



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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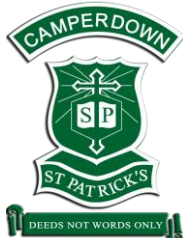
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John belongs obviously to Jesus in the gospel of today, he belongs to his circle, to his intimates. One tells of John, in fact it is John himself who tells it, that he would always sit next to Jesus as close as possible, like a child next to his father. John was happy with his position, he was proud of it, and he was jealous. He would not like anyone to take his place.

It is in the gospel of today that this same John who had noticed that others unknown to him, unknown to Jesus, as far as John knew, used the name of Jesus to work miracles and to cast out devils. John was horrified and he went to Jesus to tell him so. He said "I saw a man who is not one of us, who does not belong to our circle, who does not belong to your intimates or friends, cast out devils using your name".

Then Jesus speaks, and he made his point very clear: "Don't stop those others, they are working miracles; if they are doing good, they must be alright". It was in that way that he opened John's perspective; it was in that way that he broke through the exclusiveness of all those small groups of believers who think that they have exclusive rights, special access to the full truth, special relation to divine power and so on.

To make it even clearer, Jesus makes his second remark about the simplest of things, a cup of water, saying "Anyone who would give you a cup of water whether he belongs to us or not will certainly not lose his reward.

Jesus continued adding "If you would be an obstacle to the faith and insight of those others, you better be thrown into the sea with a millstone around your neck".

Brothers and sisters do you hear what Jesus said, do you hear how he might be talking to us? Do you hear how he might be talking to you, to us who so often look down on others because they don't believe in Jesus, because they don't believe in Jesus in our way; to those who claim we are the chosen ones, we are the elected ones, we are the intimates, we are the saved ones, we are the knowers, the exclusive possessors of the path and the life and the truth?...Fr Joseph Donders



### 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.

### Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11;

Mk 10:2-16

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon - St Vincent de Paul

Tues - Ss Wenceslaus, Lawrence

Wed - Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.

Archangels

Thur - St Jerome

Fri - St Therese

Sat - The Holy Guardian Angels

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Mary Ryan, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders and Teresa Gittany.

### Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dorothy Kavenagh, Mary Jones, Barry Perkins, Jack Carroll, Francis Russell, Raymond Brennan, Joseph Pekin, Jarrod Fryers, Catherine Mahony

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 (1<sup>st</sup> Collection). Thank you

## A Prayer for the Year of SAINT JOSEPH

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage. Amen

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B. 26/09/2021

## **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**Please note: Due to the confirmation of COVID exposure sites in Camperdown, Masses in Cobden and Camperdown have been cancelled this weekend.**

### **Victoria's Roadmap and Vaccination**

**Hello Everyone.**

Last Sunday, the state government presented "Victoria's Roadmap", indicating stages on the road that will take us through the COVID pandemic. A key principle of the roadmap is that the more people are vaccinated, the more people will be able to gather in larger groups. This will include gatherings for worship.

For Regional Victoria, from October 26, people who are fully vaccinated will be able to gather for Mass in greater numbers. There will be a further increase in the numbers from November 5, but again, this will only be for people who can provide evidence that they are fully vaccinated. For gatherings where the vaccination status is unknown, the number will continue to be capped at 20.

This provides an extra incentive to be vaccinated. The basic reasons for vaccination are to protect our own health and the health of people around us. A further reason is so that we might gather in larger groups for liturgy and for the many other events that enrich our lives as communities.

So, I encourage everyone throughout our diocese to be vaccinated. I received my first vaccination in July and I have made my appointment for my second dose. I urge the priests and people of our parishes to be fully vaccinated as soon as possible. This will be good for our own health and the health of our families. It will also hasten the day when we will be able to come together again as local communities to praise God and share with one another in person. **God bless you all. Bishop Paul**

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government

website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

**Mass gatherings for this weekend cancelled.**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Group B:** David & Jan Brewer, Ray Brewer, Dot Benson, Margaret Patterson, Glenda Lucas, Sherrine Swain, Sandra Stephens, Di Searle, Pat & Lynette Hickey, Margaret Sinnott, Peter & Helen O'Sullivan, Bob & Annette Gardner, Andrew O'Flynn.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October Group A:** Rob & Maureen Larkins, Johanna Dickenburg, Lanie Burkett, Annette Mulholland, Maureen Macauley, Frank & Carmel Conheady, Des & Margaret Russell, Kath Sinnott, Peter Sumner, Margaret Fleming, John Larkins, Tony & Trish O'Leary, Michael & Judy Conheady, Brian & Coral McCarthy.

**Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3, 2021**

Planning for the final issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2021 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2021 themes of *Plenary Council / Year of St Joseph / Year of the Family*.

The latest date for submissions to this issue is **Friday, October 1, 2021**. To: [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2.00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, October 3.** The historic event will develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia. Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). Key moments during the First General Assembly will be live-streamed between October 3 and 10. They will include daily Masses, morning prayer for Plenary Council members and sharing of the fruits of discernment. All found at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) or through the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021 – September 26**

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Towards An Ever Wider "We", for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Download the 2021 kit from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>

**Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4, 2021** Resources for parishes to celebrate the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. (R.)

### Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling

out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) *See Jn 17:17*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
 Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
 make us holy in the truth  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** *Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

3 <sup>rd</sup> October-2021 27th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer	G Kelson	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	S Bialek		
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	J Robinson	M & D Russell	
Counting Team: R & W Henry		Altar Camperdown: S Swayn		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: M Cole J Teal		
Marian Statue: M Macaulay		Altar Derrinallum:		

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