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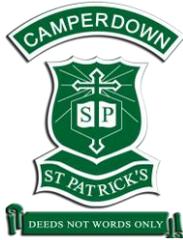
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Dear Friends;

We see in the gospel that the people seek Jesus, just because they see in him the answer to their material needs and physical hunger. Impressed by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fish, which we had reflected on last weekend, they are motivated by free food and attracted by the thought of getting something even more from Jesus. Jesus can surely give more than bread. But Jesus encourages them to work not for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give them. Beyond physical bread there is bread that brings eternal life. He himself is this bread from the father, the living bread that gives eternal life.

Jesus made it clear to them when they asked him: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" His reply was: the work of God is to believe in the one He sent. Then they asked again to provide some signs that they could see and believe in him. They asked him: what can you do? Our ancestors ate "manna" in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from Heaven. Jesus told them that he was the bread that came down from heaven that gives life to the world.

They asked him to give that bread always. This bread from heaven is now made visible at the sacrament of the Eucharist. As God fed his people with "manna" in the desert, God is offering us the bread of life, Jesus, who assures us of that in today's gospel. In our celebration we too ask the Lord to give us the daily bread that would give us strength and courage to witness the work of God, namely to love, care and show mercy to the people who are poor and needy like Jesus -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

1 Kg 1: 8 – 16, Col 3: 12 – 17;

Mt 6 : 25 – 34.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Peter Julian Eymard

Tues- St Lydia Purpuraria

Wed- St John Vianney

Thur- Our Lady of the Snows

Fri- The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sat- Ss Cajetan & Sixtus, Pope

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 Ryan, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa Gittany and Robert Gstrein.

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Mark Cecchini, Mary O'Brien, Edith Ryan, Jill Ashmore, River Sinnott, Leonard Brewer.

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 01/08/2021

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are further easing of restrictions in regional Victoria as of 11.59pm on Thursday, July 15. More information will be available when updated on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates will also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

This Message came on Tuesday (27/07) from Bishop's Office:

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **an easing of COVID restrictions**.

The new provisions apply **throughout Victoria from midnight tonight (Tuesday July 27)**.

Religious gatherings and ceremonies are permitted for up to **100 people indoors** and up to **300 people outdoors**.

In general, a **density quotient** of 1 person per 4 square metres applies. However, a venue smaller than 100 square metres can have up to 25 people per venue before the density quotient applies. In other words, even very small churches are permitted to have up to 25 people for a religious gathering. For a gathering of more than 25 people, the number would be calculated at 1 person per 4 square metres. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Funerals (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Weddings (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people**, including the two persons being married and two witnesses. The celebrant and photographer are not included in the cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home or if an exception applies.

I rejoice that we will be able to gather again for Mass and other celebrations, even though the numbers will be limited. I thank those people in each parish who are helping us to come together while attending to the COVID-safe directives. I thank you all for your patience as we make the adjustments needed so that we can pray as a community while keeping everyone safe.

God bless you all. **Bishop Paul**

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.

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

A national campaign has been launched to support a prayerful build-up to the first assembly of the Plenary Council. The "Fan the Flame" campaign is offered as resources for individuals and groups of various sizes and contexts who are providing essential support by praying for the Council journey and specifically for the Council assemblies, including the members who will participate. Resources available from

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection:

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 <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Victorian Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the "Reason Party", is introducing a motion today to have the Lord's Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment's silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and its discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation <https://aparliamentforall.com/>

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[Parliament For All – Let's make a parliament for all people](#)

If you agree that it's time to change to something that represents Victoria in the 21st Century please email your MP and ask them to support the motion for "Members to stand in silence and pray or reflect on their responsibilities to the people of Victoria"
aparliamentforall.com

- Contact your local Member of Parliament to register your concerns.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA.

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours. Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

01-August-2021 18th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	M McKenzie	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	A Bell	L Johnstone		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	M Macaulay	N/A	M Lucas
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: R Henry		Altar Derrinallum: S McLeod		

08-August-2021 19th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	B Hammond	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	G Keating		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	M Smart	N/A	R Henry
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: S Darcy		Altar Derrinallum: T May-Lindsey		

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