



# St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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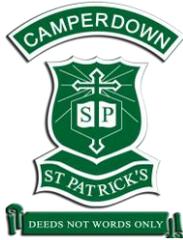
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Dear Friends, There was something strange about the baptisms given by John. They were incomplete; they were without much effect. John baptized; he believed in his baptism; but at the same time it was John himself who said: "I am not the one; I only baptize with water. Wait till a stronger one comes; he will baptize you with Spirit and Fire". In a way John himself depreciated his baptism. Most probably he depreciated it also because he knew that once his newly baptized disciples were back home his baptism would be quickly forgotten. When you read the gospel story of today very carefully, you can see what happened to Jesus. He must have lined up with the others. He must have stepped into the water as his turn came. According to Matthew there was a short exchange between them, but then Jesus was baptized. And nothing else seemed to have happened to Jesus at that moment. Nothing at all. He just stepped out of the water like all the others. And then Luke's report continues: "Now when all the people had been baptized and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened". Could that prayer have been the reason that the Spirit came down upon him? Could our lack of prayer be the reason the Spirit never seems to come down upon us? "...and God's Spirit came down over him, in the shape of a visible dove, and a voice was heard 'JESUS is the son of God'". What would happen if we prayed as he did? .....Father Joseph G Donders



### 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: Timboon** 9.00 am

**Camperdown** 11.00 am.

### Next Weekend Readings: Yr C

Is 62:1-5, Ps 95:1-3, 7-10,

1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Bl Ann of the Angels

Tues- St Alexander of Fermo

Wed- St Bernard of Corleone

Thur- St Hilary of Poitiers

Fri- St Felix of Nola

Sat- St Paul the Hermit

### 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:  
Graeme Horan, Valerie Rantall,  
Robert Hose, Jean Foster,  
Antonius van Dyk, Mary Kelly,  
Michael McInerny, Minnie Cairns

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.

***My wish for you this New Year,  
may Happiness come knocking at your door  
may it start knocking early and stay as late as it can and  
when it leaves, it leaves with it the gifts of God that are  
Peace, Love, Joy, care and Good Health.  
May this year be the best one so far. HAPPY and safe  
NEW YEAR.***

## **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 be 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 \$405.00 & Presbytery \$559.60 God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

### **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/>

**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>

### **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 next few years.

### **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 January:** *For true human fraternity:* We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** *Is 42:1-4. 6-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,

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my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:  
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

### **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

*Jesus' Baptism is Ours*

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

09-January-2022 Baptism of the Lord	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer		
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	A Bell		
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	P Kingston		
Counting Team: M, J & P Conheady		Altar Camperdown:		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: J Fry		Altar Derrinallum:		

16-January-2022 2nd Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	B Hammond		
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	A Bell	K Bell		
11am: Camperdown	M Lucas	L Place		
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: R Henry A Cunningham		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: B Hewitt		Altar Derrinallum:		

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