



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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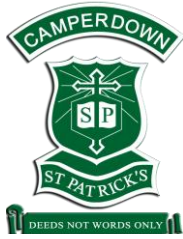
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Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This feast proclaims the revelation of God to the whole world. God reveals and makes Himself accessible to the entirety of humanity. This feast also invites us to reflect on two truths about life. First one is: Life is a call. God invites us to a life of union with Him. Everyone is called; no one is excluded. God wants all to be saved and calls us from our old way of life to a new life with Him. But if we, like Herod, hold on to power and position, money and comfort, prestige and popularity, we will turn a deaf ear to God and ignore His call. Secondly: Our life is a journey towards God, who always makes it easy for us to find him. He gives us directions but leaves us free to use them. Unfortunately, there are other "stars" like wealth, authority, success, egoism and secularism – that could lead us astray. These can block our vision and keep us from seeing the true star leading us to God. Thus only Jesus, the true star, can take us home to God. If Jesus guides us on our journey, we will always find our way back to God. So let us follow the true star Jesus in our life and ask him to take us home to God. - 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 on 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tues –St John Neumann
Wed – St Andre Bessette
Thurs – St Raymond of Penyafort
Fri – Atticus of Constantinople
Sat – St Julian & Companians

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: Patricia Bouchier, Esme Sullivan, Eileen Coulthard, John Fenton, Ronald Pickles, Mary Isabel Hickey, Dermot Lafferty, Annie Whelan, Michael Murray, Marie Lane,

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 Epiphany of the Lord, Year – B, 03/01/2021

Thank you to all the Parishioners:

As we start this New Year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted in many ways during this pandemic of COVID 19 to deliver the spiritual care to our Parishioners either by electronically (live streaming) or materially. 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 your kindness. I greatly appreciate your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the secretary of our parish, and Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committees of Timboon and Camperdown, all the volunteers who help do the Liturgy and music on every weekend. It gives me a great confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith this year and grow in the understanding of witnessing in our life by words and deeds, 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 me. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful Parish. May the good Lord bless and protect your family at this unsettled and adversities due to this pandemic of COVID 19. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and amazing Year.

***The wish for this New Year is,
may the 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 and safe YEAR.***

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>

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)

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. 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.

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: Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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03-January-2021 Epiphany	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	B Hammond		G Gleeson
9 a.m.: Derrinallum AWC	S McLeod	S McLeod		
11am: Camperdown	M Lucas	P Conheady		M Russell
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			

10-January-2021 Baptism of the Lord	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer		J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	S Bialek		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Smart		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			

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