



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**St. Patrick's Church**  
Camperdown



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**St. John's Church**  
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### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6.30pm -Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-  
Simpson (except winter, then  
Timboon)

9am 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Timboon  
(Lay-led assembly will be held  
on the other weekends)

**Sun: 11am Camperdown**

### Next Weekend Masses:

**Saturday** 6.30 pm – Cobden

**Sunday** 9.00 am Timboon

**11.00 am** Camperdown  
(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

### Readings for next Sunday

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**2nd Reading:** -

Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel :** Mark 6:30-34

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

**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.



### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Bonaventure

Tues- Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Wed- St Francis Solano

Thu- St Camillus de Lellis

Fri- St Mary MacKillop

Sat- St Apollinaris

Sun- St Lawrence of Brindisi

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlsen, and Brian Wain. (the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

### Recently Deceased:

Margaret Phillips

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Kane, Charles Rantall, Doris White, Geoffrey Wyles, Beverley Palmer Margaret Gallichan (The names won't appear automatically unless by notice)

### 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

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year – B. 14/07/2024**

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

**Sea Sunday: July 21 & 28, 2024**



Sea Sunday is a day when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Ap peal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information go

to [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)

**Laudato Si': Everything is connected**



In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action. The Diocesan Social Justice Commission, in collaboration with Caritas (Diocese of

Ballarat), Earthcare Ballarat and the Pastoral Ministry Office, will provide monthly *Laudato Si* banners for use on your parish bulletins and correspondence to your community (see July banners attached - choose one that suits your bulletin). The banners include a quote taken directly from the encyclical with the reference number provided for parishioners to look up and read more deeply about that area. You are encouraged to promote the Pope's message by using these banners as they are designed to help reflect and respond to the encyclical and foster faith and action. Also provided along with the banners will be a monthly idea we encourage you to include on your bulletins to help your parish/community to change the world!

**Save energy at home:** *Much of our electricity and heat are powered by coal, oil and gas. Use less energy by reducing your heating and cooling use, switching to LED light bulbs and energy-efficient electric appliances, washing your laundry with cold water or hanging things to dry instead of using a dryer. Improving your home's energy efficiency, through better insulation for instance, or replacing your oil or gas furnace with an electric heat pump, can reduce your carbon footprint by up to 900 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year.*

**St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal**



The theme of the appeal this year is the "Working Homeless", focussing on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. For the period between May 2023 – May 2024, St Vincent de Paul provided material household assistance to the value of \$730,000 across greater Ballarat. Envelopes are available in churches for donations and can be placed

on the collection plate. Please write your name and address if you require a receipt. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To donate online, go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or call 131812.

**Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop Dinner 2024**

Save the date: The Annual KSC Archbishop's Dinner to support the education of clergy will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024 at the Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. More information available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/361551410249967?ref=newsfeed>

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

*Go, prophesy to my people.*

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Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Shorter form

Ephesians 1:3-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Before the world was made, God chose us.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.  
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,  
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,  
determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ  
for his own kind purposes,  
to make us praise the glory of his grace,  
his free gift to us in the Beloved  
in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.  
Such is the richness of the grace  
which he has showered on us  
in all wisdom and insight.  
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,  
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning  
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:  
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,  
everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

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

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

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts  
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

## Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Big Picture sets you free

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you*, ‘God chose you in Christ’.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God’s presence.

That is the Big Picture, the ‘Very Big Picture’. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today’s Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: “take no purse, no haversack” because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. ‘Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.’

14 July-2024 15th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	K Daffy	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	M Saunders	H Seuren
Counting Team: P & L Hickey	Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: Robert L	Altar Cobden: K Daffy		
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey			

21-July-2024 16th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	G Kelson	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown	J Gardner	J Seuren	R Henry
Counting Team: R Henry	Altar Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: P & L Hickey	Altar Cobden: K Daffy		
Marian Statue: B Hewitt			

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