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Dear friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. In today's gospel we see that Jesus chooses three disciples and takes them up to the mountain. He does not say why or where they are going. They follow him without question, and their obedience is rewarded with an experience of his glory. They see Jesus transfigured before them. We see in the gospel that: his face shines like the sun and his clothes become white as light. Moses and Elijah appear to them. And best of all, a voice from a bright cloud declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him".

This incident of transfiguration tells us many things; first of all, it tells us that Jesus is the fulfilment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament. Secondly, it says that Jesus is the son of God whose word has taken the human form and with whom God the Father is well pleased. Finally, Jesus urges us and reminds us to follow and listen to him. If we listen and follow him and live according to his teaching, we will experience his glory like the disciple one day. So let us pray to our Lord to strengthen our faith like the disciples to live according to his teaching and experience his glory in our life.

- Neville



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

6.00pm Cobden

7.30 Camperdown

Sunday

9am (1st, 3rd) Lismore

9am (2nd, 4th, 5th) Derrinallum

11 am Camperdown.

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday: 9am Cobden

Friday: 9.30am Camperdown

When there is a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled.

Parish Collection

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance with the first collection which supports the Presbytery and the Priests. Last week you generously gave \$ 789.55.

Saints and Feasts

Mon – St. Cajetan

Tues – St. Mary of the Cross

Wed- St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross

Thurs – St. Lawrence

Fri – St. Clare

Pray for the Sick:

Fr Denis Dennehy, Noel Hewitt, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Terry McKenzie, Sue Henderson, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Shayne Wren.

Meeting for this week

CWL Camperdown will meet at the presbytery on Monday 7th of August at 10.30 am

Anniversaries of Death

Margaret Doherty,
River Sinnott,
Leonard Brewer,
Tom Darcy

Parish Notices

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed or phoned into the Parish Office by Thursday evening.

Thank you: Dear Parishioners, This note gives me an opportunity to express my thanks for your active participation in the Pastoral Visit of the Bishop for our Parish. I am very much encouraged by the support and cooperation that I got from our wonderful parishioners. Thank you also for attending and organizing the liturgy for all three churches. Special thanks also to our St. Pat's School Community for organizing a School Mass with the Parish Community. Bishop has enjoyed his visit, by going out to meet people who were in the Nursing Homes and Church gatherings. I would like also to express my gratitude to those who have prepared morning Tea and meals in their respective faith communities. Especially I would like to thank Pam Savage for being in-charge of the kitchen on that evening at Cobden. Once again, thank you all for your support and cooperation in building up our faith community in the Parish. May the Lord continue to bless and guide you in our witnessing life for Jesus.

First Holy Communion – will be held this year on 19th and 20th August. Parents of any children wishing to make their first communion who don't attend the Parish primary school please contact the Parish office – Ph: 55931284.

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals – In April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. As a follow-up to that letter, a group of lay people has prepared a flyer encouraging people to write to parliamentarians and express their opposition to such legislation. Copies of the flyer are available at the back of the Church. You are invited to write to parliamentarians as suggested.

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation

In June the foundation held its 31st Annual General Meeting, so it is timely to remind parishioners of the purpose of the Foundation and to update the diocese on the activities of the Foundation during 2016 (information attached). Grant information and application forms are available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amandayouth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

Welcome and congratulations – to the following children being baptised this weekend - Stella Elizabeth and Evie Grace Hooper daughters of Jonathon and Kayla Hooper and Sienna Pearl and Jaxson Dean Byron, children of Dean and Casey McGillivray.

Praise to God the Most High

My daughter, the world must offer this special prayer in praise and thanksgiving to God the Father for the Mercy He is providing the whole world.

O Eternal Father, we offer You our prayers, in Joyful thanksgiving,
for Your precious Gift of Mercy to the whole of mankind.
We rejoice and offer You, Most Glorious King, our praise and adoration
For Your loving and tender Mercy.

You, God the Most High, are our King and for this Gift You now bring to us
we lie at Your Feet in humble servitude. Please, God, have Mercy on all your children. Amen.

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

First Reading: Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples,
nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Pt 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face

shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, body soul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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5 th and 6 th Aug Transfiguration	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6pm Cobden	B Hammond	E Downs	Noy Family	J Hammond J Blair P Dwyer
7.30pm Camperdown	J Riches	M Lucas	Gill Family	T O'Leary, J Ryan J Riches
9am Lismore	G Keating	G Keating	Volunteer	B Marquand
11am Camperdown	M Larkins	R Henry	Cunningham Family	G Lucas, M Russell S Robertson
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt				
Church Cleaning R Henry		Flowers / Altar Cobden: H Watts / M Walsh		
Marion Statue One: F & C Conheady		Camperdown: M Lucas / M Fleming		
Marion Statue Two: SPC 3 / M		Lismore: B Marquand		

12 th and 13 th Aug 19 th Sun in O/Time	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6pm Cobden	G Kelson	K Daffy	K Walsh	J Blair P & J Dwyer
7.30pm Camperdown	M Lucas	S Grinter	Gill Family	T McKenzie S Grinter
9am Derrinallum	K Deppeler	K Deppeler	Volunteer	
11am Camperdown	R Henry	C McCarthy	Pollard Family	R Henry, M Russell R Johnstone
Counting Team: M McKenzie				
Church Cleaning: J Saunders		Flowers / Altar Cobden: H Watts / M Walsh		
Marion Statue One: P Everett		Camperdown: A Cunningham / R Henry		
Marion Statue Two: SPC 2 F/K		Derrinallum: S McLeod		

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