



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday in which we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. A large crowd welcomes Jesus into Jerusalem, spreading their cloaks on the road and cutting branches from trees and putting them in his path. Here, Jesus is received the way worldly kings and emperors are welcomed by their local people. The crowd is overwhelmed with joy because they see Jesus as their Messiah who comes to save them from their oppressors, especially the Romans. They shout "Hosannah", meaning 'save us now'.

But Jesus does not enter the city of David like a conqueror or warrior. Instead, he rides on a donkey fulfilling the prophecy of the prophet Zechariah of a meek king entering Jerusalem. In ancient times, kings like David and Solomon had their royals ride on powerful horses or on chariots after the pattern of the Greeks and the Romans cultures. Still, the humble ride does not hide the kingly dignity of Jesus, for as the rest of the prophecy reveals, this king shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea. Peace cannot be conquered by the sword. It is a gift of God. We received this through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. As we go through the 'Holy Week' in coming days let us closely take part in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection and obtain his gift of peace in our lives. -Neville



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: Lismore 5.00 pm

Timboon 6.00 pm

Camperdown 7.30 pm.

Easter Sunday:

Cobden 9.00 am

Next Weekend Readings:

Acts 10:34. 37-43. Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

Holy Week

Mon- Jesu Cleans the Temple

Tues- Jesus Explains the

Destruction of the Temple

Wed- Judas Speaks to Chief Priests

Thu- Holy Thursday

Fri- Good Friday

Sat- Easter Vigil

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: Mary Hickey

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dinny Ryan, Damian Ryan, Mary Howard, Sarah Fitzgerald, John Ryan, Elizabeth Carey, Leonard Riches, Marietta Kelson,

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.

Palm Sunday, Year A. 02/04/2023

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

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 Palm Sunday – April 1 & 2, 2023

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. 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.

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 \$272.00 & Presbytery \$566.00. 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".

Request for an Accommodation: Gentleman seeks lodging in Camperdown or Cobden for three months. Has companion lap dog and cat. Has neat habits and happy to help with extra housework. Phone Andrew 0499 306211.

St Vincent de Paul Conferences in parishes

We would like to list the diocesan parish St Vincent de Paul Conferences on our diocesan website. If your parish has a St Vincent de Paul Conference, can you please forward details to

Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

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

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

¹ When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. ⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Shorter Version)

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

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support. On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause? First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers. We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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				

09-April-2023 Easter Sunday	Resurrection of Lord	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
Saturday: 7.30pm: Camperdown		R Henry	J Seuren	M Russell
Sunday: 9am: Cobden		G Gleeson	M McKenzie	
Counting Team: P & A Burke			Altar C'down	L Hickey M Larkins
Church Cleaning: R Henry/A Wynd			Altar Cobden	Ann Scott
Marian Statue: J Larkins				

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