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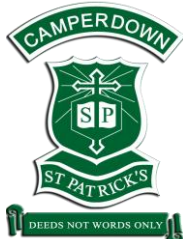
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Dear Friends,

Today's First Reading is a memorable story of the power of prayer, although one feels sorry for the Amalekites who were one of the inhabitants of the land the Israelites were to occupy. However, the message of the story is that God looked after the chosen people whom God delivered from exile in Egypt.

Persistence in prayer is also the theme of the gospel with the widow gradually winning over the judge, not by argumentation, but by the consistency of her request for justice against her adversary.

Do these two stories mean that we can get God to give us what we want if we just persist in making our request?

The answer is no - for a God whom we can manipulate is not the God in whom we believe. We pray to God in hope for the outcomes we desire but we cannot presume that God will give us what we want. We pray in hopeful expectation but not with presumption and God gives us what we need even if it is not what we hoped for.

We may not always receive that for which we pray; instead, something entirely different may come our way. Some people deal with this by saying, "I asked something of God, and God's answer was no." Our prayers of petition are an acknowledgment of our dependence on God, and we must never stop turning to God in our need, but we patiently await God's response.

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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:

Sir 35:12-14,16-18;

2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Ignatius of Antioch

Tues- St Luke

Wed- Sts Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf

Thu- St Paul of the Cross

Fri- St Hilarion

Sat- St John Paul II

Pray for the Sick:

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

Recent Deaths:

Marea (Marnie) Meagher, Agnes Madden

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Carr, Catherine Robertson, Timothy Sheahan, Helen Deppeler, Edna Murfitt, Thomas Shiells

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.

October is National Mental Health Month: National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October

<https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health month: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

National Carers Week Australia: October 16 – 22, 2022: National Carers Week is a time to recognise and celebrate the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend

<https://carersweek.com.au/>

We pray for all carers: Lord God, we pray for all who care for family members and friends. Surround them with the love, encouragement and the strength of others in all their works. Lord hear us.

Anti-Poverty Week Australia: October 16-22, 2022

Anti-Poverty Week will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. Governments have been called upon to take action on two key things: To unlock poverty for individuals, families, and children; raise income support above the poverty line and invest in social housing <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

Prayer for anti-poverty week: Loving God, we pray for those who live in poverty. May we never be so comfortable that we are numbed to their discomfort. We pray for those who are in crisis. May we never be too busy to see pain in the face of a stranger. We pray for those who are marginalised. May we never be so privileged to forget those who have little. 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.

Synod on Synodality Prayer Website

In order to support the synodal journey and ask for the Spirit's assistance, together with the World Network of Prayers of the Pope and UISG, there is a website to pray for a synodal church and send your prayers

<https://www.prayforthesynod.va/en/>

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.

CRA National Justice Seminar, "Now is the Time!"

Registrations are now open for Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!'. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar for justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations will engage you in conversations on advocacy and action and applying these to contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing with your peers and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

SAVE THE DATE: Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish – Sunday, November 13, 2022: The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00 noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information to come.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The word of God is living and active;
 it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is *not* saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus *is* saying we need to pray like that widow.

Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning. We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

16-October-2022 29th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	A Bell		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	S Grinter		H Seuren
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: M Cole J Teal		
Marian Statue: E Boyd				

23-October-2022 30th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy		
9 a.m. Lismore	S McLeod	K Bell		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	St Pat's School	St Pat's School		S Robertson
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy S Pemberton		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: M Cole J Teal		
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary				

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