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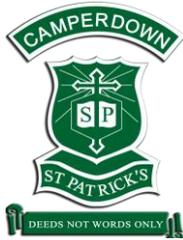
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Dear Friends, In the gospel we see that Jesus states a divine policy as the point of his parable. "The one who humbles himself will be exalted". We may smile when we hear that Jesus is observing how people seek the first place at the table. But that still happens in our modern world too. How many of us want to take the front places nearest the Pope during papal audiences. And in our parishes there is often competition for the favourable and honourable positions. Jesus ties up his lesson on humility with a lesson on generosity. Generosity means being open-hearted and open-handed to those in need. Thus we should be generous not only to those who can return us the favour, but also to those who need our help.

Next one is humility: True humility is not feeling bad about ourselves, or having a low opinion of ourselves, or thinking of ourselves as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretending to be something he or she is not. True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask in order to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person. Through this parable Jesus is asking us to cultivate the virtues of generosity and humility in our hearts so that we may be able to follow the divine policy in our life. Let us then pray to our Lord to help us to harbour the virtues of generosity and humility in our hearts...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:

Wis 9: 13 – 18; Philemon 9:10,

12 – 17. Lk 14:25 – 33.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Our Lady of Good Health

Tues- St Richard Martin,

Wed- St Aidan of Lindisfarne

Thu- St Anna the Prophetess

Fri- St Ingrid of Sweden

Sat- St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Larkins, Leonard White, Brian Hawkins, William Lucas, Mary Bonner, Jeanette Kay, Veronica Carroll and James Hardy

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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 28/08/2022

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.



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Caring for those who cared for us – the Church community’s responsibility

Last weekend’s Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$135.00 & Presbytery \$469.60. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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.

Apostolic Letter “Desiderio Desideravi” of the Holy Father Francis

The Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, to consecrated men and women and to the lay faithful on the liturgical formation of the People of God, is available to download from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/apostolic-letter-desiderio-desideravi-of-the-holy-father-francis/>

Today is Social Justice Sunday

The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement, “Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse”, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives ‘marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.’ We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action. The statement and the full range of resources are available at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23//>

Prayer for Social Justice Sunday

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom. Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse and support their call for justice. Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. Amen.

Synod on Synodality: The Australian National Synthesis for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, colloquially known as the Synod on Synodality, has been published. The Australian synthesis draws from the local diocesan consultations that took place between October 2021 and March

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2022, after which diocesan reports were prepared. Countries around the world are producing national syntheses that will assist the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in its ongoing work to prepare the international gathering in Rome in October 2023. More information available at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/australian-synthesis-for-global-synod-of-bishops-published/>

All Saints Parish Portland 175th Anniversary

Over the weekend of August 27 & 28, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 175th anniversary of All Saints Parish Portland. All Saints Portland is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Ballarat. For more information regarding the weekend celebrations, contact the parish office by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5523 1046.

National Online Conference for Evangelisation: October 20-22, 2022

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from October 20-22, 2022. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability. The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there. We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

| 28-August-2022 22nd Sunday O.T. | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden | K Daffy | B Hammond | K Walsh Family | |
| 9 a.m. Lismore | A Mahony | S Bialek | | A Coutts |
| 11am: Camperdown | P Conheady | R Henry | Cunningham Family | H Seuren |
| Counting Team: A & N Powling | | Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins | | |
| Church Cleaning: R Henry | | Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh | | |
| Marian Statue: J Plain | | | | |

| 04-September-2022 23rd Sunday O.T. | Reader | P.O.F. | Offertory | E/Minister |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden | G Kelson | P Dwyer | Hammond Family | |
| 9 a.m. Lismore | S McLeod | G Keating | | D Halloran |
| 11am: Camperdown | J Seuren | R Henry | Henry Family | M Macaulay |
| Counting Team: Smart Family | | Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy | | |
| Church Cleaning: P Burke | | Altar Cobden: J Dwyer H Hickey | | |
| Marian Statue: L Timms | | | | |

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