



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

Dear friends, today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Easter, this Sunday is also known as a Divine Mercy Sunday. We say God is love and His greatest attribute is mercy. Because we are weak and have a sinful nature, God shows his love to us as mercy. The Risen Christ shows mercy to his disciples when on meeting them together for the first time after they almost to a man abandoned him, he grants them mercy by saying to them. "Peace be with you" not once but twice, and a third time with Thomas present. Having made them experience his mercy, Jesus gives them the Holy Spirit and commissions them to grant mercy to others: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them".

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus God brought salvation for humanity. We too have received God's mercy. Like the Apostles we are also commissioned to be the ambassadors of God's mercy. So let us proclaim and pass on that mercy to other people by sharing it with them, by showing mercy to others through forgiveness and acts of compassion. And let us pray that other people too may know, welcome and experience the mercy of God so that they may be the messengers of God's mercy in their life. Let us be empowered by Divine Mercy through our celebration this weekend, like the Apostles, so that we may be able to continue the mission of Jesus in our witnessing life. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St James of Cerqueto

Tues- St Apollonius

Wed- St Crescentius

Thu- St Marian

Fri- St Anselm of Canterbury

Sat- Queen of the Society of Jesus

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Catherine O'Flynn, Gryff Dwyer and Shirley Fletcher.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Kavenagh, Francis Sergeant, Mary Howard, Francis Fahey, Marie Fahey, Martina Langenhuizen, Dorothy Hill.

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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Timboon)

Next Weekend Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-32. 1Pet 1:17-21

Lk 24:13 – 35

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.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A. 16/04/2023

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

Welcome and congratulations:

We welcome the children and along with their parents who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations!!

Saturday at 6.30 pm Cobden: Neve Annie & Mia Grace Unwin Children of Matthew & Lisa Unwin.

Sunday at 11.00 am Camperdown: Lottie Jean Smith child of Aaron & Aliece Smith

Alex Steven Lucas child of Jamie & Larissa Lucas.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$280.00 & Presbytery \$668.50. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Our Project Compassion Collection is 1321.45.

Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

Notes about Holy Communion

Bishop Paul has issued the following information for people of the diocese:

Now that the Covid pandemic is less in the news, a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion. Some have proposed reintroducing options that were permitted before the pandemic, particularly receiving the host on the tongue and sharing the chalice.

Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, including the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. This has included advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Grampians Health Service and the Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Alfred Hospital. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern and that we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion.

I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. While reception of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine is a fuller sign of our sharing in the banquet of Christ, we can find reassurance in the teaching of the Council of Trent that the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained under each species. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ.

In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.

May our Communion draw us ever closer to Christ and strengthen our love and care for one another.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul.

Caritas Project Compassion

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2023. Through the generosity of parishes across Australia during Project Compassion, together we have helped build a movement to create lasting change for our global community. Being part of the second largest humanitarian organisation in the world and most importantly with your support, Caritas Australia already has partners on the ground who are ready to reach out to those most in need. Together, your parish has helped make a difference now, and For All Future Generations. To help us process all donations and allow us enough time for donation receipting by the end of the financial year, please assist us by getting your donations in by May 31, 2023. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact us on 1800 024 413 or go to www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Pastoral Formation Day - preparing and celebrating the sacraments of healing: Sat, April 29, 2023 in Ballarat

What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions and more will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called, "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing." Open to the public, this formation day is for pastoral care workers, clergy, hospital chaplains, lay ministers, parishioners and all those who care for the sick and will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Glowrey Room, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, 3 Lyons Street South from 9.30am – 5.00pm (registration from 9.00am). Cost is \$20.00 and registration (including lunch) is essential at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pastoral-formation-day-in-ballarat/>. phone 02-9701 4751.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
 After saying this he breathed on them and said:
 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive,
 they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
 There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eyewitnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

16- April-2023 2 nd Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond		
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	M Saunders		R Henry
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy, C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: N Powling		Altar Cobden: Ann Scott		
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey				
23-April-2023 3 rd Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister	
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer		
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	S Grinter	J Saunders	
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar C'down		S Swayn, G Lucas
Church Cleaning: S Grinter		Altar Cobden:		Ann Scott
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg				

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