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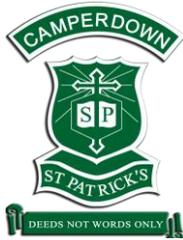
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Dear Friends, In today's gospel Jesus promises that those who seek God and his kingdom will not be disappointed. He offers us the greatest treasure possible - but we must first seek it and make it our true joy and possession above all else. In our lives, we naturally want to have and keep whatever we think will bring us happiness and peace. But Jesus tells his followers to not be fearful or anxious about their present lives and future security. He says, we are stewards of the talents and gifts that God has given us. Each one of us has a charism or gift from the Holy Spirit for the service of the community. Hence, we should make an inventory of these gifts God has given us. Having known our gifts, we have to develop them and then put them to good use not only for our own good but also for the good of others. This seems to go against our instinct to store and save for the future. Jesus cautions us that money and possessions will not last and can be taken away at any moment by a thief or by death itself. But there is one treasure which can never be lost or destroyed because it is kept secure by God himself. This treasure is worth far more than anything we could possibly acquire on our own. If we make the Lord as our treasure, then we will have, in our possession the greatest source of joy and lasting peace. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit who frees us from the worldly desires, so that we may be able to hear the Lord and embrace his way of love. He gives strength to the weak and to those who turn to him with trust in his mercy and help. So let us ask the Lord to fill us with his Holy Spirit and wisdom to seek the Lord and his kingdom first above all else in our life.



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:

Jer 38: 4-6, 8 - 10, Heb 12: 1-4;

Lk 12: 49 - 53.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Mary of the Cross

Tues- St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Wed- St Lawrence

Thu- St Clare

Fri- St Jane Frances de Chantal

Sat- Ss Pontian & Hippolytus

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, Teresa Gittany and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leonard Brewer, Molly Morrison, Margaret Doherty, Johannes van Someren, Kathleen Howard, Pat Ringelberg and Merle Sumner

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.

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.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$425.00 & Presbytery \$541.25. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 7-14, 2022

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week in August, coinciding with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have created a webpage which shares resources from other dioceses, religious institutes, vocations networks and other Catholic ministries <https://catholic.org.au/vocations>. If you would like to offer to have resources added to this portal, please email media@catholic.org.au with a description of the resource, and web links to the material, including video, podcasts, PDFs, websites and other online materials. A prayer for the week is included in the bulletin notices below.

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. **Pope's intention: For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Safeguarding Essentials Online Learning

Over the past few months Michael Myers, Professional Standards Co-ordinator, has been requesting parishes to provide names and email addresses of staff and volunteers who will be asked to undertake the new online learning module. There are still a number of parishes yet to provide this information. We request that all parishes ensure this information has been sent to michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au as soon as possible.

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal can be held this next weekend. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner – Friday, August 19, 2022

After missing out the last two years due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 22nd annual Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at Moonee Valley Racecourse commencing at 7.00pm. The Guest Speaker is Emeritus Professor Greg Craven AO, most recently of Australian Catholic University, the compere will be recently retired race caller Bryan

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Martin, and the Auctioneer will be real estate agent Bryan Cain. Since inception the Fund has raised in excess of \$1.3 million to assist the education of our seminarians and priests in Victoria. Even during 2020 and 2021, without being able to host the dinner, the fund raised \$60,000 each year for the seminarians. Cost is \$150.00 per ticket. RSVP by August 5 to Carmine Miranda, ph. 0412817995 or email carmine@vicinsurace.com.au or Andrew Vaccaro, ph. 0404390824 or email avaccaro@internode.on.net

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wis: 18:6-9 *Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22

The response is; Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. Response.

All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. Response.

All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. Response.

All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 We will look for the city designed and built by God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more

descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Matt 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant. While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

07-August-2022 19th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	A Horan		
9 a.m. Lismore	L Johnstone	G Keating		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	G Lucas
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: P & J Dwyer				

14-August-2022 20th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	G Kelson	Gleeson Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	A Coutts		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	P Conheady	J Saunders	Larkins Family	M Russell
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: R & M Larkins				

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