



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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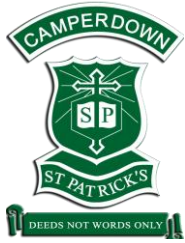
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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that the historical record of the time is very remarkable. The names are all political and religious personalities, the Roman emperor, the governor, the tetrarchs and the high priests. They are big names in the Judean world. Then comes the name John. He has no title, no position or no great credential. He is just the son of Zechariah. He comes from the desert. His origins are humble, in contrast to the prominent figures whose areas of jurisdiction are mentioned.

Though he was not a prominent figure, he receives the highest compliment. He is given the best credentials: the word of God comes to him. Like John, we are also simple personalities. What we are in society, what we possess, does not promise that the word of God will find a place in our lives. Our position does not necessarily qualify us to bear God's message. John was a simple, humble and God-fearing person. Because of that the word of God came to him and he became the voice of God. He speaks about Jesus and proclaims his coming. He carries his mission in simplicity and faithfulness to God. To welcome the word of God and to become his voice, we should strive to be like John, simple, humble and God fearing. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to give the heart and mind of Jesus so that we may be able to prepare ourselves and to welcome Jesus into our midst. - Neville



### **Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Simpson

9am 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 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**

Zeph 3: 14 – 18; Phil 4: 4 – 7;

Lk 3: 10 – 18.

### **Saints and Feasts:**

Mon- St Nicholas

Tues- St Ambrose

Wed- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thur- St Juan Diego

Fri- St Gregory iii, Pope

Sat- St Damasus I, Pope

### **Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember those who are ill: Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders and Teresa Gittanv.

### **Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:**

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Beverley Lafferty, Patricia Egan, Stephen Kelly, Margaret Stephenson, Bernie McLeod, Francis Pekin,

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 (1<sup>st</sup>)

### **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C. 05/12/2021

**Welcome and Congratulations:** We welcome into our St. Patrick's Parish Community Denny Mervyn Son of Patrick and Amanda Seuren through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday Vigil 6.00 pm** at Timboon, Cobden Vigil – 6.00 pm and Camperdown Vigil – 8.00 pm.

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday Christmas Day** only a morning Mass at Lismore – 8.30 am.

**Reconciliation Rites:** 12<sup>th</sup> of December on **Sunday – 9.00 am at Lismore**. 18<sup>th</sup> of December on **Saturday – 6.00 pm at Cobden**. 19<sup>th</sup> of December on **Sunday 9.00 am at Timboon** and **11.00 am at Camperdown**. The Reconciliation Rite will be held during the celebration of the weekend Masses.

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)** Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions 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/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage; <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/>.

**Welcome to Friday Morning Mass at 9.30 am:** Our Bishop has asked each parish to have at least one Mass each week with this limit of 30 people, so as to provide some access to Mass for those who, for various reasons, are not vaccinated. Hence, we, the Parish community of Camperdown invite those Parishioners who are unvaccinated to attend the Friday morning Mass every week. There is a limit of 30 attendees of unknown vaccination status.

**In Registering the Attendances at Church:**

We 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 & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$960.00 & Presbytery \$521.75. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

**Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards for 2022:** St. Vincent de Paul Conference has purchased 20 Columban Calendars @ \$10.00 each. They can be bought at the Vinnies shop in Camperdown. **We have Christmas cards for sale** for \$2.50 for 5 cards. Thank you.

**Ordination to the Diaconate**

On Friday the 10th of December at 7pm William (Bill) Lowry, who over the last two years spent some time in our parish will be ordained to the order of Diaconate along with Matthew Restall. This will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, 3 Lyons St S Ballarat 3350.

All who have received their Covid-19 vaccinations are welcome to attend.

**Live streaming** of the ordination will also be available through the Cathedral Parish Facebook page.

<https://m.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9> More information is also available on the Parish website <https://stpatscathedral.weebly.com/>

Thank you to the parish communities of Camperdown, Cobden, Timboon, Simpson, Lismore and Derrinalum for their ongoing prayer and support of our ordinands. (From – William Lowry). Contact Kate Daffy 5595 1020 to book if interested in attending. Transport by bus. \$10 per person.

**Synod of Bishops:** Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal:** This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

**St Vincent de Paul Cobden Christmas Giving Tree** – support the Cobden Community Christmas Appeal.

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

**Lay Led Assembly Resources:** Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Advent, the Christmas Season 2021 and Sundays 2-8 in Ordinary Time Year C 2022 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members' area.

**International Volunteers Day – Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Within our parish communities are many volunteers who provide their talents and time to contribute to the mission of our churches. We thank God for these people who continue to strive to make our parishes a place of welcome and prayer. A Blessing Prayer for volunteers and a Prayer of the Faithful for use at Masses this weekend are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/21475-2/>

**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 – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for November:

**Universal intention – people who suffer from depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise

what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) see Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this

05-December-2021 2nd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	A Horan		
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	S McLeod	G Keating		
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	S Grinter		
Counting Team: P Burke	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: R Henry	Altar Cobden: No flowers/KDMP			
Marian Statue: M Ryan	Altar Derrinallum:			

12-December-2021 3rd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	G Kelson		
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	A Mahony		
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	M Saunders		
Counting Team: P Burke	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt	Altar Cobden: No flowers/KDMP			
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg	Altar Derrinallum:			

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