



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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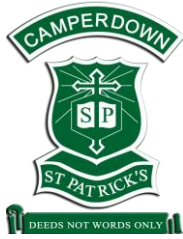
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Dear Friends,

John the Baptist calls Jesus the 'Lamb of God'. The term Lamb of God, signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. Here, the Lamb is referenced from the Old Testament idea of the blood of the Passover Lamb, which delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. John was a son of the priest Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people. So John would have seen that the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from the bondage of sin was Jesus' sacrifice. The Holy Spirit revealed to John the Baptist the true nature of Jesus so that he could bear witness to Jesus.

Here we see that John was fully aware of Jesus' nature. Let us ask ourselves, who is Jesus for us? This was the question of two of John the Baptist's disciples as well - they wanted to know more about Jesus. Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He approached them and asked them a fundamental question of life. "What are you looking for?" and invited them to come and see. In the same way Jesus invites us to draw near to him and wants us to know him personally. Like the disciples of John the Baptist let us take this invitation seriously and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth and the nature of the gospel so that we may understand the nature of Jesus and love him dearly in our 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: Timboon on 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St. Alexander of Fermo

Tues –St. Bernard of Corleone

Wed – St. Hilary of Poitiers

Thurs – Infant Jesus of Prague

Fri – St. Paul the Hermit

Sat – St. Joseph Vaz

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 have died recently: Sylvia Michelle Lutherbarrow, Nellie Steuten and Maria Clarke and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernie Gleeson, Margaret Loving, Tarcisio Rosolin, Graeme Horan, Antonius Van Dijk, Valerie Rantall, Robert Hose, Jean Forster.

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.

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Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. A number of resources are being developed by the ACBC to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. The resources are available from the ACBC website <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Greetings from Fr. Chris,

Hello Parishioners,

At this time as we set up the Cribs I now wish you a joyful Christmas and a New Year rich in God's blessings. It also gives me an opportunity to thank you once again for your many kindnesses at the time of the funeral Mass and burial in of my brother Des in Camperdown in February of last year. You may also be interested to hear that since then his daughter Monica (Hose) has updated the Baker family tree starting with the pair Edmond and Brigid Baker buried in that large plot where Des was also laid to rest. Monica has put more than 800 descendants on that family tree. "Our God is a God of the living."

Please pass on my greetings also to your faithful, especially those around Cobden, whom I may yet get to see in the coming year.

With renewed thanks and Christmas greetings, (Fr. Chris)

We are seeking parishioners who are interested in joining the ministries for Sunday Masses. Sheets are available in the church foyers for you to complete and we would be happy to see you take part in our services. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: February 11, 2021

An information letter and prayer card are attached for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Last Weekend's Collection: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish: \$911.00 and Presbytery: \$363.05. God bless you and keep you all in His care.

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

This year also we are going to continue to register the attendees' 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)

As you may have seen aware of the Victorian government announcement regarding further easing of COVID restrictions. The State of 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.

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.

Plenary Council Discernment Papers

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

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.

Catholic Health Australian launches new Mission Scholarship Program for future Aged Care leaders

Catholic Health Australia is offering a new scholarship to attend the prestigious Ministry Leadership Program at the Australian Catholic University. The scholarship is open to people working at a managerial level in the Catholic aged care sector and will help expand the successful mission program to new participants. To find out more about the program and the scholarship criteria go to <https://cha.org.au/mission/69-mlp/mission/911-the-father-gerard-arbuckle-catholic-health-australia-scholarship-program>

Word of God Sunday: February 7, 2021

The Australian bishops have designated the first Sunday in February (this year) as “Word of God Sunday”. The ACBC are preparing resources and provide the following to date (attached). Further resources will be distributed as they are received:

- Homily Notes;
- Liturgical Notes;
- Musical Recommendations;
- Prayers of the Faithful;
- Reflection by Fr Tom Elich.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of
the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

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'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was immersed in the Waters of the River Jordan as though he were a repentant sinner. Why? Jesus wanted to be identified with the mass of sinful humanity. During this great act of solidarity, Jesus clearly had a mystical experience as He emerged from the waters: the Heavens opening, the Spirit descending *like* a dove, and hearing a *bat qol*, a whisper echoing Heaven.

Each of us has been incorporated into Our Lord's Baptism. At whatever age we received Baptism, the Heavens were opened and Divine love and power streamed from Heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit, Divine Lover of humanity, hovered gently. Deep down, at the intimate wellspring of life, the Divine Voice was heard: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might wake up each morning with that Divine Voice ringing in our ears, and then re-echoing it in our lives.

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10-January-2021 Baptism of the Lord	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A	A Horan
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	S Bialek		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Smart	N/A	G Lucas
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: D Daffy S Pemberton			
Church Cleaning: J Saunders	Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond			
Marian Statue: S Robertson	Altar Derrinallum: H Noone			

17-Jan-2021 2nd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	K Daffy	N/A	G Kelson
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	K Deppeler	K Deppeler		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	P Conheady	A O'Flynn	N/A	R Henry
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: M Lucas G McMillan			
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott	Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond			
Marian Statue: M Russell	Altar Derrinallum: M Hodson			

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