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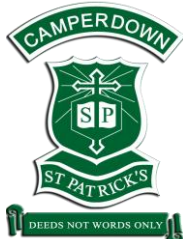
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Dear Friends,

Today's readings focus on the theme of "mercy". The author of the Wisdom of Solomon reflects on the expansive nature of God's mercy, which is extended to all creation. The Psalmist sings of the divine being's graciousness and compassion: "slow to anger and abounding in mercy" (Ps 145:8).

Paul strikes an eschatological note in writing to the Thessalonians of the end time when God will "make you worthy of his calling ... [through] the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ" (2 Thes 1:11-12). And, finally, Luke tells the story of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, who finds mercy and forgiveness after encountering Jesus. Each of these readings explores various aspects of the biblical concept of mercy.

The gospel story provides a narrative account of a gentle rebuke, as Jesus' calm presence visits the house of Zacchaeus and engenders in the tax collector genuine repentance and remorse. The story represents the fulfilment of themes explored first in the Song of Zechariah in Luke's nativity narratives, where the father of John the Baptist sings that the "tender mercy of God will visit us, like daylight breaking from on high" (Lk 1:78).

The biblical concept of mercy is tied to the motif of YHWH's covenant faithfulness. However, with God mercy is never simply faithfulness; God's mercy exceeds the covenant obligation

In the biblical record, God's mercy and compassion precedes repentance. We are not required to repent first before God lavishes love and mercy upon us. Rather, it is the realisation of God's compassionate presence in our lives that calls forth our repentance...Ian J Elmer © Majellan Media



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:

2Mc 7:1-2,9-14; **2 Thes** 2:16-35;

Lk 20:27,34-38

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Wolfgang of Regensburg

Tues- Solemnity of All Saints

Wed- All Souls Day

Thu- St Martin de Porres

Fri- St Charles Borromeo

Sat- St Peter Chrysologus

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 Death: Father Bill Melican

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leo FitzGerald, Catherine Toleman, Jane Nolan, Rita Castaldo, James Rantall, Bill Brewer, Nathan McLeod, Stanley Brewer, Josephine Rounds, Jamie Alexander

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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 30/10/2022

Welcome and Congratulations: We welcome Sylvia Mia Fitzgerald child of Tim & Katrina Fitzgerald into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!!

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.

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.

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 Gathering Space, 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 Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information will be available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Diocesan Youth Booklet

The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet which outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. There is information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. There is information about reflection days, festivals, immersions and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith, and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet has been distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers, as well as a small amount of copies for parishes across the diocese. If you have any questions or would like more copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office

pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Diocesan e-News

Please find the latest edition of e-News for your interest <https://mailchi.mp/c151a9e51ee1/edition-93-october-8-13731086> or go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ news and events / e-News

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Jn 3:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: [Lk 19:1-10](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Over the Top

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

We could pause for a moment to pray to become more conscious of the gaze of the Divine Seer.

There could be 'over-the-top' consequences!

30-October-2022 31st Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan		
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	A Bell		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	M Saunders		G Lucas
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer	Altar Camperdown: M Lucas G McMillan			
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren	Altar Cobden: M Cole J Teal			
Marian Statue: J Larkins				

06-November-2022 32nd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	G Kelson		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	S McLeod		A Coutts
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	M Lucas		R Henry
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney			
Church Cleaning: R Henry	Altar Cobden: C Malady H Kelly			
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey				

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