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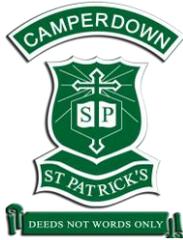
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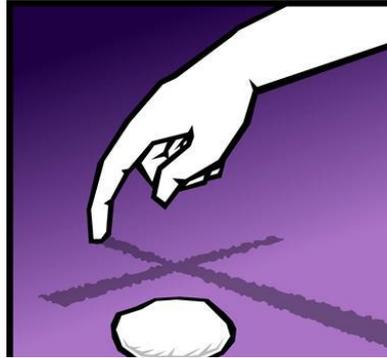
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Dear Friends,

The incident in the gospel story is to trap Jesus, because Jesus is preaching about love and bringing down all the Old Testament laws into two commandments. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. They asked Jesus' stand, in place of the Law of Moses. Jesus hates the sin but not the sinner. But the law is clear and the Jewish religious leaders who ask Jesus' judgement know it. What they do not know is the heart of the lawgiver – God, that Jesus knows better than they.

So, Jesus does not impose their demand of the letter of the law. He rather confronts people with their conscience and their sinfulness. He does not condemn the woman but opens for her a new future and tells her go with the words: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go home and do not sin anymore'.

We have to be mindful that Jesus does not tell her what you did was not really that bad. Next time be careful. Jesus tells her not to sin again. Sin is sin and an evil is always evil in the sight of God. But he gives us a second chance to amend our lives. Here Jesus tells us that God's mercy does not encourage us to be lax and sinful but should move us rather to love God more and to care and love our brothers and sisters dearly who live among us. So let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to love and care for everyone, even our enemies. -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 50: 4 – 7, Phil 2: 6 – 11;

Lk 22: 14 – 23: 56.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Isidore of Selville

Tues- St Vincent Ferrer

Wed- St Florentius

Thu- St John Baptist de la Salle

Fri- St Concessa

Sat- St Acacius

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 and Beaton, Annette Gardner

Recent Deaths: Diane Daffy.

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Christopher Fay, Sarah Fitzgerald, John Ryan, Marietta Kelson, Betty Carey, Daryl Thomas, Bruce Martin, Leonard Riches, Mary Howard

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.

5th Sunday of Lent, Year C. 03/04/2022

Welcome and congratulations: We welcome Oliva Kathleen Fisher daughter of Amanda & Luke Fisher into our St. Patrick's Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!!

Reconciliation for Lent:

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation combined with the weekend masses, as follows: (2nd & 3rd) This weekend, Saturday 6.30 pm Cobden, Sunday 9am Simpson and 11am Camperdown.

Prayers for Ukraine and Russia

On Friday, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating Mary's acceptance of the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. The consecration echoed the Pope's prayers that Mary, the Queen of Peace, might intercede for all those suffering from the current war in Ukraine and that Mary might pray for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Bishop Paul encourages all the members of our diocese to join with Pope Francis in this prayer, both personally and in gatherings with others.

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 \$304.00 & Presbytery \$612.75. God bless you and keep you all safe in His care.

St Joseph's Church Derrinallum Final Mass:

For the Final Mass, an invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested community members, to attend the Mass following the closing of St Joseph's Church in Derrinallum. This Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served at the Church following Mass. To assist with catering, please reply to Gerard Fitzgerald, ph. 0409 863079 or Kathy Bell, ph. 0499 555607.



Project Compassion – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself and *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Conversations about Project Compassion 2022

Explore the stories, programs and issues for each week of Project Compassion with our Caritas Conversations. These one-hour sessions are open to individuals over the age of 18 as well as parish, youth and community groups. Shaniella's Story on April 7 at 7.30pm (Sydney Time). Register at <https://calendly.com/conversations-about-pc-22>

Mass of the Oils 2022

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to 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.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place again this year on Good Friday.

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

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

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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: Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing
a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in
the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*). Jn 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in *full view* of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

Up till now, *no-one* has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences? 'The eyes have it.'

| 03-April-2022 5th Sunday Lent | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | K Daffy | G Kelson | N/A | J Blair |
| 9 a.m. Lismore Assembly | S Bialek | G Keating | | D Halloran |
| 11am: Camperdown | M Macaulay | M Saunders | N/A | T O'Leary |
| Counting Team: Smart Family | Altar Camperdown: No flowers | | | |
| Church Cleaning: R Henry | Altar Cobden: No flowers/AS | | | |
| Marian Statue: R & M Larkins | Altar Derrinallum: | | | |

| 10-April-2022 Palm Sunday | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | G Kelson | M McKenzie | N/A | J Blair |
| 9 a.m. Lismore Assembly | K Deppeler | S Bialek | | S McLeod |
| 11am: Camperdown | J Saunders | J Seuren | N/A | H Seuren |
| Counting Team: R & W Henry | Altar Camperdown: No flowers | | | |
| Church Cleaning: B Hewitt | Altar Cobden: No flowers/AS | | | |
| Marian Statue: J Plain | Altar Derrinallum: | | | |

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