



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends, This weekend we reflect on the Lazarus story. It leads to Jesus' own death because the 'Good Shepherd' must lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus is able to call Lazarus back to life because the Father has given His Son the authority to raise the dead and give life. Here we see, Jesus is in control of His life and destiny, even if His enemies plot against him. He even said this: "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down on my own". God allowed this to happen by His Son's free will. Jesus obeyed the will of His Father. Through His death and resurrection, He destroyed death and restored life. He is the one who enables us to have this life which will last forever in the kingdom of heaven.

Like Jesus if we do the will of God in our life, we will hear His voice and come out from the tomb, to experience the resurrection of life. In anticipation, Lazarus hears the voice of Jesus from the tomb and goes out of it. The raising of Lazarus thus serves to underscore the theme of Jesus as the giver of life. But first like a grain of wheat that falls on the ground and dies, Jesus must lose His life. Only then can He preserve it, and so those of others who are His followers can have eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. Therefore, let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith as we go through this season of lent, where we reflect closely on the suffering and death of Jesus, so that we may be able to stand firm in our struggle to fulfil the will of God in our witnessing life. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Rupert

Tues- St Tutilo

Wed- St Gladys

Thu- St Fergus

Fri- St Benjamin

Sat- St Ludovic Pavoni

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: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Next Weekend Readings:

Is 50:4-7. Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

Pray for the Sick:

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

Recent Deaths: Joy McLeod

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sue Henderson, Ingrid Baxter, Mary Parker, Mary Chisholm, William Everett, Michael Murray, Peter Andrews, Walter Reilly.

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.

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A. 26/03/2023

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

Reconciliation for the season of Lent: will be combined with the weekend masses as follows (this weekend).
25th & 26th March, Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday – 9 am Lismore and 11 am Camperdown.
2nd April, Sunday – 9 am Timboon (next weekend).

Individual Confession will be held 31st of March after the Friday Mass till 11am.

Holy Week Ceremonies- 2023.

Holy Thursday 6th April – 5.00 pm Timboon
5.00 pm Lismore (LLA)
7.30 pm Camperdown

Good Friday 7th April – 10.30 am Camperdown, Station of the Cross (at the Church).

10.30 am Cobden Station of the Cross (at the church).

Afternoon Service – 3.00 pm Camperdown, 3.00 pm Lismore and 3.00 pm Timboon.

Holy Saturday 8th April – 5.00 pm Lismore

6.00 pm Timboon

7.30 pm Camperdown

Easter Sunday 9th April - 9.00 am Cobden.

Project Compassion Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 25 & 26, 2023

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of three inspiring people and one community group who have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Priscilla, Thu and the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. 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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.



Parish Rosters for 2023: are available in the foyer today. Please collect after Mass. If unavailable on your turn please arrange for someone else to take your place. Thanks for Rose Henry & Jordy Muller for preparing the Roster for the year 2023 and all those who have helped them.

Congratulations & Best Wishes: to the children who made their Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation last week. They are: Evelyn Barake, Fletcher Hickey, Airley Lucas, Aaron Marshall, Quinn Pekin, Harper Tongs, Willow Wills, Stella Evans, Ruby Glennen, Elliot O'Connor, Emmy Sinnott and Anderson Vallejo.

Lent resources: There are a number of Lent prayer resources available from the diocesan webpage:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

Mass of the Oils 2023

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place again this year on Good Friday. Parishes will receive via email the following documents:

1. Financial Statement for the Good Friday Collection 2022.
2. Commissary's letter to the people of the Australian Church for Good Friday 2023.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$347.00 & Presbytery \$518.05. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

St Patrick's Lent Study: Lent Study Group is meeting Mondays at 1215. All welcome".

Ballarat Diocesan Archives: As part of the relocation of the Diocesan archives to the Bishop's Office, the Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Historical Committee has agreed to release some of the surplus liturgical, educational and encyclopedia material from the library collection. These books are being offered to any Church, parish or school within the diocese. Anyone wishing to know more about this collection please contact the archivist directly on archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free. Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy.

But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death.

We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be *the Resurrection and the Life*.

26-March-2023 5th Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	M McKenzie		
9 a.m. Lismore	S McLeod	A Bell		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	C McCarthy		H Hickey
Counting Team: H & J Seuren		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: No flowers/KD		
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady				
02-April-2023	Palm Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		T Bricknell	G Kelson	
11am: Camperdown		M Smart	P Kingston	G Lucas
Counting Team: H & J Seuren			Altar C'down	R Henry
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden:	Ann Scott
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary				

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We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being