



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Camperdown

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Dear friends,

The Season of Advent: It's a time traditionally marked for remembering the years of preparation and consecration prior to the coming of the Messiah. For many centuries, the Church has identified the beginning of the Christmas celebration with a time of reflection and expectation called Advent. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival" and, when used in combination with Christmas, reminds us of the anticipation and expectation held over hundreds of years by the people of Israel for their Messiah and promised King.

For centuries before Christ, Hebrew Rabbis methodically and passionately taught the Jewish people that the Messiah was coming. They taught that the people should be ready to embrace their King when he appeared. They emphasized the need for holy living and obedience to God's law.

Today, we mark Advent in the Christian church with the display of a wreath - its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen - reminding us of the hope of eternal life. The four outer candles incorporated into the display represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent. The lighting of the candles reminds us of the Light of world, and the prophetic promise of His coming. So let us prepare ourselves spiritually to receive Jesus into our hearts and obtain his blessings. - Neville.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

9am 4th Sun. Derrinallum

(Lay led assembly will be held other weekends)

Sunday: 11 am Camperdown.

Christmas Mass times - 2017

Sun – Vigil- 6.30 pm Timboon

6.30 pm Cobden

8.00 pm Camperdown

Christmas Day Mass 8.30 am - Lismore

Collections

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last week you generously gave - Envelope collection - \$1,046.00, Presbytery collection - \$583.00

Saints and Feasts

Wed – St Nicholas, bishop

Thurs – St Ambrose, bishop

Fri – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pray for the Sick:

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

Mass times next weekend

Sat 6.30 pm Cobden

Sun 9 am Lismore

Sun 11 am Camperdown

Next weekend's Readings

Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14;

Mk 1:1-8

Recent Death Hilary Thornton

Anniversaries of Death

Marie Goonan, Joan Evans, Shane Wilson, Gertrude Darcy, Hendrina Van-Beckhoven, Kenneth Jehu, Beverley Lafferty, Patricia Egan, Stephen Kelly.

Parish Notices

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

3rd Dec 2017: First Sunday of Advent – Year B

2017

No weekday Masses during this coming week. Any emergency contact Fr Gerry, Terang.

Last week-end's remembrance Mass - Thank you to Maureen Larkins for helping to arrange the Mass, and thanks also to the ladies who organised and prepared the morning tea. We appreciate the effort families made to attend this special Mass.

Rosters – as there is no longer Saturday evening Mass in Camperdown, could all volunteers previously at this Mass please put your names down for readers, special ministers, prayers of the faithful and offertory on the forms in the foyer for Cobden or Camperdown Mass. Anyone who is willing, who hasn't been on the roster before, is also invited to please put your name down.

All parishioners who volunteer in any capacity within the Parish – the Parish needs to have a copy of your current working with children check before the end of the year. If you already have one, could you please add St. Patrick's Parish to it, and a copy will then be sent to the Parish. If you don't already have one and need to register please contact Rose Henry and a time will be arranged for you to come in to do so. There is no cost involved.

Cobden St. Vincent de Paul – Cobden Community Christmas Appeal – Giving Tree in the foyer, goods required by Saturday, Dec. 16th.

K.S.C. Meeting – Thursday 7.30 pm at the Presbytery.

An Invitation is extended to the St. Patrick's community to a Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at St Paul's Anglican Church, Camperdown on Sunday, 10th Dec. at 7pm. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Service. Contact 5593 3819 for further details.

Year of Youth - 2018 is the Year of Youth. It begins this week 3rd December. The theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Resources including a Prayer of the Faithful are available at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Services & Agencies / Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - 110 young people and their leaders will be attending the Youth Festival next week from 7-9 December. Please keep them in your prayers. The Youth Festival Program and Official Song are available at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Services & Agencies / Youth and Young Adult Ministry. You can download the ACYF 2017 app from your app store.

Pastoral Care Education - An exciting opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care recognised and accredited towards theological studies through the University of Divinity is now available in regional Victoria. A newly created South West Victoria Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Centre has been registered through the Association for Supervised and Clinical Pastoral Education Victoria (ASACPEV Inc.) thanks to Frs Gerry Prunty, John Fitzgerald and Paddy Mugavin as the advisory group and Bernadette Wurlod as the appointed CPE Centre Director.

In a small group setting (no more than 5, no less than 3) an extended part-time program will commence in February and conclude in November 2018. Education will take place at St Thomas' Parish Centre Terang once a fortnight on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is hoped that these programs can be offered annually. At least four hours of weekly pastoral practice has been made available upon successful application, interviews and negotiation with pastoral leaders from: Mercy Place Warrnambool, Warrnambool Uniting Church, Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool, St Joseph's Warrnambool, All Saints Portland, Immaculate Conception Ararat, St Mary's Hamilton and St Patricks Camperdown. If you would like further information and an application form please contact Bernadette Wurlod 0417 573 258 or go to the Ballarat Diocesan Website.

Anniversaries of deaths – if you would like an anniversary included on the newsletter and in the prayers of the faithful, please leave a note at the office if it is from more than ten years ago.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down

– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen

any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I

thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

2 nd /3 rd Dec.	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	K Daffy	C Jehu	Noy Family	J Hammond J Blair, G Gleeson
9am Derri lay led	L Johnstone	L Johnstone	Volunteer	D Halloran
11am Camperdown	R Henry	M Larkins	Pollard Family	R Henry, P Conheady S Robertson
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Flowers / Altar Cobden: M Noy / K Daffy		
Church Cleaning: J Saunders		Camperdown: J Riches / M Russell		
Marion Statue One: M Russell (c)		Marion Statue Two: R Henry		

9 th /10 th Dec	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	E Downs	K Daffy	K Walsh	J Blair P & J Dwyer
9am Lismore	K Deppeler	K Deppeler	Volunteer	A Bignell
11am Camperdown	D Egberts	Cheeseman Family	Molan Family	M Russell, G Lucas H Hickey
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Flowers / Altar Cobden: M Noy / K Daffy		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Flowers Camperdown: C. McCarthy		
Marion Statue One: J & L Delaney		Marion Statue Two: S Darcy		

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