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Dear Friends, Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus. This celebration does not draw us away from the mystery of the Incarnation, but rather intensifies it. We focus on the son of God who, in becoming flesh and dwelling among us, becomes a member of the human family. Through Jesus, we become a family of God. Because we receive the adoption through the salvation which he won for us. In the gospel, Luke gives a story of the peaceful presentation of the child Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple. Mary and Joseph are shown as a couple steeped in the tradition and religiosity of the people.

Thus Holy Family becomes a true model and source of comfort for all families of the world. This family underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile. They glorified God in fulfilling the will of God in their life. They had full trust in God's promises and surrendered themselves totally to God. Surely they will not fail to help Christian families, indeed, all the families in the world, to be faithful to their day-to-day duties to bear witness to Jesus in their sufferings and to be open to God. Hence they would be generous and careers towards the people like Jesus and thereby to build up the kingdom of God. So let us ask the Lord to give us the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may follow the example of the Holy Family and to give glory to God in what we say and do in our witnessing life. -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: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – The Holy Innocents Martyrs

Tues – St Thomas Becket

Wed – St John Alcober

Thurs – St Sylvester I, Pope

Fri – Mary Mother of God

Sat – Ss Basil & Gregory

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 those who has died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eric Pool, Tom Lee, Marie McKeown, Charles Hallenan, William Unwin, Gladys O'Neil, Tracey McLeod, Scott Chisholm, James Hose and Edward "Porky" Howard

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.

The Feast of the Holy Family, Year – B, 27/12/20

MASS TIMES:

Wednesday: Cobden at 9 am

Friday: Camperdown at 9 am

Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: Cobden at 6.30 pm

Sunday: Simpson at 9.00 am

Camperdown at 11.00 am

Thank you to all the Parishioners:

As we draw toward the end of another year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted in many ways in the day-to-day activity of our Parish. Your support, love and care helps to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and service of this parish. I greatly appreciated your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the secretaries of our parish, and Parish Council Committees of Timboon and Camperdown, all the volunteers who help do the Liturgy and music on every weekend. It gives me confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith next year and grow in the understanding of witnessing in our words and deeds, what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you so much for activity involving in the Mission of the Church. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again for all the Christmas gifts, wishes and greetings cards you sent to Peter & myself. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful Parish. May the good Lord bless you and your families at this special time of the year. Wishing you all a wonderful and amazing New Year.

***My wish for you this New Year,
may Happiness come knocking at your door
may it start knocking early and stay as late as it can and when it leaves, it leaves
with it – the gifts of God that are Peace, Love, Joy, care and Good Health.
May this year be the best one so far. HAPPY NEW YEAR.***

Last Weekend's Collection: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish: \$1019.00 and Presbytery: \$719.30. God bless you and keep you all in His care.

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

From this 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.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

A letters from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR regarding COVIDSafe practices

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.

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

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.

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

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: Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! (R.)

Second Reading: Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION Fr Michael Tate

In today's Gospel, Mary, having given birth, is regarded as ritually unclean. She could not take part in public worship until she was 'purified'. This involved offering up a couple of pigeons which she and Joseph had to buy.

No wonder that, at the Cleansing of the Temple, Jesus shatters the cages in which the pigeons were kept! He was angry with a Temple system which saw Mary that way, which thought of all women giving birth that way. Indeed, his whole ministry is full of instances when women breach religious and cultural taboos in his presence, because of his presence.

This Feast of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to thank God for our mothers who, like Mary, helped fulfil God's plan for humankind by birthing us into the world.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church changes rules and structures which confine women in cages built from ideologies foreign to the Gospel, lest those rules become swords which pierce Mary's soul.

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27-Dec-2020 Holy Family	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	M McKenzie	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m.: Derrinallum	A Mahony	A Mahony	N/A	D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	C McCarthy	N/A	M Macaulay
Counting Team: J & J Molan	Altar Camperdown: R Henry A Cunningham			
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt	Altar Cobden: K Daffy M Pekin			
Marian Statue: L Timms	Altar Derrinallum: S McLeod			

03-January-2021 Epiphany	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	B Hammond	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m.: Derrinallum AWC	S McLeod	S McLeod	N/A	M Barry
11am: Camperdown	M Lucas	P Conheady	N/A	S Gillett
Counting Team: J & J Molan	Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins			
Church Cleaning: J & J Molan	Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond			
Marian Statue: M Macaulay	Altar Derrinallum: D Wynd			

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