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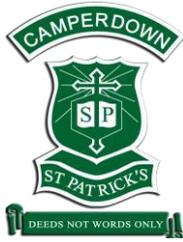
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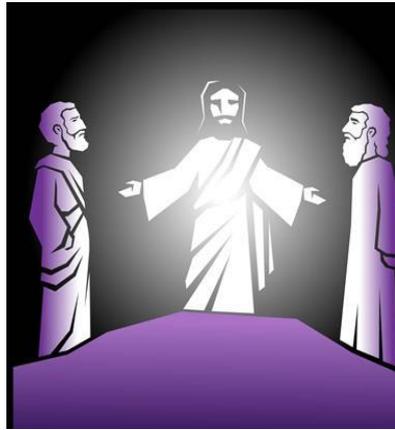
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Dear Friends;

The gospel story is about the transfiguration of Jesus. The transfiguration is a glimpse of Jesus' divine majesty. It reveals that the earthly life of Jesus will not end with his death and burial, but with his resurrection into final glory. This revelation of his glory strengthens the Apostles who hear the suffering and death of Jesus repeatedly over and over again in his preaching. Jesus' unconditional obedience to His Father will lead him to final glory. So this incident gave the Apostles a lesson of the glory which Jesus is going to receive through the obedience to the will of His Father.

Jesus' final goal was to attain God's glory. We who are following Jesus should have the same goal of reaching God's glory with Jesus. The glorification of Jesus helped the Apostles to follow Jesus and to join with him in God's glory. Through the sacrament of baptism we are invited to holiness, or we are called to share the glory of God with Jesus. As we are caught up with the busy and hectic schedule of life, we might forget our call or have no time to contemplate the call of God. This Sunday's gospel reminds us that we have a goal to achieve like Jesus. Jesus has shown us the way to reach our goal. Let us follow Jesus like the Apostles did and reach our final goal through our obedience to the will of God by carrying our daily crosses 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 at 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon – St. David

Tues– St Angela of the Cross Guerero

Wed – St Katharine Drexel

Thurs – St Casimir of Poland

Fri – St John Joseph of the Cross

Sat – St Colette

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, Mary Crowe, Laney Burkett and Mary Ryan .

Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who has died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Geoff Daffy, Patrick Mahony, Eileen Smith, Rose Scanlan, Brian McMillan, Bridget Till, Dorothy Molan, Elizabeth Hickey, and Mary Harper.

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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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.

World Day of Prayer: St Brendan's Cobden Friday 3rd March at 1:30 p.m. All Welcome.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

The latest updates regarding COVIDSafe practices are available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

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 have been 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>. Diocesan prayer cards will be distributed to parishes and schools in the coming weeks.
- **Monthly Reflections:** Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. The February reflection, written by Scripture scholar Sr Michele Connolly RSJ, explores the many ways in which St Joseph was "Attentive to the Word of God" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>
- **Music for the Year of St Joseph**
- Don Stewart, a parishioner of St Joseph's Warrnambool, was asked to write a song in 2019 to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Don is offering "Joseph's Song" for use freely in the diocese in liturgy, prayer and reflection during this year of St Joseph. There are two versions of this song – one for parishes and schools named in honour of St Joseph and one for communities and parishes that are not named after St Joseph, but would still like to celebrate this year. Listen and download the songs from www.acornmusic.com.au/listen. For copies of the lyrics, musical notation and guitar chords for the song, please contact Don via the website www.acornmusic.com.au or email unmuzzledmusic@gmail.com. Conditions of use are:
 - 1) The copyright notice; *Copyright©Don Stewart, 2020* appears on all printed or digitally displayed copies of the song; and
 - 2) That usage of the song is reported to the copyright collection agency - One License.
- Don would like to hear from communities about how they use the song and whether it was a helpful resource for the prayer life of the community.
- ***Praying with Pope Francis***
- The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for February:
 - **February Universal intention - Violence against women:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.
- ***Holy Land Collection to be held on Good Friday - April, 2021***
- Attached is information on the annual Good Friday Collection which supports the Christian people of the Holy Land and provides for the upkeep of the sacred places includes the following:
 - 1. Financial Statement of the 2020 Holy Land Collection;
 - 2. Letter from the Commissary of the Holy Land to the people of the Church of Australia;
 - 3. Report on Projects and Programs funded by the Holy Land Collection.
- The total amount of money given by the people of Australia and the amount from your diocese/s is listed in the Financial Statement.

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

- Due to the severe loss of income that the Church in the Holy Land has experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, your support in promoting this year's Good Friday Collection is particularly vital. You may wish to print the entire letter from the Commissary as it is addressed to every Catholic in Australia or take some quotes from it. In addition to the attached material, the following websites may be of assistance in writing an article:
- <https://ffhl.org/covid-19-effects-christians-in-the-holy-land/>
- <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Holy-Land-economy-on-its-knees-as-pilgrimages-stop-because-of-COVID-19-51381.html>
- <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/how-to-support-the-christians-of-the-holy-land-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>
- My sincere thanks in advance for any assistance you may be able to offer in promoting this year's Good Friday Collection. I assure you, every bit helps in these challenging times for the people and Church of the Holy Land. *Fr Mario Debattista ofm, Commissary of the Holy Land – Australia*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'
precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse

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those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading: Mk 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: ‘If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.’ And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthing, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the “repose of the soul” after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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28-Feb-2021 2nd Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Derrinallum	S McLeod	S McLeod		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	A O’Flynn	M Lucas	N/A	R Henry
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: J Saunders		Altar Cobden: No flowers/G Kelson		
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey		Altar Derrinallum: No flowers		

07-March-2021 3rd Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	K Daffy	N/A	P Dwyer
9 a.m.: Derrinallum AWC	S Bialek	S Bialek		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	R Johnstone	N/A	G Lucas
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: No flowers/K Daffy		
Marian Statue: M Ryan		Altar Derrinallum: No flowers		

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