

St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends, God often reveals his glory to us in unexpected places like - in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village wedding party in Cana, on the road to Emmaus and so on. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public sign and miracle which Jesus performed. The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newlywed couple and their wedding party. First by his presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness; but leaving the best to last was unnecessary and unheard of. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God. Jesus miraculously producing the best wine would show us the superabundance of the blessings which he came to offer.

This miracle signifies the happiness and the blessing that Jesus going to bring to us through his "New Covenant". It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when he comes again in his glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, Jesus. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose that we, too, might be raised up and glorified with him. Let us thirst for God and the abundant life and blessings he offers to us in our day-today life. - Neville



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.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

1 Sam 1: 20–22, 24-28; 1 Jon 3: 1–2, 21-24; Lk 2: 41 – 52.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Anthony of Egypt
Tues- St Ammonius
Wed- St Joseph Pelczar
Thur- Ss Sebastian & Fabian, Pope
Fri- St Agnes
Sat- Ss Vincent & Vincent Pallotti

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill: Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders and Teresa Gittany.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann Buckle, Dennis Power, Ian Russell, Kath, Brian & Peter Bricknell, James Duffy, Dianne McMillan, Lex Garner, Henry & Ruby Nugara.

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. <u>Welcome and Congratulations:</u> We welcome James Powling Harrison, son of Clinton and Claire Powling into our St Patrick's Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/. The latest update from Bishop Paul (December 16) is available from this page.

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

We continue to register the attendances' names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it.

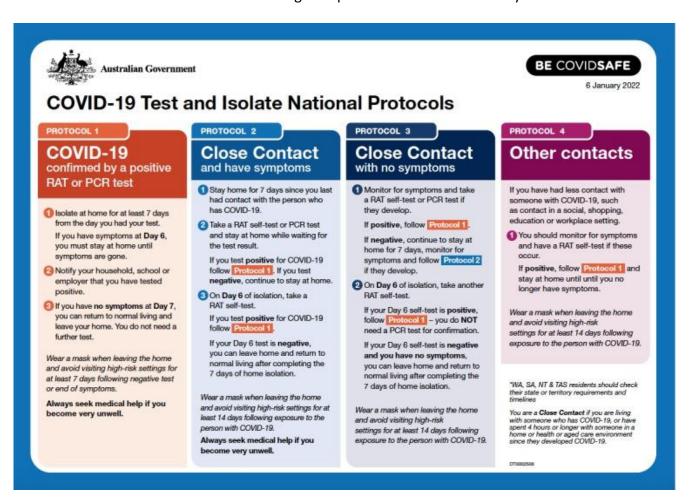
- **Step 1**. Use your phone's camera to scan the code.
- **Step 2.** Enter your first name and phone number.
- **Step 3**. Look for the tick "You're now checked-in" Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$467 .65 & Presbytery \$504.50 God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025

The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be access and/or downloaded from the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of "Looking Forward" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.



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

Synod of Bishops: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

Pathways Response Victoria

The Victorian Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria this week, which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1s 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,

until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory,

and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned',

but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

- 1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
- 2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- 3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

| 16-January-2022 2nd Sunday OT | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | M McKenzie | B Hammond | N/A | |
| 9 a.m. Lismore | A Bell | K Bell | | |
| 11am: Camperdown | M Lucas | L Place | N/A | |
| Counting Team: R & A Gardner | | Altar Camperdown: R Henry A Cunningham | | |
| Church Cleaning: R Henry | | Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond | | |
| Marian Statue: B Hewitt | | Altar Derrinallum: | | |

| 23-January-2022 3rd Sunday OT | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | G Gleeson | K Daffy | N/A | |
| 9 a.m. Lismore Assembly | A Mahony | G Keating | | |
| 11am: Camperdown | M Saunders | J Robinson | N/A | |
| Counting Team: R & A Gardner | | Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins | | |
| Church Cleaning: P Burke | | Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond | | |
| Marian Statue: L & J Delaney | | Altar Derrinallum: | | |

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