



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends, Today's gospel reading speaks about the nature of the kingdom of heaven through parables. The parables of the buried treasure and that of the pearl of great value give us a similar lesson that the kingdom of heaven is a treasure beyond price, we must renounce all that may hinder us from possessing it. The kingdom of heaven which Jesus tells us is the reign of God in our midst. We allow God to inspire and direct our lives, we live a life of communion with him, because we believe that God is the ultimate meaning of our existence.

We have been created by God for himself, and our hearts will be empty if we choose to shut off God from our life. Hence, we allow God to inspire and direct our lives. God created and adopted us as His beloved children. But many things hinder us from having God at the centre of our lives. Our human tendencies are to be blamed for that. Because we know there are treasures and attractions of the world: power, money, position, power, and pleasures. Many of us are drawn to them because they could easily satisfy the natural and physical cravings of the human nature. We forget to realize that the earthly treasures are only a short term or a temporary relief. They can't replace the true and everlasting life that we enjoy in the kingdom of heaven. So let us ask our loving God to give us his wisdom to judge wisely the things of heaven and live accordingly in our day-to-day life. -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: Timoon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

**(Lay Assembly – Lismore)**

### Next Weekend Readings:

Dan 7:9-10,13-14. 2 Peter 1:16-19. Mat. 17:1-9

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Ignatius of Loyola

Tues- St Alphonsus Liguori

Wed- St Peter Julian Eymard

Thu- St Dominic

Fri- St John Vianney

Sat- Dedication of the Basilica

### Pray for the Sick:

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

**Recent Deaths:** Dorrie White, Carmel Kearney & Antoon Smelter

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

Thomas Darcy, Rupert Gstrein, Norman Meagher, Margaret Russell.

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.**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 30/07/2023

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

**Last weekend's Collection:**

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$367.00 & Presbytery \$379.05. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

**Lay Led Assembly Resources:** Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Sundays 11-21 in Ordinary Time Year A 2023 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

**World Youth Day 2023: August 1-6, 2023**

More than 3000 Australian pilgrims will attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. We pray for the five people from the Diocese of Ballarat attending:

- Grace Doherty and Anna Whiting (St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill students);
- Gerry Vytilingam (St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill staff member);
- John-Paul Walker (Linton & Sebastopol Parishes);
- Laura Bruty (Linton Parish & Australian Catholic University Ballarat Campus).
- Peter Cay (Seminararian from Ballarat Diocese)



**Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre and Museum**

- **Open Day:** MMHC are holding an Open Day on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Hourly tours from 10.00am. More information and bookings at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-house-melbourne-at-mmhc/>
- **Fundraising Dinner:** A dinner, auction and raffles will be held from 6.30pm on Friday, August 18, 2023 at Mount St Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. Cost \$50.00pp (BYO drinks). RSVP by Friday, August 11 on QR code or ph. 03 9926 9300.
- **Gift shop:** Consider supporting a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items.
- **Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The exhibition in the Temporary Gallery explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.
- **Mary Mackillop Today (MMT) Community Grants 2024 Applications Open:** Schools and community groups with a project that helps people, may be able to apply for a grant up to \$10,000. Applications open Monday, August 14, 2023. Apply at <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/what-we-do/our-projects/grants/how-to-apply/>

**Accommodation at MMHC:** When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300

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

### **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 July – For a Eucharistic Life:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and be opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us.

### **Mothers who pray for their children**

The prayer group "Mothers who pray for their children" has commenced at the Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast. The group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10.30am at the Infant Jesus Church Koroit. All welcome – mothers, families and children. Please take your rosary beads.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

***A reading from the first book of the Kings***

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

***(R.) Lord, I love your commands.***

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful; indeed, therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:28-30

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

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) [See Matthew 11:25](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Matthew 13:44-52](#)

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

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image. Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell. That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God. We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

30-July-2023 17th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond	N/A
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	R Henry	R Henry
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: S Grinter		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: H & J Seuren			

06-August-2023 Transfiguration	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	M Macaulay	H Hickey
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh	
Marian Statue: P & M Smith			

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