



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

This weekend we reflect on the Lazarus story. It leads to Jesus' own death because the 'Good Shepherd' must lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus is able to call Lazarus back to life because the Father has given his son the authority to raise the dead and give life. Here we see, Jesus is in control of his life and destiny, even if his enemies plot against him. He even said this: "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down on my own". God allowed this to happen by His son's free will. Jesus obeyed the will of his Father. Through his death and resurrection he destroyed death and restored life. He is the one who enables us to have this life which will last forever in the kingdom of heaven.

Like Jesus if we do the will of God in our life, we will hear his voice and come out from the tomb, to experience the resurrection of life. In anticipation, Lazarus hears the voice of Jesus from the tomb and goes out of it. The raising of Lazarus thus serves to underscore the theme of Jesus as the giver of life. But first like a grain of wheat that falls on the ground and dies, Jesus must lose his life. Only then can he preserve it, and so those of others who are his followers can have eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. Therefore let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith as we go through this season of lent, where we reflect closely on the suffering and death of Jesus, so that we may be able to stand firm in our struggle to fulfil the will of God in our witnessing life. - Neville



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

9am 4th Sun. Derrinallum

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

Sunday: 11 am Camperdown.

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday: 9am Cobden

(2nd Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

2nd 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 Timboon

Sun 11 am Camperdown

Next weekend's Readings

Ezek 37: 12 – 14; Rom 8: 8 – 11;

John 11: 1 – 45.

Saints and Feasts:

- Mon – St Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Tues – St. Catherine of Sweden
- Wed – The Annunciation of the Lord
- Thurs – St Margaret Clitherow
- Fri – St Rupert
- Sat – St Tutilo

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are in ill health: 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 \$1,186.00
Presbytery collection \$548.30

Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for who has died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Olive Bant, Patrick Maloney, Michael Murray, Alice O'Brien, Neil Benallack, Ingrid Baxter, Peter McKenzie, and William

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

Reconciliation for Lent: will be combined with the weekend masses as follows-

22nd March, Sunday – 9 am Lismore/Derrinallum (this weekend)

28th & 29th March, Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday – 9 am Timboon and 11 am Camperdown. (next weekend)

Individual Confession will be held 3rd April after the Friday Mass till 11am.

Holy Week Ceremonies- 2020.

Holy Thursday 9th April – 5.00 pm Timboon

5.00 pm Lismore (LLA)

7.30 pm Camperdown

Good Friday 10th April – 10.30 am Camperdown, Station of the Cross. This would be an Ecumenical and combined one with other churches.

10.30 am Cobden Station of the Cross (at the church)

Afternoon Service – 3.00 pm Camperdown, 3.00 pm Lismore and 3.00 pm Timboon.

Holy Saturday 11th April – 5.00 pm Lismore

6.00 pm Timboon

7.30 pm Camperdown

Easter Sunday 12th April - 9.00 am Cobden

Plenary Council Gathering: on Wednesday 25th of March 7 pm at Mercy Regional College Library a meeting will be held to gather the views from our parishioners to put our thoughts for the future of our church. Hope to see many parishioners in attendance. Thank you.

DOBCEL Visit: on 21st of April 6.30 pm at Mercy Regional College Library DOBCEL a meeting will be held to explain the Parish Leadership Team, Finance committee and to all the Parishioners about the changing over of the School Governance. Please make this date free to attend the information meeting with the DOBCEL members.

Pastoral Statement from the Vicar-General: As a result of the increased spread of coronavirus and what we know about its transmission, many dioceses around the world and closer to home have temporarily altered certain practices in the Mass to ensure the health and safety of parishioners.

With this precedent—and with the wellbeing of all parishioners of our diocese in mind—I have been asked to issue the following directives (effective immediately) to all in the Diocese of Ballarat: Please take the copy of the statement in the foyer. Thank you.

Parish Rosters for 2020: are available in the foyer today. Please collect after Mass. If unavailable on your turn please arrange for someone else to take your place. Thank you.

Lent Resources: Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the “Liturgy Resource” tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – March:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **a joyful, hope-filled and servant community**? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

2020 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

This year, due to the threat of the COVID-19 virus, there will possibly be fewer attending the Good Friday Liturgy, and in some cases, there may be no liturgy held at all. Especially in the light of this development, could I please ask you to consider promoting the Good Friday collection and alert the Catholic faithful of how much their support is needed this year.

Fr Mario Debattista ofm, Holy Land Commissary of Australia, ph. 0429 600 711.

Plenary Council Listening and Discernment

- Your parish/community is encouraged to facilitate Listening & Discernment Experiences for each of the National Themes for Discernment.
- As a diocese we will be focussing on the theme of **a joyful, hope-filled and servant community** during March. Attached are the following resources for this theme - the snapshot report, updated bulletin notes, homily notes and prayers of the faithful. The scripture relating to this theme, Guided

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

Facilitation Listening and Discernment process PowerPoint and the “Let’s and Discern booklets” are available from the memory stick.

- Parishes have posters of each of the themes. We ask you to display the **joyful, hope-filled and servant community** poster and the snapshot during March. You may wish to print some of these Snapshot Reports out and have them with the bulletin or displayed in the church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.’ When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed one stands there before him,’ but the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.’ Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ He then asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ He answered, ‘There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.’ Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, ‘Come, anoint him, for this is the one.’ At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22 R. v.1

The response is: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading: Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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22-March-2020 4th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	P Dwyer	J Dwyer	J Blair G Gleeson M McKenzie
9 a.m.: Derrinallum	S McLeod	S McLeod		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	D Egberts	S Grinter	C Walsh Family	R Johnstone C Conheady H Seuren
Counting Team: Smart Family	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: J Saunders	Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy			
Marion Statue: S Darcy	Altar Derrinallum: No flowers			

29-March, 5th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	K Daffy	Noy Family	J Blair J Dwyer P Dwyer
9 a.m.: Derrinallum Assembly	S Bialek	S Bialek		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	P Conheady	M Saunders	Johnstone F.	S Grinter M Macaulay P Kingston
Counting Team: Smart Family	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott	Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy			
Marion Statue: E Boyd	Altar Derrinallum: No flowers			

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