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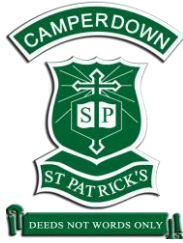
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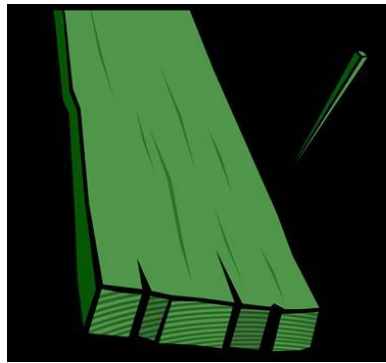
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Dear Friends,

Jesus' two parables about poor vision refer to the proverb: *Without vision the people perish!* (Proverbs 29:18). What can we learn from the image of a blind guide and a bad eye? A *bad eye* left untreated will cause a lot of trouble that will only end in misery. And a *blind guide* can also end in misery and disaster. We can only help and teach others what we have learned and received from wise teachers and guides. And how can we help others overcome their faults if we are blinded by our own faults and misperceptions? We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots of our own weaknesses and ignorance.

The Gospel of Luke was written by a disciple who was trained as a physician. Luke, with keen insight, portrays Jesus as the good physician and shepherd of souls who seeks out those who desire healing, pardon, and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came to free us from the darkness of sin and evil. Like a gentle and skilful doctor, Jesus exposes the cancer of sin and evil in our lives, so that we can be set free and restored to wholeness. A key step to healing and restoration requires that we first surrender to the physician who can heal us. Jesus is our great Physician because he heals the whole person - soul and body, mind and heart - and restores us to abundant life in his everlasting kingdom.
-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: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Deut 26: 4 – 10; Rom 10: 8 - 13;

Lk 4: 1 – 13 .

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Hillary, Pope

Tues- St David

Wed- Ash Wednesday

Thu- St Katharine Drexel

Fri- St Casimir of Poland

Sat- St John Joseph of the Cross

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: Val Eileen Lee

Ross Fleming

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Rose Scanlan, Brian McMillan,
Audrey Fry, Dorothy Molan,
Elizabeth Hickey,

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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 27/02/2022

We welcome the Season of Lent with a good spirit.

The Lenten season is a moment of grace for all of us to make a pilgrimage into our interior life, where we encounter the Lord and open our hearts to His transforming love. In the forty days of journey, the Church provides us the necessary weapons in order for us to overcome temptations; i.e. fasting- how we will die to our selfish desires, prayer- how we will strengthen our communion with God, and almsgiving- how we will express our greater love for our neighbour.

Jesus comes to our rescue to set us free from the powers of the devil. He faced the devil directly and battled with him. He disarmed him of his weapons using the Word of God. Quoting the Scriptures, Jesus shows us that the truth revealed in the Word of God is more powerful than the snares of the devil. We cannot defeat the devil with our strength but with the power of God. Following Jesus we can be victorious over all our temptations, with faith that we belong to Christ and He is at our side to defend our cause. We don't live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us give ourselves a time to reflect and meditate on the Word of God and convert to the Lord with great sincerity so that God will give us the grace and courage to change our interior life to gain eternal life.

Ash Wednesday – 2nd of March, Mass Times: Cobden (Tuesday 1st of March) 6.00 pm.

2nd of March, Wednesday – 9.00 am, Timboon, 11.00 am mass at St. Patrick's Church at Camperdown. (unfortunately due to COVID 19 restriction our Parish Schools are not attending the Mass)

World Day of Prayer: This year World Day of Prayer will be held at the Uniting Church, Cobden on 4th March 10:00 a.m. All Welcome.

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/>.

The Notice from Bishop's Office.

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced the lifting of the requirement to wear masks in places of worship, with effect from 11.59pm tonight (Friday 25 February 2022). **So, from tonight, masks will not be required in places of worship.**

Thank you for your flexibility in adapting to the provisions of the health regulations as these have changed through the course of the pandemic. Your care for one another has been a strength for the community. Please continue to support one another in the days ahead.

I rejoice that we can gather for worship now without the former restrictions. As we celebrate the liturgies of Lent, may this season be fruitful for us all in renewed faith and hope and love.

May the peace of Christ be with you always. Bishop Paul

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$140.00 & Presbytery \$375.85 God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Project Compassion Sunday today – February 27

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and "For All Future Generations." With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow." Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow "For All Future Generations." You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish or by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

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

Synod of Bishops on Sydonality – submissions due soon!

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Sydonality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. Parishes are welcome and encouraged to form small groups to submit their thoughts and ideas from a local perspective. For any further assistance contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

Lay Led Assembly Resources

Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Season of Lent Year C 2022 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See: Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate.

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus. He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment. The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation.

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God. Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

27-February-2022 8th Sunday OT	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer	N/A	G Gleeson
9 a.m. Derrinallum	A Bell	A Mahony		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	R Johnstone	P Conheady	N/A	M Russell
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: M Russell (G) A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson		
Marian Statue: S Darcy		Altar Derrinallum:		

06-March-2022 1st Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	B Hammond	N/A	J Blair
9 a.m. Derrinallum Assembly	G Keating	L Johnstone		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	M Smart	A O'Flynn	N/A	S Gillett
Counting Team: N & S Pemberton		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: P Burke		Altar Cobden: No flowers/KD		
Marian Statue: E Boyd		Altar Derrinallum:		

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