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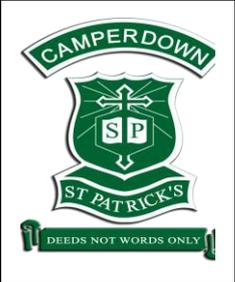
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Dear friends, Christmas is a feast of Peace and Joy. When we look around our world we feel that we don't enjoy the peace and joy in our lives which Jesus brought into this world. Let us take the news that captures the media. It is about the war, hostility between the super powers, poverty, homelessness and the church is not travelling well either. We wonder why? And ask: What had happened to the peace and joy of Christmas which Jesus brought into this world. When we look back to the time of Jesus, we see that there was a similar nature of situation which prevailed. Joseph and Mary didn't have a proper place to stay in Bethlehem, the Jewish people were under the Romans' rule and not happy with their ruler, King Herod was unhappy about the birth of Jesus and killed so many innocent children in the hope, to get rid of Jesus. So where was His peace? We could find the answer in the first carol that was sung by the Angels. 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will'. To realize the peace of Christ we need to have good will in our hearts. If we don't have good will within ourselves then we may not have the peace of Christ and thereby we may not be able to share that peace among others. So let us reflect and see whether we have the good will to listen, love, accept and share our talents and time with the people who are living in the darkness or loneliness. To do this we have to come out of our egotistic.....



Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday: 9am Cobden

(2nd Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

Friday: 9.30am Camperdown

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

.....tendencies and prejudices that encircle our hearts. Then we can do it with an open mind to accept, love and forgive anyone in our society. Christmas is the time of giving and sharing our love, talents, time and to make the people happy who are living around us. So let's cultivate the goodness, and the will to do good things for others in our hearts. Then the Blessings of Christmas: Joy, Peace and Love will be with us always. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a bright, full, New Year. - 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

Mass times next weekend

Sat 6.30 pm Cobden

Sun 9 am Timboon

Sun 11 am Camperdown

Next weekend's Readings

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3;

Heb 11:8.11-12.17-19. Lk 2:22-40

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

The Bishop commends the Appeal to parishioners. He is aware that many times during the year we are invited to respond to appeals for worthy causes, but he hopes the Ballarat diocese can continue to support the Christmas Appeal today.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Is 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah - *A son is given to us.*

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R.)
4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

Second Reading Ti 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus - *God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke - *Today a saviour has been born for you.*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

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