



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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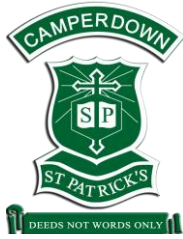
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Dear Friends,

In the gospel we see that the risen Jesus explains to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, all that has happened to him – his passion, death and resurrection, which had been written about in the Law of Moses and in the prophets and the psalms. All these are in fulfilment of the scriptures to which Jesus now opens their minds. The resurrection sheds new light on Jesus' death and on his words and actions and the scriptures.

This story shows how God works in our lives. These two disciples leaving Jerusalem and walking back to Emmaus symbolize our human nature of hopelessness, discouragement and disillusionment. The one whom they had followed for three years, hoping for better times under his leadership, is no more. All talk about his rising from the dead on the third day has only been a myth. Now there is no more reason to stay on in Jerusalem. In their hopelessness they are returning to their village. But the Lord is not ready to leave them in their hopeless condition. The same Lord who was crucified and buried walks by their side. He leads them through the scripture, through the breaking of bread, opening their eyes and bringing back their lost hope and joy.

Our Lord is a living Lord. He is alive and active in our lives. In moments of our discouragement, he walks by our side, works in our hearts and brings back our joy. Having experienced the risen Lord like the Emmaus disciples, we are the witnesses to the risen Lord in today's world...Neville



### **SUNDAY MASS-**

Mass will live-streamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. during the Pandemic.

A new permanent channel has been set up on YouTube.

Please search for 'St. Patrick's Church Camperdown' on YouTube. or follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw?>

### **Saints and Feasts:**

Mon – Ss Zita & Louis Montfort

Tues – Ss Peter Chanel & Gianna Beretta Molla

Wed – St Catherine of Siena

Thurs – St Pius v (pope)

Fri – St Joseph the Worker

### **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

### **Anniversaries of Deaths**

We pray for who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: John O'Brien, Kathleen Gleeson, Thelma Walsh, Mary Cameron, Teresa Hewitt, Sonya McKenzie.

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 (Collection) Thank you

**A Prayer in This Time of Distress:** O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in his time of distress, grant, we pray in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and Reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Ord/Time, Year A – April 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

## **Sunday Mass to be live-streamed on YouTube Sundays during the coronavirus pandemic restrictions:**

Follow this link to view

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw?>

## **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section". As per the latest information from the government, all places of worship are closed, including chapels.

## **Copyright obligation in response to COVID-19**

Attached is information from ONE LICENSE regarding copyright obligations for online streaming of music.

## **Bishop's Office**

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, please note the Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times, and continue being available via email or phone. Contact details until further notice: [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au), ph. 03 5337 7121, [diurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:diurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au), [vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:vicargeneral@ballarat.catholic.org.au), [michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au). The Pastoral Ministry Office [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **Mother Earth Day – April 22**

Mother Earth is clearly urging a call to action. Nature is suffering. For more information go to [https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/uploads/ppage/files/Catholic%20Earthcare%20Ballarat/Mother%20Earth%20Day\(2\).pdf](https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/uploads/ppage/files/Catholic%20Earthcare%20Ballarat/Mother%20Earth%20Day(2).pdf) or see attached flyer.

## **ANZAC Day 2020**

The Catholic Military Ordinariate of Australia is charged with the pastoral care of uniformed members of Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force, their families and civilians employed by the Department of Defence. Unfortunately ANZAC Day Mass for 2020 has been cancelled. Read more at their website <http://military.catholic.org.au/>

## **Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 postponed**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 scheduled for October in Adelaide, has been postponed. Read the full media release at <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/first-assembly-of-plenary-council-postponed/>. See a message from Bishop Paul on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## **Easter Message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR**

Bishop Paul has recorded an Easter message for the people of the diocese. The message can be viewed on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **A special message to our School Communities from our Principals**

As we commence Term 2 with the certainty that most students will be learning from home, the Catholic Education Office Ballarat would like to share this special video message with all of our families. Watch the video on the CEOB website [www.ceob.edu.au](http://www.ceob.edu.au)

## **Matthew's Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley in Dialogue with Earth's Distress**

Veronica Lawson RSM recently held a webinar exploring the Beatitudes and Catherine McAuley at this time of the Earth's distress. Watch the video here <https://vimeo.com/404735366>

## **With Jesus in the Desert: A retreat for a time of isolation**

The staff of Jesuit Communications have prepared a 14-day retreat for the use of people who have to isolate themselves for 14 days during the Coronavirus crisis. Of course, other people who may find it

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helpful are also welcome to use it. The retreat has suggestions for each of the 14 days, though participants are free to follow it through or to pick out particular days. A shorter retreat that keeps the basic pattern could involve days 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14. More information at <https://www.pray.com.au/with-jesus-in-the-desert-a-retreat-for-a-time-of-isolation/>

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.  
So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy:  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

***This is the Word of the Lord***

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

**(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

***This is the Word of the Lord***

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread

***This is the Gospel of the Lord***

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

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Dear Friends, this is a follow up message regarding measures to slow the speed of the Corona virus. We have been directed by both federal and state governments to close all places of worship. This means the closing of our church doors, not just for the celebration of mass and other liturgies, but for all activities that would involve the presence of a number of people for a period of time. Therefore, I ask that you close the doors of your church and place appropriate signage on doors.

The message could be as follows: in line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the Corona virus comma the church will be closed to the public until further notice. Please continue your prayers at home for the health of our community.

God bless you always, Bishop Paul.