required to receive a plenary indulgence is prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a gesture of deep communion with the Successor of Peter and with the universal mission of the Church. To foster and encourage this dimension of prayer, pilgrims are invited to join the Holy Father in prayer through, "Click To Pray", the Vatican's official prayer app. This digital platform is a true spiritual tool that accompanies the faithful with moments of prayer and reflection throughout the day. Furthermore, the app includes the official profile of the Holy Father, where all his prayer intentions are published, allowing the faithful to concretely unite with the intentions the Pope entrusts to the universal Church. Scan or click the QR code or go to www.clicktopray.org to join in prayer with the universal Church.

Jubilee of Deacons: February 21-23, 2025

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme: 'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope', reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope. Further resources for the Jubilee of Artists is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. 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 is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

23 rd February 2025 7 th 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			

02-March-2025 8th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	G Gleeson	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	M Smart	S Gillett
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy/ J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: MRC	Altar Cobden: K Daffy		
Marian Statue: B Hewitt			

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