



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

It must have been for them a very difficult day. And a sad one too. He had told them that they should be glad for him. "Because", he said: "I am going home". He told them that they should be glad for themselves too. "Because", he said "Now I am sending you".

We know it from our own experience in life. We know it from those moments that others, who up to then had been responsible for us, made us responsible for ourselves. We know from the joy we experienced when they allowed us for the first time to do something on our own: a commission, a message, a task, the herding of some sheep, the care for a baby, or whatever it was.

From the beginning God had done the same: he made man and woman, king and queen, rulers and organizers in nature. In Christ God did it again, not only Christ is going to be the light of the world; not only Christ is going to be the salt of the earth; not only Christ is going to be the ferment in human life.

We should be that light, that salt, and that yeast.

He said to them: "Go to the city and stay until you are clothed with the power from on high".

And they went to wait for the spirit to come.

.....Father Joseph G Donders.



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:

Acts 2:1-11, Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34;

Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Joan of Arc

Tues- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed- St Justin Martyr

Thu- Sts Marcellus & Peter

Fri- St Charles Lwanga & Companions

Sat- Bld Angelina of Marsciano

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa Gittany and Coral Beard.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Andrews, Reginald Dews, Ellen Dunstan, Bob Jenkins, Noreen Binek, John Lee, Angela O'Sullivan, Bridie Darcy, Stella Fitzgerald.

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.

We Welcome Father Kevin Arundell who will be celebrating Masses in the parish this weekend.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

The Parish Council of the Anglican Parishes of Camperdown and the Holy Apostles invites you to the induction of Father Matthew Jones as their new Rector, Friday the 3rd of June 2022 at 7:00 PM, St. Paul's Anglican Church Camperdown (corner Church and Ferguson streets). The induction will be led by Bishop Gary Weatherill of the Anglican Diocese of Ballarat, and a light supper will follow.

An induction is a diocesan event where people gather from the diocese and beyond to support and encourage their parish community and new priest. It is a joyous event which marks a new beginning for priest and people. It is also an opportunity to invite the local community to share in the life of the parish. Father Matthew will minister to the communities of Camperdown, Cobden, Terang and Timboon and surrounding areas. We hope you can join us to celebrate this happy occasion.

Vinnies Winter Appeal. Winter again, and time to think of the homeless. This year Vinnies has a special theme, Domestic Abuse. Collections will be taken up at Camperdown and Cobden Masses at the end of June. No need to wait though – donate online. donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-warmth?

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$140.00 & Presbytery \$364.40. God bless you and keep you all safe in His care.

Mass Counts Final Week

This is the **FINAL** week for the Annual Diocesan Mass Counts. Counting should have been taking place over the weekends from May 7-8. Mass Count Forms and Counter's Forms are attached, for recording your weekend counts.

- **Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish**
- **Please complete all columns, including what the 'usual' count would be**
- **If you have increased or reduced number, include the reason why (e.g. Baptism, First Eucharist etc.)**

Once completed please submit your Mass Count Forms to fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au by **Friday 10 June, 2022.**

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. A prayer of the faithful from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria: Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022: May 29 – June 5



The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son in whom all are baptised,
one giver of many gifts, one tree of many fruits
one speaker of every tongue, renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost,
grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another,
and as one, proclaim the praises of God.
Grant that all may be one
as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord.
Grant unity to the Body of Christ; grant unity to the human family.
Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in you,
live and move and have their being. - Carl K. Moeddel, From Jesuit Resources

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

Daily Gospel Reflections

During the height of COVID in 2020, the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Adult Formation Team launched a daily gospel reflection resource to help Catholics stay connected with God whilst they couldn't attend Mass. The resource has been so well received that the offer is extended to all who may find it useful. The Daily Gospel Reflections are delivered each weekday morning to your email inbox, and will take just a few moments to read but will centre you in relationship with God for the rest of the day. To find out more or subscribe go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age,

but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) **Mt 28:19. 20**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

29-May-2022 Ascension Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	K Walsh	J Blair M McKenzie
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	L Johnstone		A Coutts
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	C McCarthy	Cunningham Family	T O'Leary C Conheady
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: B Hewitt				

05-June-2022 Pentecost Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy	G Kelson	J Blair P Dwyer A Horan
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	G Keating		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	P Conheady	Berni Sinnott	S Grinter H Seuren M Macaulay
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: M Lucas G McMillan		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Angela Horan		
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney				

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