



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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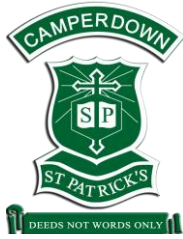
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Dear Friends,

...They put him on a stone, Aaron took his right hand and kept it up, Hur took his left hand and kept it up, and Moses remained praying until sunset, until the battle was over and won. A story obviously about the power of prayer, and the story Jesus tells us in the gospel seems to teach the same lesson. Luke even remarks before telling it that it is about the need to pray continually and never lose heart

...But when that widow came asking him, praying him again and again, again and again and again to do justice to her, he gave up. He said "I might not be afraid of God or man, but that widow will be my end, she will pester me to death, let me do her justice".

Two stories about the power of prayer, two stories about prayers heard *plus* Jesus' assurance our prayers especially the ones for justice in our terribly unjust world, will be heard.

But those stories are not only about praying. They are not only about the fact that our prayers will be heard, they are also about *how* our prayers will be heard. While Moses prayed he had to struggle to keep his hand up. God intervened by helping him do that. While Moses prayed the others were fighting in order that justice might be done. These stories are about the necessity to pray, right, they are about the need to persevere in prayer, right, but they are also about the fact that those prayers are going to be heard by us, who are, according to the second reading of today the one from the letter of St Paul to Timothy "*fully equipped and ready for any good work*".

We need not only to pray, we need to work. ...Fr Joseph Donders



### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson

9am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Timboon

9am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Derrinallum

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

**Sunday:** 11 am Camperdown.

### Weekday Mass Times

**Except October November**

Wednesday: 9am Cobden  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. 10.30 Sunny Side

Friday: 9.30 am Camperdown

When there is a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled.

### Mass times next weekend

**Sat** 6.30 pm Cobden

**Sun** 9 am Nullawarre

**Sun** 11 am Camperdown

**Next weekend's Readings**

Sir 35:12-24, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon –

Tues – St.

Wed –

Thurs –

Fri – St.

Sat –

### Pray for the Sick:

Anne-Marie Seabright, Brian Wain, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, John O'Brien

### Collections

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last week you generously gave Envelope collection \$0.00 Presbytery collection \$0.00

### Recent Death:

Ron Brewer

Fr Pat Baker

### Anniversaries of Deaths

### 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

## **St Patrick's Fete**

St Patrick's will have their 50th consecutive fete on Sunday October 27th from 10.30am -3.00pm. As usual there is an array of great food, great activities, spinning wheel with wonderful prizes and an opportunity to have a fantastic social day out.

2019 AFL Rising star & former St Pats student and Cobden parishioner, Sam Walsh, will be in attendance as a special guest.

Why not come and have a great day out? We look forward to seeing you there.

Michael McKenzie

**Rosary:** In view of there being no Mass on November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day) a rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. at St Patrick's Camperdown. All welcome.

**Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment October: Humble, Healing and Merciful:** How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.

“How does the Church plan to address the issue of sex offenders within the Church and how will it support its victims?”

“Can we decrease authority in Church hierarchy and give some authority to the people?”

“How do we use Church resources for service to the poor?”

“How can we work to be more welcoming, inclusive, open, kind, loving, forgiving, compassionate, listening, and so build a ‘home/community’ Church for all, not just an institutional one?”

“How can we make the Church more inclusive of divorced and remarried, LGBTIQ, people with a disability, including the mentally ill, those who have been damaged by abuse in the Church—emotional, spiritual, physical and sexual abuse?”

**What questions do you have about the future of Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?**

## **Extraordinary Month of Mission October 2019**

For the Extraordinary Missionary Month, the Holy Father has chosen the theme “Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World”. There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. Prayer;
2. Witness of extraordinary people of mission;
3. theological reflection/formation; and
4. Charity.

Catholic Mission is endeavouring to address each of them through the various initiatives and activities, local, national and global, to encourage people to prayer and to participate in something ‘extraordinary’ for mission. In your diocese there are a number of initiatives and resources that have the Extraordinary Missionary Month integrated in them including:

- The Parish World Mission Month Appeal;
- The School World Mission Month Resources;
- The EMM small group prayer, reflection and discussion resource;
- Local initiatives organised by your own diocesan director.

Catholic Mission's initiatives, including media work via social, online, print and radio, can be found at [www.catholicmission.org.au/EMM](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/EMM) as well as activities and resources available from various countries at [www.october2019.va](http://www.october2019.va) that may be of use or adaption for national/local initiatives.

## **Compassionate Ballarat – Creating a Nurturing City**

Compassionate Ballarat is a member of the Australian and Global Charter for Compassion movements. At its October Council Meeting, the City of Ballarat unanimously approved the signing of the Global Charter for Compassion. This signing provides Compassionate Ballarat with formal Council endorsement of the importance of compassion to a regional city wanting to improve its community wellbeing. A week-long celebration of compassion will be held in and around Ballarat from October 20-27, 2019. The week of events provides opportunities to give back and receive; to be inspired and nurtured; to be resourced in the evidence base of compassion and empathy; and to contribute to a global initiative. The full program is available at [www.compassionateballarat.com.au/whats-on](http://www.compassionateballarat.com.au/whats-on)

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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading:** Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

***The Word of the Lord... Thanks be to God***

## **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 120. R. v.2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading: 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

***The Word of the Lord... Thanks be to God***

## **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

***The Gospel of the Lord...Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ***

### **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables. In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

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<b>20-Oct-2019 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	J Dwyer	K Daffy	Hammond Family	J Blair P Dwyer
<b>9 a.m. Lismore Assembly</b>	K Deppeler	K Deppeler		S McLeod
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	M McKenzie & Family			
<b>Counting Team:</b> P & A Burke		<b>Altar Camperdown:</b> S Swayne G Lucas		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> J & J Molan		<b>Altar Cobden:</b> Marie Cole Joanne Teal		
<b>Marion Statue:</b> L Timms		<b>Altar Derrinallum:</b> D Halloran		

<b>27-Oct-2019 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	G Kelson	M McKenzie	Gleeson Family	J Blair A Horan
<b>9 a.m. Derrinallum</b>	L Johnstone	L Johnstone		A Bignell
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	M Macaulay	A O'Flynn	Mahony Family	M Russell M Smart M McKenzie
<b>Counting Team:</b> P & A Burke		<b>Altar Camperdown:</b> M Bowman D Dolan		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> J Saunders		<b>Altar Cobden:</b> Marie Cole Joanne Teal		
<b>Marion Statue:</b> M Macaulay		<b>Altar Derrinallum:</b> A Bignell		

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