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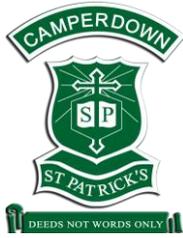
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Dear Friends, Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. We mark the season of Advent in the church with the display of a wreath- its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen, reminding us of the hope of eternal life. The four candles represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent. The lighting of the candle reminds us of the light of the world and the prophetic promise of His coming. So let us prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome Jesus into our hearts and obtain his blessings.

The gospel is telling us to be watchful. We have to be on watch for the Master who is surely coming, but at a time we do not know. The gospel paints this coming of Jesus in an apocalyptic nature. The purpose of the apocalyptic language is not to convey fear but to motivate hope in the hearts of the believers. The early Christian community needed this assurance of their final victory because of persecution - that Jesus will come again to set things right. The world in which we live now, needs assurance as we see the world marked by so much injustice, innocents' suffering, military threat among the super powers and nuclear warfare. For this very reason, we must look forward with the assurance of hope. Jesus will come again to set things right. It is impossible that the injustice in history should be the final state of the world. If only for that fact, there is a necessity for Christ's return. Thus the image of the last judgement when Christ returns is not primarily a picture of terror, but an image of hope. This is our consolation and our hope. -Neville.



Weekend Mass Times (N/A)

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 on the other weekends)

Every Sunday: 11.00 am

Camperdown.

(due to this emergency state)

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St. Andrew, Apostle

Tues –St Edmund Camion

Wed – St Bibiana

Thurs – St Francis Xavier

Fri – St Barbara

Sat – Bl Philip Rinaldi

Pray for the Sick: Please

remember those who are ill:

Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha,

Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts,

Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren,

John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary

Hickey, Jim Smart, Mary Crowe .

Anniversaries of Deaths

We pray for those who have died

recently and those whose

anniversaries occur at this time:

Ivy White, Hilary Thornton, Alfred

Richards, Antonius Langenhuien,

Murray Kelson, Joan Evans, Shane

Wilson, Gertrude Darcy, Hendrina

Van-Beckhoven, Kenneth Jehu.

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues.

Parish bank details: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes).

Presbytery: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142 (Collection). Thank you

A Prayer in This Time of Distress: O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in his time of distress, grant, we pray in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and Reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Sunday of Advent, Ord/Time, Year – B, 29/11/20

MASS TIMES:

Wednesday: Cobden at 9 am (No Live Stream)

Friday: Camperdown at 9 am (No Live Stream)

Saturday Vigil: Cobden 6.30 pm (No Live Stream)

Sunday: Camperdown at 11:00 am (Live Stream)

Only Sunday Mass can be viewed on YouTube at 11.00 am.

Please Search: St. Patrick Church Camperdown on YouTube.

Or enter the link below into your web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIc1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

As an alternative you can also visit: <https://www.youtube.com>, enter **St Patricks Camperdown channel** and it will take you to our page.

Mass gatherings from 22nd of Nov: will be followed according to the announcement of the Premier on Sunday.

Advent Resources

- Advent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.
- Attached are Advent resources to incorporate the Plenary Council into Advent prayers. There are prayers for the lighting of the Advent Wreath and Prayers of the Faithful. The Archdiocese of Perth has kindly offered the sharing of these resources.
- Also attached are resources for week 1 of Advent, kindly shared by Sale Diocese.
- Catholic Earthcare *Laudato Si* resources for Advent:
 - **Prayer of the Faithful:** That in this time of climate crises, help us to dream of a society that undergoes an ecological conversion away from being wasteful – be it food, transport or land use – by implementing significant commitments to care for our common home, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
 - **Laudato Si Advent Week 1 Reflection for the parish newsletter:** " Our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products" LS # 22 When gift-giving of toys, clothes, technology is it Sustainable? Under what conditions was it made?

<https://www.ethical.org.au/theguide/>

<https://baptistworldaid.org.au/resources/ethical-fashion-guide/>

Gifts for others through Catholic Mission <https://catholicmission.org.au/gifts>

Cobden Community Christmas Appeal: Take a card from the tree in the foyer. Goods wanted by 19/12/2020

Collections: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish: \$120 and Presbytery: \$250.40 God bless and keep you all in His care.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Attached is the latest information from Bishop Paul Bird in relation to easing of restrictions from November 23, 2020. All updates are also available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- A collection of templates, questionnaires, signage and posters to promote a COVIDSafe workplace are available from the Victorian Government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/signs-posters-and-templates> .

New Restrictions - Ceremonies & Religious Gatherings:

Hello Everyone,

Last Sunday evening I sent a message summarising the Victorian government's new provisions for religious gatherings during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The new provisions took effect from last Monday.

I noted that the number of people who can gather is greater now. However, I also noted that COVIDSafe practices, including wearing masks, record keeping and cleaning, are still in place.

Some have raised questions about more specifically Church practices that were introduced in the early days of the pandemic. In particular, people have asked about Communion from the chalice and water in holy water fonts.

Please continue the COVIDSafe practices in these matters until further notice. Only the priest should take Communion from the chalice. Others should receive Communion only in the form of the host. Also, please leave the holy water fonts dry for the time being.

While it is sad to have to limit our usual practices in these ways, it seems best in order to reduce the possibility of spreading the COVID virus.

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and Environmentally-friendly Parish

Even with these limitations, may we find renewed inspiration through our liturgies and through all our prayer together.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle: Tickets Still only \$10. Drawn on 30th November. You could purchase your tickets online at www.cutt.ly/mrc-2020 for more information at www.mercy.vic.edu.au Thank you. More information please contact Rose Henry Mobile: 0407 875 886.

Plenary Council Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>. The National Plenary Facilitation Team have released a resource to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers (attached). Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. **For the month of November we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS A joyful, hope-filled and servant community?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – particularly for refugees and asylum seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries. Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Ps 84:8

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

Gospel Reading: 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.

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.'

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29-Nov-2020 1st Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	K Daffy	N/A	N/A
9 a.m.: Derrinallum AWC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	P Conheady	N/A	N/A
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott	Altar Cobden: No flowers/C Malady H Kelly			
Marian Statue: P & J Dwyer	Altar Derrinallum: No flowers			

06-Dec-2020 2nd Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond	N/A	N/A
9 a.m. Lismore	A Coutts	A Coutts	N/A	N/A
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	P Kingston	N/A	N/A
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown	Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy M Pekin			
Marian Statue: R & M Larkins	Altar Derrinallum: No flowers			

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