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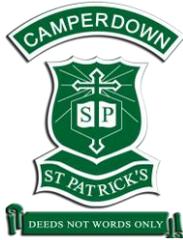
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Dear Friends;

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Lord's Ascension. This feast reminds us of our final glory in the heavenly kingdom. Jesus ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus came down in obedience to his Father and has lived with us in this world. He has fulfilled his mission successfully and went back to his Father. Our goal is to be one with Jesus and with the Father. But before we go to heaven we must fulfil our mission like Jesus. Our mission is to live our baptismal commitment and carry out the teaching of the gospel.

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To join Jesus in his ascension to heaven is to go the way with him in his life and continue his ministry. We have to carry our own cross and follow the footsteps of Jesus. So this feast of the Ascension reminds us also our mission. Jesus, just before he ascends to his Father, commissions his disciples to continue his mission until he returns. Hence by our baptismal commitment we share the same mission of the Apostles. We are being sent out into the world to proclaim the gospel to every creature. We proclaim how much God loves us. We bear witness to what God does for us. We go in the name of Jesus to the poor, the lonely and the downtrodden, show our love and care for them like Jesus. We have to go to those in need of God's mercy, love and forgiveness so that they may be able to see God's providential care through our words and deeds. During our celebration, let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to continue his mission in our life. -Neville



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(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.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Acts 2: 1 – 11; Gal 5: 16 – 25,

Mk 15: 26 – 27; 16: 12 – 15.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Ss Giulia Salzano & Pascal

Tues- Ss Stanislaus & John I Pope

Wed- St Celestine

Thurs- St Bernadino of Siena

Fri- Ss Christopher & Eugene de

Mazenod.

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McLaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Mary Crowe, Mary Ryan and Bernd Menz, Teresa Gittany

Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Petronella Twynstra, Edna Kelly, Richard Hinchliffe, Anna Seuren, Margaret Molan, Faith Power.

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 (1st Collection). Thank you

A Prayer for the Year of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage. Amen

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Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are changes to Victoria's COVIDSafe settings from 11.59pm on May 28, 2021. More information available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony>

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

This year also we are going to continue to register the attendances' 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.

Step 1. Use your phone's camera to scan the code

Step 2. Enter your first name and phone number

Step 3. Look for the tick " You're now checked-in"

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.

Last Weekend's Collection: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last weekend you generously gave to the parish: \$295.00 and Presbytery: \$536.25. God bless you and keep you all safe in His care.

The Parish School Mass: Next Sunday 23rd of May, the Parish Mass will be celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education along with Pentecost. This mass will be assisted by the grade 1/2 children from St. Patrick's School and we especially encourage anyone who has been involved with Catholic Education either as a staff member or student to attend. All families and parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Caritas Australia, Project Compassion Annual Appeal

I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for this annual appeal. Without you and the time you take in promoting this appeal, Caritas Australia would not be able to support the many vulnerable people in need who rely on our generosity to assist them in changing their lives in becoming self-reliant. What now? I ask your support again in forwarding all donations to the CDF by May 31. Credit Cards are sent to: Caritas Australia, PO Box 178, Wendouree, 3355. Taxation Record of Receipts - please email this to m.susan@optusnet.com.au to ensure that the donors record of receipt is registered with Caritas to meet Australian Taxation Office requirements. Thank you once again for your very generous support. *Sue Searls, Diocesan Caritas Director.*

National Volunteer Week: May 17-23, 2021

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 17–23, 2021 NVW will celebrate the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers, which includes people in our parishes and agencies. Each year these volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others. The theme for NVW 2021 is *Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine*. Which acknowledges that it is time to: **RECOGNISE**, celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives.

RECONNECT to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves.

REIMAGINE how we better support volunteers and communities they help.

For more information about National Volunteer Week 2021 go to <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/>

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 - June 3, 2021

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. The Reconciliation movement is at a tipping point: In the past year, with Black Lives Matter protests and huge numbers at Invasion Day rallies across the country, we're seeing people are understanding the truth and speaking up on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action* asks people to take this awareness and knowledge, and use it as springboard to more substantive, brave action. Resources and further information is available from <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/2021/03/23/more-than-a-word-reconciliation-takes-action/>

Annual Mass Counts continue through May: A reminder that the 2021 National Count Mass Count takes place over the four weekends of May. If you missed last weekend, please start this week and count for the next four weekends. The Mass Counts should be done for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish each weekend. Counters/collectors please take note. Thank you.

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

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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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 16-23, 2021

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from May 16 – 23, 2021 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The 2021 resources have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family. Resources are available from <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/2021-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’

Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age,

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but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, ‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.’

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God’s right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

16-May-2021 7th Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	K Daffy	N/A	G Gleeson
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	L Johnstone	A Mahony		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	J Seuren	N/A	P Kingston
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Helen Watts		
Marian Statue: M Ryan		Altar Derrinallum: D Halloran		

23-May-2021 Pentecost Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	A Horan	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Derrinallum	A Mahony	L Johnstone		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St. Pat’s School
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy S Pemberton		
Church Cleaning: P Burke		Altar Cobden: Helen Watts		
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg		Altar Derrinallum: T May-Lindsey		

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