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Recent Death: (Edwad) Ted Darcy

Anniversaries: Bill Brewer, Jane Nolan, James Rantall, Rita Castaldo, Keith Vagg, Colin Wain and Fr. Dennis Dennehy.

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

Readings for Sunday 9th November: 1st Reading Ezekial 47:1-2, 8-9,12, 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17, Gospel John 2:13-22,

Mass Times:

Every Saturday: 6.30pm -Cobden

Sunday: 09.00 am 1st Sun.-Simpson

09.00 am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

09.00am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

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

Every Sunday: 11. 00am Camperdown

Dear Parishioners of Timboon, Camperdown, and Hampden Parishes,

Over recent months, our parish communities have been prayerfully reflecting on the ways we can continue to live and share our faith more vibrantly amid the changing realities of our region. After consultation and discernment with parish leaders, pastoral councils, and the Diocesan Office, it has been proposed that our three parishes — **Timboon, Camperdown, and Hampden** — be brought together to form **one new parish family**.

This new parish would encompass **seven faith communities: Lismore, Camperdown, Cobden, Timboon, Simpson, Mortlake, and Terang**. Together, these communities share a deep history of faith, service, and commitment to the mission of the Church in our district.

The aim of this formation is not merely administrative, but pastoral and missionary — to strengthen our unity, share our gifts and resources, and ensure that our Catholic presence continues to flourish in each of our towns and communities. We believe that, united in one parish, we can support one another more effectively in worship, outreach, and pastoral care.

In the coming weeks, further opportunities will be offered for conversation, prayer, and input as we journey toward this new chapter together. Your voice, hopes, and suggestions are invaluable in shaping the character and direction of this new parish.

As we take this important step, we would like to **invite you to take part in choosing a name for our new parish**. The name should reflect our shared faith, local identity, and the spirit of unity among our communities. It may be inspired by a **saint**, a **biblical figure**, or a **title of Christ or Our Lady** that expresses our common mission and values. Two different names to be proposed, one based on spirituality and the second local identity and the spirit of unity among our communities. Let us continue to entrust this process to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we may move forward with faith, hope, and love — as one body in Christ.

Fr George Kuruvila

All Souls Day 2nd November 2025

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Sunday 02 November 2025
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)

First Reading

A reading from the book of Job (Job 19:1. 23-27)

Job said: 'Ah, would that these words of mine were written down, inscribed on some monument with iron chisel and engraving tool, cut into the rock for ever. This I know; that my Avenger lives, and he, the Last, will take his stand on earth. After my awaking, he will set me close to him, and from my flesh I shall look on God. He whom I shall see will take my part: these eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.1 or v.4

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him. Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation See Matthew 11:25

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:1-12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful:

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they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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Homily by Fr Michael Tate

'Indeed, I promise you: today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Today, many of us will visit the grave or plinth of a beloved member of the family or a friend. If you are like me, you will first tidy the area, prune any dead heads off the rose bush, place some fresh flowers and then pray.

The beautiful Catholic custom is that on this day especially – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. We prayed for them when they were with us on earth. Death is no barrier to continuing that prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in heavenly bliss.

What grounds our hope? Nothing more, nothing less, than the victory of Jesus Christ over death. We pray that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of that triumph. For most, as I expect for me, that may involve a *purging* of those traits of personality which prevent the fullest participation in the bliss of Heaven. But that bliss is what God desires for each one of them and for me.

God prays for the fulfilment of that desire whilst souls are being purged (whatever that may involve). Our praying for the dead is simply our participation in this prayer of God, our privilege which we intentionally share in. Even those not intentionally sharing our faith often say R.I.P., rest in peace, and that is a prayer! And so we pray with confident Christian hope: 'Endless light shine on those we love, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all those who have died, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.'

Ministers

2nd November All Souls Day	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Gleeson	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	J Saunders	S Grinter
Counting Team:	B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/M Larkins	
Church Cleaning:	M & J Saunders	Altar Cobden: H Kelly	
Marian Statue:	M Russell		

9th November Dedication Lateran Basilica	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	E Darcy	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	P Kingston	M Russell
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: S Swayn/G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: H Kelly	
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary			

Baptism: We welcomed Hall Lucille Eileen in baptism at St Patrick's Church on the 22nd of October and now we welcome Moloney Noah Patrick on 9/11. Let us pray for these children and their parents and Godparents.

Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws. You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill



Jubilee of the World of Education: October 31 – November 2, 2025

The Jubilee of the World of Education celebrates all forms of education – early learning, school (both primary and secondary), and tertiary education. Further resources for the Jubilee of the World of Education are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

Praying with The Holy Father. The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement and each month the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. "The Pope Video" forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network www.thepopevideo.org.

Prayer for November – For the prevention of suicide: *Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Lord, hear us.*

All Souls Day

All Souls Day is a day especially set apart for the praying for the departed, remembering loved ones, and contemplating the hope of eternal life through faith. It is a time to pray for all souls in need of purification, offering them prayers and Mass to aid their journey to heaven, while also recognizing the unity between the living and the dead in a community of faith.

Prayer and remembrance

Pray for the departed: Offer prayers, such as celebrating Mass for souls in purgatory.

Remember loved ones: Take time to remember and honour friends and family who have passed away, cherishing memories and continuing to express love through prayer.

Extend prayers to all souls: Remember that all souls, not just loved ones, even those who have no one to pray for them need our prayers, and that a simple act of kindness in prayer can have a great impact.

So, during the month of November let us remember and pray for all those departed souls and if possible, remember to offer Mass for them.

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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