



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**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: Simpson** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly -Lismore)

**Reading for the next Sunday**

**1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

**2nd Reading: 1 Cori 1:22-25**

**Gospel: John 2:13-25**

Dear Friends, The gospel story is about the transfiguration of Jesus. The transfiguration is a glimpse of Jesus' divine majesty. It reveals that the earthly life of Jesus will not end with his death and burial, but with his resurrection into final glory. This revelation of his glory strengthens the Apostles who hear the suffering and death of Jesus repeatedly over and over again in his preaching. Jesus' unconditional obedience to His Father will lead him to final glory. So this incident gave the Apostles a lesson of the glory which Jesus is going to receive through the obedience to the will of His Father. Jesus' final goal was to attain God's glory. We who are following Jesus should have the same goal of reaching God's glory with Jesus. The glorification of Jesus helped the Apostles to follow Jesus and to join with him in God's glory. Through the sacrament of baptism, we are invited to holiness, or we are called to share the glory of God with Jesus. As we are caught up with the busy and hectic schedule of life, we might forget our call or have no time to contemplate the call of God. This Sunday's gospel reminds us that we have a goal to achieve like Jesus. Jesus has shown us the way to reach our goal. Let us follow Jesus like the Apostles did and reach our final goal through our obedience to the will of God by carrying our daily crosses in our witnessing life.

- Neville.



**Saints and Feasts:**

Mon- St Victor

Tues- St Gregory of Narek

Wed- St Hilary, Pope

Thu- St Oswald of worcester

Fri- St David

Sat- St Angela of the Cross

**Pray for the Sick:**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Dot Benson

**Anniversaries:** We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Geoff Daffy, Monica McDonald, Kevin Delaney, Ellen Pekin, Rene Walsh, Lorna Mirtschin, Kevin Suhan, Ellen and Kevin Hinkley

**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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent. Year B. 25/02/2024**

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



### **Project Compassion 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent: Meet Ronita**

• After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.

• Download the weekly reflection by Michael McGirr from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/mission-and-outreach/project-compassion-2024/>

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

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$300.00 & Presbytery \$397.35. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

**LENT STUDY** 45-minute sharing to follow Friday masses during Lent. Beginning Friday Feb 16th. Print resource is A Resurrected Life, from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Andrew O'Flynn.

### **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).

**Pope's intention for February:** – **For the terminally ill:** Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – updated notice**

• ***Anniversary Songs:*** Roger Hillman, Fr Andrew Hayes and Gerry Vytilingam have collaborated and composed songs for the marking of the 150th anniversary of the diocese. There are three songs available:

The Diocese (diocesan entities, parishes and diocesan schools) is able to use the songs from

**February 21, 2024 until June 8, 2025 (Pentecost)** free of charge. After this period, usage will be subject to copyright with One Licence. Songs available on the website at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

**Volunteers for the Mass of the Oils:** As part of the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary we invite 1 – 2 volunteers from each parish to attend the Mass of the Oils on Monday March 25, 2024 at 11.30am. Volunteers would be required to present a symbol or photo at the beginning of Mass that best represents their parish. Many parishes have multiple communities, so the symbol or photo can represent the whole parish or it can be something from the different communities. The symbol/photo framed should be 5in x 7in (12cm x 17.5cm) or for the larger parishes who may need more room, up to 8in x 10in (20cm x 25cm) size framed. ***Please provide the names of these volunteers to the Pastoral Ministry Office, [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)***

### **World Day of Prayer 2024 – Friday, March 1, 2024**

WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. An ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women have prayed and reflected together over the past several years to respond to the invitation from the WDP International Committee in 2017 to write the 2024 program. The theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians.

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.' This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'  
precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:31-34

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) [Matthew 17:5](#)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel: [Mark 9:2-10](#)

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven. No, I am a human being, body soul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear. We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as body soul in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

25-February-2024	2nd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		B Hammond	K Daffy	M McKenzie
11am: Camperdown		M Macaulay	S Grinter	M Saunders
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: No Flowers	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: No flowers	
Marian Statue: J Larkins				

03-March-2024	3rd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		M McKenzie	A Horan	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown		S Grinter	A O'Flynn	J Saunders
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: No Flowers	
Church Cleaning: N Powling			Altar Cobden: No flowers	
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey				

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