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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus is preaching a sermon on the mountain and through his teaching he gives his disciples a "way of happiness", which would raise us above every difficulty and trouble that can put us down with grief and despair in our life. We know from the experience that no one can escape all of the unavoidable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. But Jesus, in his sermon on the mount, is addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. It is a new way of life. We may ask: How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

So if we want to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. In doing so, we would be able to fill our hearts with the joys and happiness of heaven. Then only, the new way of life which Jesus outlined in the gospel would have real meaning to us. Hence, the poverty of Spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. So the coming week let us ponder over and ask the Lord to shower upon us the power of the Holy Spirit to understand the nature of "Blessedness" in living for the kingdom of God. -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

1 Sam26: 2, 7-9,12-13, 22-23;

1Cor 15: 45-49; Lk 6: 27-38.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Ss Cyril & Methodius

Tues- St Claude de la Colombiere

Wed- St Jeremy

Thur- The 7 Founders of the Servites

Fri- St Fra Angelico

Sat- St Belina

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, Teresa
Gittany and Terry Beaton.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Nellie Brewer, Michael Brewer,
Lawrence O'Neil, John Hately,
John Vogels, Eileen Pearson,
David Halloran, Geoff Daffy.

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 13/02/2022

This Year's Sacramental Programme: St. Patrick's School are now collecting enrolments for this year's Sacramental Program. Enrolments and payment of \$25 is due by Friday 11th of February. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact the school on 03-55931962. The Sacramental dates for 2022 are;
Reconciliation (grade 2) on Thursday 10th of March at 6pm.
Confirmation (grade 3) on Friday 29th of April.
First Holy Eucharist (grade 4) on Saturday 16th of July in Cobden or on Sunday 17th of July in Camperdown.

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/>.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$687.00 & Presbytery \$442.95 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 accessed 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.

Mass of the Oils 2022: The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.

This famous saint, an Italian doctor who later became a priest, inspired the creation of the holiday of Valentine's Day. He was sent to jail for performing weddings for couples during a time when new marriages were outlawed in ancient Rome. Before he was killed for refusing to renounce his faith, he sent a loving note to a child he had been helping to teach, the daughter of his jailer, and that note eventually led to the tradition of sending Valentine's cards.

Before he was killed, Valentine wrote a last note to encourage Julia to stay close to Jesus and to thank her for being his friend. He signed the note: "From your Valentine." That note inspired people to begin writing their own loving messages to people on Valentine's Feast Day, February 14th, which is celebrated on the same day on which Valentine was martyred.

Valentine was beaten, stoned, and beheaded on February 14, 270. People who remembered his loving service to many young couples began celebrating his life, and he came to be regarded as a saint through whom God had worked to help people in a miraculous way to teach people how to recognize and experience true love. By 496, Pope Gelasius designated February 14th as Valentine's official feast day.

Project Compassion 2022

February 26-27, 2022 is Project Compassion Sunday - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Get your Project Compassion 2022 activities off to a good start, ensuring your whole parish is engaged with this year's theme, "For All Future Generations." Many parishes find it is a great help having a parishioner/s, parish social justice team or youth group working with them as their 'Caritas Parish Representative/s'. This person or team could create Project Compassion displays, distribute materials, photocopy, and staple, organise the use of films and prayer reflections and arrange other appropriate ways to maintain Project Compassion's message during Lent. To help you find a Caritas Parish Representative, the PC22 includes advertisement bulletin notices and a parish flyer, as well as a guide for new Parish Representatives website

<https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/projectcompassion/?audience=Parish&resourceTopics=Project+Compassion+2022includes>. Your Diocesan Director, Jillian Hogbin, is also happy to assist your community, please email caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Usual day of work is a Tuesday.

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.

Synod in Rome. Pope Francis has invoked an October 2023 meeting of bishops and theologians from all over the world to discuss the Church's life and mission. The theme of the synod is "For a Synodal Church:

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Communion, Participation and Mission. Parishioners are invited to submit their own responses to the theme, individually or as a group. Information about the synod, and how to participate, is available at www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. Submissions close on Sunday 27 February.

Are you a Spiritual Leader? The Spiritual Leaders Online Program is a one-year, part-time program held outside of business hours for those engaged in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, eg teachers, principals, pastoral care practitioners, priests, ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, members of religious Orders, community and spiritual leaders. The program begins on 26/3/22 via Zoom, and focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Jer 17:5-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. ‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due Season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See: Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. ' Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

| 13-February-2022 6th Sunday OT | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | K Daffy | G Kelson | N/A | |
| 9 a.m. Lismore | K Deppeler | S Bialek | | |
| 11am: Camperdown | S Gillett | C McCarthy | N/A | |
| Counting Team: M & K McKenzie | | Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney | | |
| Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren | | Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson | | |
| Marian Statue: D Wynd | | Altar Derrinallum: | | |

| 20-February-2022 7th Sunday OT | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | G Kelson | M McKenzie | N/A | |
| 9 a.m. Lismore Assembly | L Johnstone | S McLeod | | |
| 11am: Camperdown | P Conheady | M Smart | N/A | |
| Counting Team: M & K McKenzie | | Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas | | |
| Church Cleaning: R Henry | | Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson | | |
| Marian Statue: R Henry | | Altar Derrinallum: | | |

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