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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: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly -Timboon)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Genes 22: 15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Dear Friends, The call of the Gospel and of the season of Lent is repentance. How do we repent? The gospel story of Jesus' temptation in the desert suggests what we have to do. Repentance is turning away from material comfort to the cross, from personal convenience to committed service, and from earthly satisfaction to spiritual nourishment. Jesus does not promise a happy life to attract people for his kingdom. He wants our commitment and dedication in answering the call of the gospel. He calls us to be followers, witnesses - not to be spectators or watchers, but to be partakers actively involved in the life of the church and to build the kingdom of God.

The call of repentance is not a compromise or to strike a deal. There is no bargain or neutral stance. We either walk with him or walk out. This is very clear from the response that Jesus gives to Satan: 'The Lord your God shall you worship, and Him alone shall you serve'. The repentance Jesus expects is totally to God, without material gain or self-glorification. It demands a lot of sacrifices in the process of repentance. It asks our willingness to do sacrifices for Jesus. So let us ask the Lord to take the heart of stone away from us, and replace it with the heart of Jesus, so that we can change our lifestyle towards Him with a change of heart. - Neville.

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.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Belina

Tues- Ss Jacinta & Francisco Marto

Wed- St Perter Damian

Thu- The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

Fri- St Polycarp of Smyrna

Sat- St Montanus

Pray for the Sick:

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

Recent Deaths: Michael O'Leary

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margie Roosje, Alice Osborne, John Hately, John Vogels, Eileen Pearson, David Halloran, Geoff Daffy, John O'Leary Minica McDonald.

Parish Notices

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

1st Sunday of Lent. Year B. 18/02/2024

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

We welcome the Season of Lent with a good spirit.

Lenten season is a moment of grace for all of us to make a pilgrimage into our interior life, where we encounter the Lord and open our hearts to His transforming love. In the forty days of journey, the Church provides us the necessary weapons in order for us to overcome temptations; i.e. fasting- how we will die to our selfish desires, prayer- how we will strengthen our communion with God, and almsgiving- how we will express our greater love for our neighbour.

Jesus comes to our rescue to set us free from the powers of the devil. He faced the devil directly and battled with him. He disarmed him of his weapons using the Word of God. Quoting the Scriptures, Jesus shows us that the truth revealed in the Word of God is more powerful than the snares of the devil. We cannot defeat the devil with our strength but with the power of God. Following Jesus we can be victorious over all our temptations, with faith that we belong to Christ and He is at our side to defend our cause. We don't live by the bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us give ourselves, a time to reflect and meditate on the Word of God and convert to the Lord with great sincerity so that God will give us the grace and courage to change our interior life to gain eternal life.



Project Compassion 2024

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. Please donate to Project

Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>, by calling 1800 024 41 or you can click or scan the QR code.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$740.00 & Presbytery \$449.95. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care. Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

LENT STUDY 45-minute sharing to follow Friday masses during Lent. Beginning Friday Feb 16th. Print resource is A Resurrected Life, from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Andrew O'Flynn

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.

Pope's intention for February: – **For the terminally ill:** Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Bishop Paul has written a letter of endorsement for the work of Palms Australia. Learn more at <https://palms.org.au/> or ph. 02 9560 5333,

- Join the Mission Webinar on March 5, 2024, from 6.00pm – 6.30pm <https://palms.org.au/event/global-development-webinar/>



Palms Australia

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

- Join the two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together <https://palms.org.au/encounters/timor-leste-cultural-encounter/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Genesis 9:8-15](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 24:4-9](#). *R. see v.10*

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading: [1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Matthew 4:4](#)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: [Mark 1:12-15](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

18-February-2024	1st Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A
11am: Camperdown		A O'Flynn	M Saunders	R Henry
Counting Team: P & A Burke			Altar Camperdown: No Flowers	
Church Cleaning: R Henry/ A Wynd			Altar Cobden: No flowers	
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary				

25-February-2024	2nd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		B Hammond	K Daffy	M McKenzie
11am: Camperdown		M Macaulay	S Grinter	M Saunders
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: No Flowers	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: No flowers	
Marian Statue: J Larkins				

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