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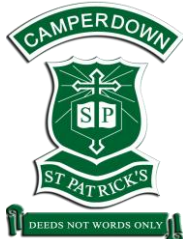
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Dear Friends,

Dear Friends, today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Easter, also known as a Divine Mercy Sunday. We say God is love and His greatest attribute is mercy. Because we are weak and have a sinful nature, God shows his love to us as mercy. The Risen Christ shows mercy to his disciples when on meeting them together for the first time, after they almost to a man abandoned him, grants them mercy by saying to them. "Peace be with you" not once but twice, and a third time with Thomas present. Having made them experience his mercy, Jesus gives them the Holy Spirit and commissions them to grant mercy to others: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them".

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus God brought salvation to humanity, we too have received God's mercy. Like the Apostles we are also commissioned to be the ambassadors of God's mercy. So let us proclaim and pass on that mercy to other people by sharing it with them - by showing mercy to others through forgiveness and acts of compassion. And let us pray that other people too, may know, welcome and experience the mercy of God so that they may be the messengers of God's mercy in their life. Let us be empowered by the Divine Mercy through our celebration this weekend. Like the Apostles so that we may be able to continue the mission of Jesus in our witnessing life. -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

Acts 5:27 – 32, 40 – 41, Rv 5: 11 – 14; Jn 21: 1 – 19.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Robert of Syracuse

Tues- St Mark, Evangelist

Wed- St Louis de Montfort

Thu- St Peter Chanel

Fri- St Catherine of Siena

Sat- St Pious V, Pope

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill: Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders, Teresa Gittany and Terry Beaton and Annette Gardner.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John O'Brien, Kathleen Gleeson, Thelma Walsh, Mary Cameron, Kevin Bradshaw, Sonya McKenzie, and Teresa Hewitt.

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year C. 24/04/2022

Welcome Bishop Paul. We would like to welcome and thank Bishop Paul for coming and officiating at our community's faith celebration today.

Thank you for the faith Community at Derrinallum.

Sadly, we've been saying "Goodbye" to our beloved Church in Derrinallum today. This church has been a source of faith and spiritual strength to our community. That made a strong connection between the faith community and church. The community has received its support and care for the spiritual journey through the sacraments of the church. The church has become the icon of this faith community over many years. With all the sentiments and interpersonal connection that we had for this church; we have come to accept the reality of the nature of this town. It is hard to come to terms with the reality and to move forward to the future. Hence with full of grieve and hurt we say a goodbye to our beloved "Faith Icon" of this town. We also say "Thank You" to all the people, past and present who were instrumental for the activity of this church and service to our community.

With that thought in mind, there's one more group to thank and appreciate and that would be our parishioners! On behalf of the entire parish community, we would like to thank and appreciate your consistent presence and participation in our community. We also extend our gratitude to all those who worked behind the scene to make this event as a remarkable memory.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May

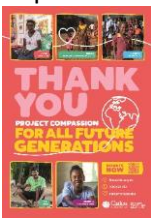
The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May. Forms are attached. You can use either form to record your Mass counts.

- Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends.
- Please complete **all** columns, including what the 'usual' count would be.
- If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (eg. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc).

If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Prayers for ANZAC Day

- We pray for all air force, sailors and soldiers who served and bravely lost their lives in battle during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.
- We remember all families, parents and children who lost loved ones through war. May the light of God's hope and strength comfort them. Let us pray to the Lord.



Caritas Australia - Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/> and donate online or by calling 1800 024 413. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$410.00 & Presbytery \$669.95. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Lay Led Assembly Resources

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

Praying with Pope Francis

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

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. Pope's intention for April: For health care workers: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially those in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading: Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*). Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them. Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us. How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress. We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

24-April-2022 2nd Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
9 a.m. Camperdown	J Saunders	M Saunders		P Kingston R Robertson
11am: Derrinallum	A Coutts	K Bell	Larkins Family	D Halloran
Counting Team: H & J Seuren		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy, C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: J Dikkenburg				

01-May-2022 3rd Sunday Easter	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	A Horan	G Kelson	J Hammond G Gleeson
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	S Bialek		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	P Kingston	Seuren Family	M Smart S Gillett
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: M Lucas S Swayne		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady				

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