



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus. Today's gospel is a kind of prelude for Jesus by John. The gospel opens with a desert scene, with John the Baptist's character in desert surroundings. He calls people to repent. While some Pharisees and Scribes saw him as possessed by demons because of his solitary life, ordinary people flock to him because they saw in him the Prophet of the Lord. It had been so long since the voice of a prophet had been heard in the land of Israel. The people were happy and realized that God was once again speaking to them. So, they went to John the Baptist and received the baptism of repentance.

Today once more we hear the cry of John the Baptist calling for repentance. The spirit of Advent comes to awaken us to the truth of Jesus' coming and to get ready. We feel the need to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus into our midst. So, like the people in the time of John the Baptist, we have to repent from our old ways of life. It should not be merely in our words, but we need an inner conversion to change our hearts and minds according to the teaching of the gospel.

So, let us ask the Lord to give us His grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to turn towards God during the season of Advent.

-Neville.



### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson

9am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sun. Timboon

9am 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Derrinallum

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

### This Weekend Masses

**Sat:** Cobden 6.00 pm

**Sun:** Lismore 9.00 pm

Camperdown 11.00 am.

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St. Ambrose

Tues – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed – St Juan Diego

Thurs – St Gregory III, Pope

Fri – St Damasus I, Pope

### 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 .

### Recent Death:

Mildred Preece

### Anniversaries of Deaths

Brian Reed, Anne Lafferty,

Patricia, Stephen Kelly, Margaret

Stephenson, Bernard McLeod,

Francis Pekin, Winifred O'Keefe

and Kevin Kerger

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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year – B, 06/12/2020

### **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/UC1c1zEq4cD-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.

### **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

· Attached are letters from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR regarding COVIDSafe practices and information relating to the easing of restrictions from November 23, 2020. All updates are available from the diocesan website

“news” section [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

· The following is current government advice on singing in places of worship

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-victoria-last-step>:

### **Christmas Mass Times:**

**24<sup>th</sup> Thursday Vigil** 600 pm at Timboon, Cobden Vigil – 6.00 pm and Camperdown Vigil – 8.00 pm.

**25<sup>th</sup> Friday Christmas Day** only at Lismore 8.30 am.

**Reconciliation Rites:** 13<sup>th</sup> of December at Lismore, 19<sup>th</sup> of December at Cobden, Timboon and Camperdown on 20<sup>th</sup> December. The Reconciliation Rite will be held during the celebration of the weekend masses.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to the children who were confirmed on Friday at Camperdown. We assure you of our prayers and support in your faith journey. Many thanks to the parents and the teachers for preparing the children for their sacrament of Confirmation.

**First Holy Communion:** Our celebration of First Holy Communion will be held this weekend, Cobden on Saturday at 6.30 pm and Camperdown on Sunday at 11.00 am. We would like to congratulate these children who are making their First5 Holy Communion. We would also like to express our gratitude to our school staff and their parents for assisting and motivating their children to grow in their faith journey. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey.

**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.

End of Year Mass: St. Pat's End of Year mass will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30 am. Apology for not inviting all of our Parishioners due to COVID 19 restrictions. On behalf of our Parish Community, we would like to wish our grade 6 children and leaving families all the very best with the blessing of God in their endeavours.

### **MRC Car Raffle 2020 Winners**

The annual Car Raffle at Mercy Regional College was drawn on Monday, 30 November.

The College thanks all the sponsors for donating wonderful prizes and all the community members who purchased tickets or supported the raffle in any other way.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes:

**1st PRIZE** - MITSUBISHI ASX "Demo" from Callaghan Motors, Warrnambool

**WINNER:** Tony and Trish O'Leary, Ticket Number: #1122

**2nd PRIZE** - \$1500 ELECTRICAL OR FURNITURE VOUCHER from Betta Home Living, Camperdown

**WINNER:** Olga Petrovskaya, Ticket Number: #1834

**3rd PRIZE** - \$500 ELECTRICAL OR FURNITURE VOUCHER from Betta Home Living, Camperdown

**WINNER:** Renee Warren, Ticket Number: #242

**4th PRIZE** - \$250 FUEL VOUCHER from United Retail (Shell), Camperdown

**WINNER:** Alison Christian, Ticket Number: #3990

**5th PRIZE** - \$200 JEWELLERY VOUCHER from Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown

**WINNER:** Karen Boswell, Ticket Number: #169

**6th PRIZE** - \$200 DRIVING LESSONS VOUCHER from Elm's Driving School, Camperdown

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**WINNER:** Tania Podger, Ticket Number: #2111

**7th PRIZE** - \$100 DINING VOUCHER from Maddens Bar & Bistro, Camperdown

**WINNER:** Stephen Bateman, Ticket Number: #4231

**8th PRIZE** - \$100 CLOTHING VOUCHER from Noone, Niddrie

**WINNER:** Karin Carlin, Ticket Number: #2840

**9th PRIZE** - \$100 DINNER VOUCHER from The Wharf, Port Fairy

**WINNER:** Martin & Amy Wynd, Ticket Number: #3864

**10th PRIZE** - \$100 BOOK VOUCHER from Campion Education, Warrnambool

**WINNER:** Tanya Lafferty, Ticket Number: #1040

**EARLY BIRD PRIZE** - \$300 MRC FEES VOUCHER

**WINNER:** Cheryl McBean

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** – Coby & Hugo

***A reading from the prophet Isiah.***

Prepare the way for the Lord.

“Console my people, console them” says your God.

“Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.”

A voice cries, “Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God.” Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his chest and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Tatum, Addison, Sasha

***The response is; Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

***Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

***Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

***Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***

**Second Reading:** Greta & Evie

***A reading from the second letter of St. Peter (3:8-14).***

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, a day can mean a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day. the Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt

in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Mk 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

John immersed, baptised, his followers in water, symbolising the washing away of the sins of the *past*. But he could not empower people by drenching them in the dynamic life of God. John anticipates 'Someone' (not named!) who *does* have the power to inundate, baptise, people with the Holy Spirit.

From the heading of St Mark's Gospel, we know that that 'Someone' is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God' who came to flood our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a completely new *future* for humanity.

That is why St Mark took the term 'gospel' (good news) which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor's birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to inaugurate the 'Kingdom of God', overcoming the pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good News of our being baptised with *water* in the 'Name of the Father and of the Son and of the *Holy Spirit*.'

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06-Dec-2020 2nd Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9 a.m. Derrinallum	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11am: Camperdown	N/A	N/A	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		

13-Dec-2020 3rd Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	A Horan	N/A	N/A
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	G Keating	N/A	N/A
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	L Place	N/A	N/A
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy M Pekin		
Marian Statue: M Hickey		Altar Derrinallum: No flowers		

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