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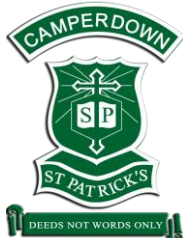
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Dear Friends; The gospel for this weekend is a conclusion of the 6th chapter of John's gospel. We have been reflecting on the teaching of the sacrament of the Eucharist on this chapter for the last 4 Sundays. Here is the conclusion of the teaching about himself as the bread of life that comes down from heaven and gives eternal life. Here his teaching draws negative reactions and sharp questions. The Jewish listeners wonder how Jesus can give his flesh to eat. Many of them remarked and murmured that his saying is hard and unacceptable. So Jesus' teachings results into two groups. One is the disciples who cannot accept Jesus' words give up and go away. They return to their former way of life and no longer walk with Jesus. The other group stayed with Jesus even though they didn't fully understand teachings about the Eucharist. The twelve disciples were holding on to Jesus. Jesus noticed that a few of his followers were leaving him. Then he turned to his disciples and asked them: "Do you also want to leave?" This is Peter's response when Jesus asks them whether they too want to leave: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We see here Peter's loyalty and fidelity to Jesus. Speaking for the twelve, Peter declares that they have come to believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy one of God. Jesus always makes perfectly clear to us what he expects from us. He does not compromise or use sweet words to win our emotions and meet our expectations. He tells us the reality of the cross and of the consequence. He leaves us the decision to stay or to go. So in our celebration let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to believe in Jesus like his disciple in our day-to-day 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: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8; Ja 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Rose of Lima

Tues- St Bartholomew, Apostle

Wed- Ss Louis & Joseph Calasanz

Thur- St Mariam Baouardy

Fri- St Monica

Sat- St Augustine of Hippo

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:
Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, John O'Brien, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Mary Ryan, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders and Teresa Gittany.

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Frank Ringelberg, Mattie Adams, Amy O'Donohue, Ricky Robertson, Anastasia Reilly, Maureen Gstrein, Mary Bonner.

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

21st Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B. 22/08/2021

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID restrictions have been eased in regional Victoria as of 11.59pm on Monday, August 9, 2021. More information is available on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

This Message came on Monday (09/08) from Bishop's Office: Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **an easing of COVID restrictions for Regional Victoria from 11.59 pm tonight (August 9).**

Religious gatherings and ceremonies are permitted for up to **100 people indoors** and up to **300 people outdoors** (plus those required to conduct religious ceremonies).

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** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the wedding. **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 once more that we will be able to gather for Mass and other celebrations. I renew my thanks to those people in each parish who have been helping us to come together when permitted, 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 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.

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.

Social Justice Sunday – August 29, 2021

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. Liturgy notes and other resources are available from the ACBC Office for Social Justice website <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>. The Social Justice Statement will be available for download on August 5, 2021.

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. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on "The Holy Family"

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

BCSF Annual Appeal

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal is usually held on the first Sunday in September or on another Sunday that is suitable for your parish. The BCSF Committee is very grateful for the support given each year to the promotion of this appeal, and requests your assistance again this year. Please refer to email sent to parishes from Fr Marcello Colasante on 18/8/2021.

Plenary Council – Fan the Flame Prayer Campaign

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer

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Partners' to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The "Fan the Flame" resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by groups of any size and in any setting. Parishes are encouraged to use these in any way that suits. They include material for each week as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4, 2021

Catholic Earthcare Ballarat provide the attached resource for parishes to celebrate the Season of Creation which will run this year from September 1 – October 4. There is a short explanation about the Season of Creation, including this year's theme, and five optional Prayers of the Faithful to be used on each of the five Sundays.

Last weekend's Collection: I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$745.00 & Presbytery \$531.00. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and

the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

22-August-2021 21st Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	K Daffy	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	G Keating		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	M Saunders	N/A	T O'Leary
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown:		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: M Spokes		Altar Derrinallum: M Grant		

29-August-2021 22nd Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	P Dwyer	A Horan	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Derrinallum Assembly	K Deppeler	A Bell		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	J Seuren	N/A	S Grinter
Counting Team: Smart Family		Altar Camperdown: R Henry A Cunningham		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: M McKenzie		Altar Derrinallum: D Halloran		

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