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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus presents himself as God's prophet before his countrymen. His people admired the gracious words that came from his mouth, but refused to believe in him as their prophet and Messiah because of his family background. So they demanded some proof. But Jesus explains to them clearly the mission of a prophet. As he continues to speak to them about the truth and the history of the prophets among the Jewish community, the words Jesus spoke stirred them and they became angry, and they almost wanted to kill him. Regrettably, many prophets were killed or tortured before Jesus' time. So, Jesus wanted to leave the town for now.

It takes courage to be a prophet and proclaim God's word in the way God wants us to speak it in today's world. But the world that we live in wants the prophets to speak and promote their ways and their ideas. Here we see a tension between the kingdom of God and the kingdom or the powers of this world. As a result of this, we know in the world many prophets, journalists in the pursuit of truth, have been murdered. So many men and women were murdered for standing up for truth, justice and peace all over the world; Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who dared to confront oppressive rulers in his own country, was assassinated while celebrating Mass. - 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

Is 6: 1- 8; 1 Cor 15: 1 -11;

Lk 5: 1 - 11.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St John Bosco

Tues- St Brigid of Ireland

Wed- The Presentation of the Lord

Thur- Ss Ansgar & Blaise

Fri- St Joan of Valois

Sat- St Agatha.

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 Gittany.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Mick Burkett, Dianne & Max
Pickles, Bertilla Cavarsan,
Des Baker, Joseph Bradshaw,
Peter Ringelberg, Damian Ryan,
Amy Thomson.

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. Thank you.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 30/01/2022

KSC Meeting: will be held on the 3rd of February at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> . Updates are also available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. The latest update from Bishop Paul (December 16) is available from this page.

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 \$450 .00 & Presbytery \$601.45 God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025: The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be access and/or downloaded from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of "Looking Forward" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the years.

"Jesus The Social Entrepreneur" book launch invitation

A fascinating exploration of Jesus the greatest social entrepreneur integrating intellectual, emotional and spiritual awareness to "change society values and behaviours through a new relationship with God". The book launch and illustrated presentation by Em Prof L Murray Gillin AM will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at Federation University (SMB Campus) Seminar Theatre Technology Centre, 106-110 Lydiard Street South from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Meet with author, identify power of human intention, obtain your signed discount copy and enjoy refreshments. RSVP for free ticket on www.makeithappenmindset.com

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>

Pathways Response Victoria: The Victorian Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria this week, which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>

Caritas Appeal for Tonga: Tonga is reeling after the violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

Caritas Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God,

We hold before you in our hearts the people of Tonga in this time of need.

We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.

Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami and degradation of land and water through ash, we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.

They are communities of great faith. May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.

May they turn to each other for comfort and community. And may they turn to us for support

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and solidarity. We all share this mysterious world which you have entrusted to our care, as one family. May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother’s womb you have been my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 13:4-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See: Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

30-January-2022 4th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	G Kelson	N/A	
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	S McLeod	K Bell		
11am: Camperdown	J Robinson	M Saunders	N/A	
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy S Pemberton		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: M & D Moran		Altar Derrinallum:		

06-February-2022 5th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	A Horan	N/A	
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	S Bialek	K Deppeler		
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	R Henry	N/A	
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: M Lucas G McMillan		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: M & B Brown		Altar Derrinallum:		

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