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Dear Friends,

All of us have had difficult weeks and the difficulties seem not to be over yet. We talk very much about what happened. We all have our story, we all have caught and explained these events in words.

Everybody has her story, everybody has his story... That is what Jesus has done to them. He has told them how He related to God; He has told them how He felt about them, and how they should feel about each other. He made it clear to them what they could expect, and how it all would end. He had insisted they should change, and take His life and person so much as a model that He would be – so to speak- like bread to them.

They had listened to His story all of them. Their reactions were very different. Some simply did not believe Him, they walked away, saying: no thank you! Or even worse: what nonsense!... In the end He was almost alone; there were still the twelve and He asked them too: what about you? Do you want to go away too? It was Peter who answered and said: where shall we go, we have heard Your story about us, and we believe, You are the Holy One, the One from God.

Every Sunday, every day of our life, every hour we are confronted with His story about our lives in a world where this story is not accepted at all.

Do we believe that one day we will forgive as He told us we can do? That God will be all in everyone? In the coming of the Kingdom?

They looked at each other... and they believed once more..... Joseph G Donders



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.

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday: 9am Cobden

(2nd Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

2nd Thurs. 10.30 Sunny Side

Friday: 9.30am Camperdown

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

Collections

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support.

Last week you generously gave

Envelope collection – \$200 .00

Presbytery collection – \$411.55

Saints and Feasts

Mon – St Monica

Tues – St Augustine

Wed – Our Lady of Good Health

Thur – St Richard Martin

Friday – St Aidan

Sat – St Anna

Pray for the Sick:

Mary Ryan, Anne-Marie Seabright, Brian Wain, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Sue Henderson, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McLaren. Theresa Gittany, Michael Smith

Mass times next weekend

Sat 6.30pm Cobden

Sun 9 am Simpson

Sun 11 am Camperdown

Next weekend's Readings

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 1-23

Anniversaries Deaths

Anastasia Reilly,

Leonard White,

William Lucas

Parish Notices

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

George Swierczek 0439 145 805

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year- B – 26th August, 2018

Ballarat Diocese Prayer for the Plenary Council:

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide.

As we prepare for the plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us.

We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout Australia.

May your wisdom show us the way, for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.

Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet.

Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday:

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018

“Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees”

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

“You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God” (Leviticus 19:34).

Throughout the first years of my pontificate, I have repeatedly expressed my particular concern for the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty.

This situation is undoubtedly a “sign of the times” which I have tried to interpret, with the help of the Holy Spirit, ever since my visit to Lampedusa on 8 July 2013. When I instituted the new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, I wanted a particular section – under my personal direction for the time-being – to express the Church’s concern for migrants, displaced people, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (*Matthew 25:35-43*). The Lord entrusts to the Church’s motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future.

This solidarity must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.

In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that “our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate”.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 last year. Along with the priests’ own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY’S RESPONSIBILITY

Anniversaries of Deaths: If you would like an anniversary included on the newsletter and in the Payers of the Faithful, please leave a note at the office, if it is from more than ten years ago.

Annual Holidays: I will be taking my annual holidays from August 25th to September 30th 2018. The weekend Masses have been arranged to be celebrated as normal. This weekend Father Tom Brophy will be celebrating Masses. In the month of September on the first three weekends Masses will be celebrated by Fr Ted McCormack. The following weekend Fr Kevin Arundell will celebrate Mass and on the last weekend Fr Brian Glasheen will be the celebrant. I would like to thank Frs Tom Brophy, Ted McCormack, Kevin Arundell and Brian Glasheen for their kindness and willingness to come to our parish to celebrate the weekend Masses. I wish them all the very best with every blessing of God.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Updated time for the The Joy+ Youth Festival in Warrnambool is Sunday 2 September 12noon-6pm. Times have been streamlined to enable people to comfortably travel home. This is a free event and we encourage young people (15-30 yo) to attend. The Festival features Genevieve Bryant and band Josh Angrisano and Bishop Paul will be attending.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING os 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Jn 6:63. 68 (Please stand for the gospel acclamation).

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(R) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill+ their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

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26 th Aug-21Sun Ord	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	G Kelson	M McKenzie	K Walsh	J Blair, C Jehu, M McKenzie
9am Derrinallum	S McLeod	M Hodson		A Bignell
11am Camperdown	J Saunders	M Saunders	Cunningham family	C Conheady, R Henry, H Seuren
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: C Malady/H Kelly		
Marion Statue: S Robertson		Altar Derrinallum: A Bignell		

2 nd Sept-22SunOrd	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	B Hammond	E Downs	Hammond family	J & P Dwyer, J Blair
9am Derri layled	S Bialek	S Bialek		A Coutts
11am Camperdown	S Grinter	A O'Flynn	McKenzie family	M McKenzie, G Lucas, J Ryan
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy/S Pemberton		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: C Malady/H Kelly		
Marion Statue One: M Russell (C)		Altar Derrinallum: A Bignell		

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