



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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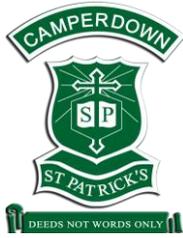
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Dear Friends

We come across the person of John the Baptist again. He baptizes people in the Jordan River and he is a witness to Jesus. He reveals himself as the voice crying in the desert when pressed for his identity. His mission was to introduce Jesus to the people and not to identify himself. He wanted the people to recognize Jesus who was among them. He seems to be making a reference to a Jewish tradition according to which the Messiah will remain relatively obscure until the moment of his presentation to the people of Israel.

John the Baptist's act of humility further increases the honour of the one who gives witness to Jesus of Nazareth. Here John the Baptist testifies Jesus as the Master to whom he is unworthy to minister as a servant. He says: "the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie". He testifies not only with words but also with acts. He witnesses to the very end, up to the shedding of his blood. Our mission also is to witness Jesus like John the Baptist. In following the examples of John the Baptist we have to witness Jesus not only with our words but also with our deeds. So let the Lord give us the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith like John the Baptist, so that we may witness Jesus to the very end even if we were to suffer any hardship or persecution.

-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)

Next Weekend Masses

Sat: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St John of the Cross

Tues –St Virginia Centurione

Wed – St Adelaide

Thurs – St Florian

Fri – St Peter Truat

Sat – St Darius

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, Laney Burkett .

Anniversaries & Deaths

We pray for **Graeme Hickey** who has died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Chivell, Danny Shaw, Brian Reed, Joan Fitzgerald, Eileen Clark, Bryan O'Brien, Doris Munro, Christopher Fay, Betty Eccles.

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B, 13/12/2020

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/UClc1zEq4cD-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.

Cobden Community Christmas Appeal:

Please take a card from the tree in the Church foyer to support the Cobden community. Thank you.

Christmas Mass Times:

24th Thursday Vigil: 6.00 pm at Timboon, Cobden Vigil – 6.00 pm and Camperdown Vigil – 8.00 pm.

25th Friday Christmas Day only at Lismore 8.30 am.

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

End of Year Mass: St. Pat's End of Year mass will take place on Tuesday 15th 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.

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

From Next weekend on wards (19th & 20th December) we are going to register names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it. Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

Collections: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish: \$3,576.00 and Presbytery: \$662.05. God bless you and keep you all in His care.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

· Attached are letters from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR regarding COVIDSafe practices, COVIDSafe summer restrictions and Christmas Masses & QR codes. All updates are available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian government has announced a further easing of COVID restrictions. From midnight tonight, Sunday December 6, Victoria will move to "COVIDSafe Summer Restrictions".

There will be no overall limit on the number of people who can attend religious gatherings and ceremonies (including weddings and funerals). The **number of people** will depend on the **size of the church**.

We will still need to **keep a record of the first name and contact phone number** of each person who attends.

If we keep the record **manually** (using pen and paper), the density quotient will remain at **1 person per 4 square metres**. If we keep the record **electronically**, using a QR (Quick Response) code, the density quotient can be **1 person per 2 square metres**.

Using a QR code requires people to scan the code using their smart phone camera. The QR code takes the person to a website where they enter their details. You can find information about the Victorian Government QR Code Service at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/qrcode

I expect that most of our communities will continue recording first name and phone number using pen and paper. For those communities, the density quotient will remain at 1 person per 4 square metres. In this case, to calculate the number of people who can gather in a particular area, you measure the floor space and divide by 4. For example, if a church is 30 metres long x 10 metres wide, the area is 300 square metres. So you could have 75 people gather in that church.

From midnight tonight, **wearing a mask** will no longer be mandatory in places of worship. However, wearing a mask is **recommended** when you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from other people.

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

Thank you all for your patience through these months of restrictions. Special thanks to those who have been serving our communities in extra ways, such as in keeping records and doing the extra cleaning of our churches.

May the easing of restrictions mean that we can worship together more freely while still keeping safe.
God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Advent Resources

- Advent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page of the website 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. Catholic Earthcare Laudato Si' resources for Advent – Week 3:

Plenary Council Discernment Papers

The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. Please put the information on your bulletins (see notice below) and you might like to send out in emails to parishioners.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:16-24

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

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.
He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

St John's Gospel never calls John, 'the Baptist'. No, he is John the Witness: 'a witness to speak for the Light'. We discover in this Gospel that this light is embodied in Jesus Christ, most graphically portrayed in the Transfiguration when Christ's body is radiant, translucent, with Divine Light.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the One who came to liberate human beings from the many dark captivities which imprison them, the One who vanquished the inky blackness of the tomb.

We can become partakers in the life of this Divine Light. At baptism, this is symbolised by the lighting of a small candle from the great Easter candle which is sung into the church on the Easter Vigil as 'Christ our Light', the Conqueror of Death.

As a baptised people our allegiance to 'The Light' is not to be a private matter between 'me and God'. No, like John, we must bear witness to 'The Light' by being instruments of His power to dispel the darkness which can enshroud people's lives.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to fulfil the promise of our baptismal candle so that we might more authentically celebrate the birth of the Divine Light come into human history.

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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 -Assembly			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			

20-December-2020 4th Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	G Kelson	N/A	N/A
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	A Bell		N/A
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	R Henry	N/A	N/A
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: R Henry	Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy M Pekin			
Marian Statue: J Plain	Altar Derrinallum: No flowers			

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