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Dear friends,

This weekend we start a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. The season of Advent has four weekends to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas. Every weekend has a theme to invite us to make worthy preparation to welcome Jesus into our hearts. But at the same time our Mother Church calls us to reflect on the second coming of Jesus.

Today's gospel asks us to reflect on the second coming of Jesus as a merciful Judge. Jesus will come and no one knows the time of his coming. Therefore, we must be prepared and we must always be in a state of readiness. This Sunday underlines this theme of preparedness for the coming again of the Lord; perhaps we no longer think of his coming in our time, but early Christians not only thought of his coming soon but also longed for his coming.

We express this same faith at our celebration of the Eucharist. After the consecration we proclaim, "Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again". Consequently, we should be a people who wait for the Lord's coming. But as we wait, we prepare ourselves. We rid ourselves of our sins by repentance and we make our lives beautiful in the eyes of God by our acts of love and service.

At this special time of Christmas we prepare ourselves for Jesus who came to us in humility.

So let us ask the Lord to give us His grace so that we may be able to prepare ourselves also for Christ's coming in glory.

...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:

Is 11: 1 – 10; Rom 15: 4 – 9.

Mt 3: 1 – 12.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Catherine Labouré

Tues- Our Lady of the Golden Heart

Wed- St Andrew, Apostle

Thu- Our Lady of Light St Edmund Campion

Fri- St Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr

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, Shirley Rohan and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Reg Brewer, Robert Kinley, Ivy White, Hilary Thornton, Aontonius Langenhuizen, Murray Kelson, Maurice Walsh, Thomas Baker and Lorraine King.

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.

1st Sunday of Advent, Year A. 27/11/2022

Welcome and congratulations:

We welcome Riley Andrew Mahony child of Sara & Shaun Mahony into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!!

A Message from the Diocesan Finance Office., Manager Andrew Jirik.

For some time now, via CDFPay, parishioners have been able to give to either the 1st or 2nd collection (and or the appeal(s) of the day) through either a one-off, or recurring, donation. Many parishes have this information on their website and/or newsletter. An idea that was shared at today's Council of Priests meeting was to use a QR code on the parish notice sheet (we've all become very comfortable with using QR codes).

The attached QR code will take the user to the CDFPay website where the user can select their parish and make their donation.



Parish Giving

I encourage parishes to insert the attached QR code into your weekly newsletter (with maybe some words around this being an option to donate/give to the parish).

Please note: There are a number of websites where you can set-up your own Parish QR code that will take the user directly to your parish rather than having to select it. If you want to set-up your own parish specific QR code, please don't use a subscription service, there are number of sites that will do a one off QR code set-up for free.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$585.00 & Presbytery \$605.30. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Lay Led Assembly Resources: Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Sundays 23-33 (including Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe) Year C 2022 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

Free Advent resources

2022 Advent Calendar with lots of practical ideas to help families journey through Advent, the Names of Jesus Advent chain to help families explore who Jesus is and the Little Nativity Pack so that children can play out the wonderful story of Jesus coming! Resources are available at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

St Vincent de Paul Cobden Christmas Giving Tree:

Please support the Cobden Community Christmas Appeal. Thank you.

Groups invited to prepare for next phase of Synod on Synodality:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups – using the working document and assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee to support prayer, discernment and response – will be able to gather and share their feedback through an online portal. People wishing to coordinate groups for discernment on the Document for the Continental Stage should email the NCPR's Stephen Reid (stephen.reid@catholic.org.au) to express interest in coordinating a group that meets the following criteria:

- Groups should be comprised of a mix of clergy, laity and religious.
- Group members are expected to be aware of Church matters at the diocesan and national level.
- Group members should be able to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and have experience doing so with similar documents.

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

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Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope’s intention for November: For children who suffer: Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.

CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal

The last two years of the COVID pandemic have had a devastating impact on low-income families. Unemployment, rent prices and mental and physical health issues are just some of the things which can lead to financial crisis. Please help a family in need this Christmas. To donate go to

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/19/giving-tree-appeal>

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/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we

prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, 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 Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only *God* knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism. We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

27-November-2022 1st Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	Hammond Family	A Horan
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	K Bell		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	P Kingston	Kingston Family	H Seuren
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: No flowers/CMHK		
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady		Altar Derrinallum:		

04-December-2022 2nd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy	G Kelson	J Hammond
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	S Bialek		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	P Conheady	J Seuren	Lucas Family	G Lucas
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: No flowers/KDMP		
Marian Statue:				

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