



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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, Simpson)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Deu 4:32-34.

2nd Reading: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Dear Friends. Last weekend we celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. That marked the conclusion of his mission on earth and went back to his Father in heaven. Just as he has promised he sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Pentecost. In the gospel we see that Jesus gives the Holy Spirit as he breathes on the disciples. This action recalls the creation account of God, forming man of clay and blowing into it the breath of life, so that man became a living being. Jesus is transforming the disciples to be new persons, giving them new life. They are recreated into a new and lasting relationship with God. They are made holy once again with God. The Holy Spirit takes the place, and continues the work of Jesus when he returns to his Father. The role of the Holy Spirit is twofold: firstly, the Holy Spirit guides us on the way of salvation. That means, He leads us to the Father. He is our way to Jesus. We have to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and do what the Holy Spirit advises us to do. Secondly, the Holy Spirit makes us understand the words, the tradition or formation of the church and the will of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage and strength to continue the mission of Jesus, as he did with the Apostles, to bear witness to the gospel to the point of death. The Holy Spirit revitalizes and renews us, like the Apostles to live our faith in Jesus. - Neville.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Mary Mother of the Church

Tues- St. Christopher

Wed- St. Rita of Cascia

Thu- St Julia

Fri- Our Lady of Christians

Sat- St Gregory VII, Pope

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlsen, Brian Wain, and Helen Watts.

(the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Coral Beard, Margaret Molan, Georgia Hutchinson, Margaret Jehu, Mary Mayers, and Margaret White. (The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

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.

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

8th Sunday, The Feast of the Pentecost, Year B. 19/05/2024

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

Mass Counts continue this weekend 18-19 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count continues for the next three weekends in May.

•Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends. Collectors, please take the mass count on this weekend. Thank you.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for May – for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Paul is commemorating the anniversary year with a personal visit to each parish and looks forward to celebrating with as many local communities as possible throughout the year. We would like to include a brief report and photos in the diocesan news of Bishop Paul's visits to your parish this year. Please send to pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

National Volunteer Week: May 20-26, 2024

Each year, National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. From May 20-26, 2024 we have the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 is Something for Everyone. It is an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering. The Volunteering Australia website has National Volunteer Week resources, certificates of appreciation, volunteer thank you gifts and merchandise available at <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/>

Prevention of domestic violence and violence against women

The following resources are available from various catholic agencies for an end to domestic violence and violence against women:

•A prayer service, "Prayer for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" from the National Centre for Evangelisation <https://shorturl.at/pqzBS>

•Social Justice Statement 2022-23, "Respect: Confronting violence and abuse", developed by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference's Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/violence-against-women>

•Catholic Social Services Victoria "Prevention of Domestic Violence Kit" <https://css.org.au/advocacy-policy/prevention-of-family-violence/>

•"A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence" from the Diocese of Broken Bay <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/a-catholic-response-to-domestic-violence>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.' This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30](#)

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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

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

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 20:19-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

19-May-2024	Pentecost Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		J Dwyer	K Daffy	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown		S Gillett	M Macaulay	M Russell
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown R Henry	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: H Watts	
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney				

26-May-2024	Most Holy Trinity	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		T Bricknell	G Kelson	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown:		M Saunders	M Smart	J Saunders
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: Robert L			Altar Cobden: H Watts	
Marian Statue: M Brown				

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