



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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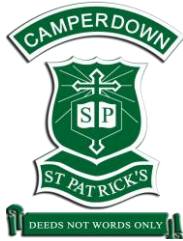
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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that the Pharisees and the Scribes accuse Jesus for welcoming sinners and tax collectors into the Jewish congregation. This accusation aimed at Jesus should be an encouragement to us all as we reflect on our unfaithfulness to God during this season of Lent, because Jesus does not disregard sinners. He says on another occasion that he has not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. We do not have to be worthy for him to come to us. He welcomes us because he has come to save us. Jesus' welcoming heart and arms represent the mercy and love of God. We notice how God's mercy is in the parable of the lost son. The father (representing God) runs out to the prodigal son, embraces him, and has a feast prepared for him. Likewise, the father goes out to the distressed elder brother to invite him to join in the celebration.

God even understands the remorse of the youngest son who came back, as well as the feeling of the eldest son who refused to go in. He came out and welcomed both into the celebration. God wants his children united in his home, celebrating a feast together, with each other and with their common Father. Let us give joy to the heart of God our Father by entering his heart and joining with our brothers and sisters in the feast that God wants all of us to share, both in the Eucharist and in the heavenly banquet at the end of our earthly journey.

-Neville.



### 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

Is 43: 16 – 21, Phil 3: 8 – 14;

Jn 8: 1 – 11.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Tutilo

Tues- St Gladys

Wed- St Fergus

Thu- St Benjamin

Fri- St Ludovic Pavoni

Sat- St Francis of Paola

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa Gittany and Terry and Beaton.

### Recent Deaths: Diane Daffy.

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

Michael Murray, Michelle Murray, Frances Lee, Mary Parker, Mary Chisholm, William Everett

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.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C. 27/03/2022

**Reconciliation for Lent:** will be combined with the weekend masses as follows: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9 am Lismore (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) Next weekend, Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday 9am Simpson and 11am Camperdown.

### **Prayers for Ukraine and Russia**

On Friday, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating Mary's acceptance of the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. The consecration echoed the Pope's prayers that Mary, the Queen of Peace, might intercede for all those suffering from the current war in Ukraine and that Mary might pray for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Bishop Paul encourages all the members of our diocese to join with Pope Francis in this prayer, both personally and in gatherings with others.

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

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

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>. Updates are also available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

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

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$630.00 & Presbytery \$533.95. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

### **St Joseph's Church Derrinallum Final Mass:**

For the Final Mass, an invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested community members, to attend the Mass following the closing of St Joseph's Church in Derrinallum. This Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served at the Church following Mass. To assist with catering, please reply to Gerard Fitzgerald, ph. 0409 863079 or Kathy Bell, ph. 0499 555607.

### **Project Compassion – Fourth Sunday of Lent**



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*. 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 [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### **Conversations about Project Compassion 2022**

Explore the stories, programs and issues for each week of Project Compassion with our Caritas Conversations. These one-hour sessions are open to individuals over the age of 18 as well as parish, youth and community groups. Rosalie's Story: March 29 at 7.30pm (Sydney Time); March 30 at 11.00am (Sydney time); March 31 at 2.30pm (Sydney Time). Register at <https://calendly.com/conversations-about-pc-22>

### **Mass of the Oils 2022**

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study now open**

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle of 2022 begins April 25. There are 29 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Jos 5:9-12

**A reading from the book of Joshua**

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

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The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yield.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

**Second Reading:** [2 Cor 5:17-21](#)

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation).* [Lk 15:18](#)

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** [Lk 15:1-3. 11-32](#)

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

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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

### **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA .**

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God. The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

<b>27-March-2022 4th Sunday Lent</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	G Gleeson	A Horan	N/A	J Blair
<b>9 a.m. Lismore</b>	S McLeod	K Bell		L Johnstone
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	A O'Flynn	S Grinter	N/A	H Hickey
<b>Counting Team:</b> Smart Family		<b>Altar Camperdown:</b> No flowers		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> H & J Seuren		<b>Altar Cobden:</b> No flowers/KD		
<b>Marian Statue:</b> P & J Dwyer		<b>Altar Derrinallum:</b>		

<b>03-April-2022 5th Sunday Lent</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	K Daffy	G Kelson	N/A	J Blair
<b>9 a.m. Lismore Assembly</b>	S Bialek	G Keating		D Halloran
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	M Macaulay	M Saunders	N/A	T O'Leary
<b>Counting Team:</b> Smart Family		<b>Altar Camperdown:</b> No flowers		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> R Henry		<b>Altar Cobden:</b> No flowers/AS		
<b>Marian Statue:</b> R & M Larkins		<b>Altar Derrinallum:</b>		

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