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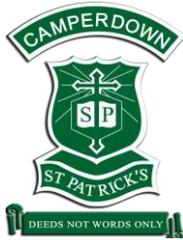
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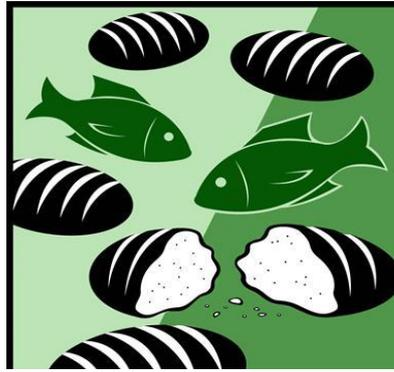
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Dear Friends;

In today's gospel we see Jesus ask Philip: 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat? Jesus' question reveals his care and providence that he has over the people. This incident discloses him as a good shepherd. He has sympathy for them and is moved with pity for them, the people. He helps them and feeds them. He is responsible for them. He is a good shepherd for them. Like a good shepherd he is caring of them and fulfills their every need. Here, Jesus' example challenges us to do something for people in their need. Sympathy is not enough. Acts of charity are needed not words of consolation. We do not calculate whether we have extra food or money before we help people in need. We do not reason out that we cannot be of a help because we do not have much help to give. God always gives us numerous opportunities so that we can help other people. Even without the five loaves and two fish Jesus can perform miracles and feed people. But Jesus wants us to realize the value of sharing and learn the virtue of generosity. Miracles happen when we are willing to share and when we are gracious enough to help and give. Let us ask ourselves: are we willing to share like the small boy in the gospel. Or are we like the disciple who said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish'. The small boy who was innocent and was willing to give to Jesus; finally he did the right thing for Jesus to work the miracle. Hence, let us also not look for someone to make a sacrifice to Jesus like the disciple but to be ready to make the sacrifice like the small boy in the gospel to care for the people in their need. -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: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Eph4 :17, 20-24;

Jn 6 : 24 – 35.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Ss Joachim & Anne

Tues- Ss Natalie & Aurelius

Wed- St Alphonsa of India

Thur- St Martha

Fri- St Peter Chrysologus

Sat- St Ignatius of Loyola

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McLaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Mary Ryan, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa Gittany

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Donald Place, Thomas Lourey, Thomas Darcy, and Christopher Jewell

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 (1st Collection). Thank you

A Prayer for the Year of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage. Amen

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 25/07/2021

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are further easing of restrictions in regional Victoria as of 11.59pm on Thursday, July 15. More information will be available when updated on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates will also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

This Message came on Friday (16/07) from Bishop's Office:

Hello Everyone,

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has announced a state-wide lockdown from midnight on Thursday July 15 till midnight on Tuesday July 20. Having experienced several lockdowns previously, we may all be familiar with what is involved. However, it may be helpful to have some notes to remind us as to how the lockdown will affect religious services for the next five days. The following points are drawn from the Victorian government website.

For the five days of the lockdown, all places of worship in Victoria are closed for private worship or religious ceremonies. Ceremonies and services can be recorded or broadcast live from the place of worship for viewing online. Only those who are necessary to conduct the ceremony may be on site to record and live stream services (up to 5 people). Gatherings for the purposes of worship, prayer groups, or any other religious purposes may only occur remotely.

Places of worship may be opened for the purposes of conducting permitted weddings or funerals, but there are strict limits on the number of people who can attend.

A place of worship may host a funeral, but attendance will be limited to 10 people plus those required to conduct the funeral.

Weddings are not permitted indoors or outdoors unless one or both people getting married are at the end of life or would otherwise be deported. In these exceptional cases, only five people can attend the wedding – the couple being married, two witnesses and the celebrant.

During these days of lockdown, we will not be able to gather for worship as we usually do. However, we can still pray in our homes. I encourage you in your personal prayer and your prayer as a family. Our diocesan website has information about links to online Masses and other prayer resources at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/#links-to-masses-online>

[Coronavirus — information and advice – Diocese of Ballarat](#) We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea. Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, reaching out in joyful and humble service, caring for all of God's creation, growing in love day by day and looking forward to life with God forever. www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

May Christ be with you through these five days and in all the days ahead.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

In Registering the Attendances at Church: This year also we are going to continue to register the attendances' names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it.

Step 1. Use your phone's camera to scan the code.

Step 2. Enter your first name and phone number. Step

3. Look for the tick "You're now checked-in" Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

A national campaign has been launched to support a prayerful build-up to the first assembly of the Plenary Council. The "Fan the Flame" campaign is offered as resources for individuals and groups of various sizes and contexts who are providing essential support by praying for the Council journey and specifically for the Council assemblies, including the members who will participate. Resources available from

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

CTC - Ethical Issues and Human Ageing studies

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

Catholic Theological College is offering a course on “Ethical Issues and Human Ageing” over six Saturdays 31 July; 7 and 28 August; 11 September; 9 and 23 October from 10.00am – 12.00pm and then 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The course can be taken for personal enrichments or credit towards a post-graduate award. For more information go to <https://units.divinity.edu.au/scheduled-unit/DT9633C-3770> or email registrar@ctc.edu.au

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection:

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

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 July: **July universal intention – social friendship:** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

National Mass to mark Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day – August 2, 2021

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry are planning a live broadcast of a national Mass to mark National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on August 4, 2021 with the theme, "Proud in Culture - Strong in Spirit". Archbishop Peter Comensoli will celebrate this livestreamed Mass at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Chapel in Thornbury at 12.00noon. Parish Priests are invited to concelebrate and be a visual for teachers and students. This will include provisions for schools to participate in the Prayers of the Faithful, the bringing in of symbols that represent their schools journey and place so that they are fully engaged and part of the wider mass. This could be extended to parishes who also wish to participate. For more information contact Sherry Balcombe, Manager Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, ph. 0439 780 899 or email Sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au. Letter attached.

Aid to the Church in Need

Today, Aid to the Church in Need continues to ensure that spiritual aid and pastoral care reaches areas of need. ACN ensures that tyranny of distance or harsh terrain does not stand in the way of the spiritual life of the Catholic people. Every year we will finance some 400 cars, 200 motorcycles, 300 bicycles and a couple of boats. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [2 Kgs 4:42-44](#)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: [Eph 4:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times. Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

01-August-2021 18th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	M McKenzie	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	A Bell	L Johnstone		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Macaulay	N/A	M Lucas
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: R Henry		Altar Derrinallum: S McLeod		

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