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Pray for the Sick: Lilly Cain, Kristen Pickford, Brian Wain, Julie Karlsen, Basil Thornton, John Hewitt, Catherine O'Flynn and Marlo McCarthy.

Readings for Sunday 17th August:

1st Reading, Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

2nd Reading, Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Mass Times:

Every Saturday: 6.30p.m. Cobden

Sunday: 09.00 a.m. 1st Sun.-Simpson

09.00 a.m. 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

09.00 a.m. 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(Lay-led Assembly will be held on the other Sundays)

Every Sunday: 11.00am Camperdown

Liturgy Formation at Terang

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting a Liturgy Formation session at Terang on Sunday, August 17, 2025 on Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion. All members of the diocese are welcome to attend. Register your attendance via trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1438348>.

I would like to request all the Eucharistic ministers of Timboon, Hampden and Camperdown Parishes to attend the Liturgy formation to be held in Terang. On the day Bishop Paul will be celebrating Mass and giving the lectures together with other members of the Pastoral ministry office in Ballarat. It is very important that we in the community take it very serious and important to participate in this liturgy formation and get the best out of that. Fr George.

Praying with the Holy Father in the month of August - For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. Lord, hear us.

Weekday Masses: Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.30am in Terang, First, third and fifth Thursdays in Timboon/second and fourth Thursday in Simpson at 11.00am and Fridays at 09.30am in Camperdown.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 10th August 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom (Wisdom 18:6-9)

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12)

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 12:32-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

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‘Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’ Peter said, ‘Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?’ The Lord replied, ‘What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master’s arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, “My master is taking his time coming”, and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

‘The servant who knows what his master wants but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.’

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HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate

The Gospel and the Commonwealth

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So, Jesus instructs his followers: ‘Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.’

We live in a very different society: ‘The Commonwealth of Australia.’ ‘Commonwealth’ indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we must respond to Our Lord’s command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the commonwealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord’s command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the commonwealth of all peoples throughout the world.

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MINISTRY ROSTER

10-August-2025 19th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	E Darcy	P Dwyer	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	P Kingston	G Lucas
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/M Larkins	
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: M Walsh	
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey			
17-August-2025 20th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	A Horan	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	S Grinter	R Henry
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: S Swayn/G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: Robert L		Altar Cobden: M Walsh	
Marian Statue: C Wilson			

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

15th August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

We celebrate Mass in Camperdown on the 15th at 9.30am with the school community.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Book

Blessed Carlo Acutis is to be canonised on September 7 this year. Cana Press, the publishing house of Notre Dame Monastery, Tasmania, has secured the Australian rights to the book "My Son Carlo" written by his mother, Antonia Salzano Acutis. "My Son Carlo" is the most insightful biography of Bl Carlo currently available in English, especially because it contains many excerpts of his own writing. Our edition of "My Son Carlo" retails for \$30.00 and we are offering it at a 30% (\$21.00) discount for parishes to sell in their piety stalls, bookshops etc, or even as a fundraiser. If you would like to order copies at this special discounted price, please visit our website www.notredamemonastery.org/my-son-carlo/; alternatively, you could send us an email at sales@canapress.com.au or call the monastery on (03) 6259 7197.

Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for the people of Gaza

God of light, you meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.' We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace. Amen.

Parish Notices: All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed or phoned by noon every Thursday. George Swierczek: 0439 145 805.

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