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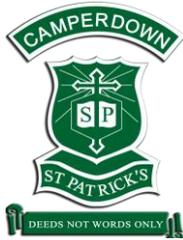
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Dear Friends, The image of fire in the Old Testament was often associated with God and with his action in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush in the wilderness which was not consumed by the flames. God assured His chosen people of his continual presence, guidance, and protection through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. In the New Testament the image of fire is also a symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads. We can see from both the Old and New Testament Scriptures that God's fire purifies and cleanses to make us clean, and it inspires us his presence with us.

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Here, Jesus used a typical Hebrew exaggeration to emphasis an important lesson. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. So Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Hence we may have to face opposition even from our own family. So in our celebration let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to overcome all the obstacles that we may face in in our life. -Neville.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tues- St Stephen of Hungary

Wed- St Donatus

Thu- St Helen

Fri- St John Eudes

Sat- St Bernard of Clairvaux

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: Annie Wilson, Norah Place, Mary Egan, Agnes De Clerq, Charles Jehu, John Baker and Frank Ringelberg

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:

Is 66: 18 – 21, Heb 12: 5– 7;11 – 13. Lk 13: 22 – 30.

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 \$328.00 & Presbytery \$561.50. 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.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal: The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal will run in the Ballarat diocese this weekend. There is information attached and on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholiccare-sunday-appeal-for-august-2022/> We are taking up a special collection this weekend, Could I please ask the collectors to take the special collection this weekend. Thank you.

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.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3, 2022

Planning for the final issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2022 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2022 themes of the Plenary Council and the International Year of Glass. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school community and agency. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning October 10 so the latest date for submissions is **Friday, September 2, 2022**. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications.

Jane & Julie for the ODC Editorial Committee

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

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

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 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: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right

of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite. We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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				

21-August-2022 21st Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	M McKenzie	Noy Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	S Bialek		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	M Smart	P Kingston	Russell Family	H Hickey
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: R Henry A Cunningham		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh		
Marian Statue: M Hickey				

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