



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends, The master in the story is the Lord and the servants are we, the people who receive their talents and skills from the Lord. The message is clear from this story. We may be like the third servant. He knew his master well and did not use his talents and skills to avoid the master's retaliation. But the master was happy with the first two servants for doubling the talents entrusted to them. He praised them for they were faithful in little things. In the parable, the focus is on the third servant who is condemned as 'wicked and lazy' and whose talent is taken away from him. The master expected him to take risks and obtain results with his talents, not to play it safely by hiding the talents in the ground.

This may appear greedy or ambitious, but there is truth in it. In life, if one does not take risks, then one eventually becomes a loser. This may be true in acquiring eternal life. Jesus, himself has shown us the way of taking risks in his life. He is careless about his life and reputation by associating with sinners and outcasts, by healing on the Sabbath day, by criticizing the religious leaders. Is he not telling us by his word and example that one cannot save anything without risking it? So let us take Jesus as our model and make use of our talents and skills that the Lord has entrusted to us, by taking risks to gain eternal life. Hence the Lord will praise us like the first two servants. -Neville



### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Leo

Tues-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed- St Cecilia

Thu- Ss Columban & Clement

Fri- St Andrew Dung Lac

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McLaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, and Shirley Fletcher

### Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Reg Brewer, John Clarke, Tony Walsh, Grahm Hickey, Francis Robertson, Anna McMahan, Marie Goonan.

### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson

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)

### Next Weekend Masses

**Sat: Cobden** 6.30 pm

**Sun: Lismore** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

**(Lay Assembly – Timboon, Simpson)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17. 1 Cor

15:20-26. 28 Matt: 25:31-46

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.**

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

### **MRC Car Raffle 2023**

Our annual major fundraiser is back, and tickets are now available.

1st Prize is a Mazda CX-3 Maxx Sport (demo) and there are 9 more great prizes.

\$10 per ticket, or 6 for \$50, 13 for \$100. Tickets online at [shop.mercy.vic.edu.au](http://shop.mercy.vic.edu.au), the MRC office (5593 2011), or several local shops. Drawn at the MRC 50th Jubilee Dinner on 25 November (Tickets for the dinner also available via online shop or MRC office)



The poster features the Mercy Regional College logo at the top, with the text 'Spirit of Mercy AWARDS' in a large, elegant script. Below this, a yellow banner reads 'Congratulations to our inaugural Spirit of Mercy inductees!'. Two boxes list the inductees: one for the Spirit of Mercy Award (Jocelyn Bignold, Rose Henry, Josh Hose, Greg O'Shea, Mark O'Shea, Prof. Michael Ryan) and one for the Young Spirit of Mercy Award (Ella Gleeson). A red box on the right states that the awards will be presented at the 50th Jubilee Dinner on 25 November, with tickets available at [trybooking.com/CHKBB](http://trybooking.com/CHKBB) or the MRC office.

### **Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$747.00 & Presbytery \$486.40. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

### **Christmas Cards and Clanders**

SVdP is selling nativity themed Christmas cards and Columban Calendars after Mass. Calendars are \$10 ea. Cards are \$2.50 for a pack of 5 cards.

Andrew O'Flynn for Camperdown Conference of SVdP

### **Appointment of Vicar General – Diocese of Ballarat**

Hello Everyone,

In a message on October 30, I advised that, because of health concerns, Fr Kevin Maloney would be retiring from the responsibilities of Vicar General. I renew my thanks to Fr Kevin for his service in this role.

I am now pleased to announce that I have appointed Fr Marcello Colasante to be the new Vicar General of our Diocese. Fr Marcello will continue in his service as Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree. He will begin in the role of Vicar General on November 20. I am very grateful to Fr Marcello for his generosity in accepting this additional role. God bless you all. Bishop Paul

### **Ordination to the Diaconate**

Seminarian Cay Trinh (Peter) will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

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

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Significant Catholic Person/People from your Parish**

In preparation for the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary in 2024, the anniversary committee for the Mass of the Oils are searching for 1 or 2 significant Catholics from your parish for a display to be presented in the Hall after the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 25, 2024. This could be a well-known person who has achieved success in their chosen field or it could be someone who has left a legacy in your parish, as a benefactor, contributor or historian. Please provide names and supporting information and photo to [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) before February 5, 2024.

## **World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 19, 2023**

The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2023 is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7). The Church is encouraged to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world." Read the Pope's message on the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **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](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

### ***A reading from the book of Proverbs***

*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff; her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates  
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

### ***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians***

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

19-November-2023 33rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy	N/A
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	P Kingston	J Saunders
Counting Team: R & A Gardner	Altar Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: D Cheslett	Altar Cobden: Helen Kelly		
Marian Statue: S Darcy			

26-November-2023 Christ the King	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan	N/A
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	J Seuren	H Hickey
Counting Team: R & A Gardner	Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: M & J Saunders	Altar Cobden: Helen Kelly		
Marian Statue: M Spokes			

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