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Dear Friends,

This weekend we hear more about John the Baptist in the gospel. We know him as the one who prepares the way of the Messiah by calling people to repentance. He is described primarily as a witness, and he gave testimony to Jesus. He also testifies his own mission to baptize with water those who come to him repenting for their sins. It is a baptism of repentance, so that people may make straight way to the Lord who is coming as their messiah. He reveals his role to the people in God's plan of salvation and is not the Messiah. His baptism is not to be compared with the baptism of the coming one. He baptizes with water to approve and signify the people's disposition to prepare for the coming Messiah. In contrast to John's ministry, the messiah will give the Holy Spirit when he comes.

Only the messiah can give the Holy Spirit because his life is tangled with the action of the Divine Spirit. The Spirit who raises Jesus from the dead is also the one at work at the moment of his conception. The Spirit, the power of the Holy Spirit overshadows Mary so that the child to be born is holy, the son of God. At Jesus' baptism God's revelation witnesses to Jesus as anointed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit because he possesses the Holy Spirit in his Baptism. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit when we receive Baptism. Like Jesus, we have to live according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our witnessing life. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Joseph Vaz

Tues- St Anthony of Egypt

Wed- St Ammonius

Thu- St Joseph Pelczar

Fri- Ss Fabian & Sebastian

Sat- St Agnes

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.

(Lay Assembly – Timboon)

Next Weekend Readings:

Is 8:23 – 9:3, 1 Cor 1:10

– 13. Mt 4:12 – 17.

Pray for the Sick:

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

Recent Deaths: Jenny Blair

Maureen Isobel Younis

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ann Helena Buckle, Terry McKenzie, Dennis Power and Maria Steuten.

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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 15/01/2023

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."

Remembering Cardinal Pell as a Priest of Our Diocese by Bishop Paul Bird.

George Pell was born and raised in Ballarat. He grew up in his parents' hotel "The Royal Oak" and went to school at St Pat's College. He started studies for the priesthood at Corpus Christi in Werribee and continued his seminary studies in Rome, where he was ordained in December 1966. He then completed a doctorate in Church History at Oxford University before returning to Ballarat and spending the early years of his ministry in service of our diocesan community.

People in Swan Hill remember his time as assistant priest there. He also served in the parishes of Ballarat East and Bungaree. He was appointed director of Aquinas College, a training institute for teachers in Catholic schools. In later years he was much involved in the development of Australian Catholic University, with Aquinas campus becoming one of seven campuses of ACU in 1990.

Another contribution he made to our diocese was as editor of the diocesan magazine, "Light". He was involved in the formation of priests for our diocese and beyond when he was rector of Corpus Christi Seminary from 1985 to 1987. He was then ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne and subsequently appointed Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop of Sydney and Cardinal.

Over the past few days, various commentators have highlighted his influence as bishop and cardinal. Many have noted the impact he had in Australia and around the world. Here I would simply like to acknowledge his years as a priest of Ballarat and offer my sympathies particularly to those who grew close to him in those early years and have been especially saddened at the news of his sudden death.

May Christ welcome Cardinal Pell into eternal life. May the Lord comfort his family and friends in their sadness at his passing.

The Pope and the Rabbi (Sunday Humour)

Several centuries ago, the Pope decreed that all the Jews had to convert to Catholicism or leave Italy. There was a huge outcry from the Jewish community, so the Pope offered a deal: he'd have a religious debate with the leader of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay in Italy; if the Pope won, they'd have to convert or leave.

The Jewish people met and picked an aged and wise rabbi to represent them in the debate. However, as the rabbi spoke no Italian, and the Pope spoke no Yiddish, they agreed that it would be a 'silent' debate.

On the chosen day the Pope and rabbi sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. The rabbi looked back and raised one finger. Next, the Pope waved his finger around his head. The rabbi pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope brought out a communion wafer and a chalice of wine. The rabbi pulled out an apple. With that, the Pope stood up and declared himself beaten and said that the rabbi was too clever. The Jews could stay in Italy.

Later the cardinals met with the Pope and asked him what had happened. The Pope said, 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up a single finger to remind me there is still only one God common to both our beliefs. Then, I waved my finger around my head to show him that God was all around us. The rabbi responded by pointing to the ground to show that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and wafer to show that God absolves us of all our sins, and the rabbi pulled out an apple to remind me of the original sin. He bested me at every move and I could not continue.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community gathered to ask the rabbi how he'd won. 'I haven't a clue,' said the rabbi. 'First, he told me that we had three days to get out of Italy, so I gave him the finger. Then he tells me that the whole country would be cleared of Jews and I told him that we were staying right here.'

'And then what?' asked a woman. 'Who knows?' said the rabbi. 'He took out his lunch so I took out mine.'

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$511.70 & Presbytery \$576.30. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace:

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has

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been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

15-January-2023 2nd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	P Dwyer	G Kelson	
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	A Bell		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	A O'Flynn	J Larkins	P Kingston
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucus		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: M & B Brown				

22-January-2023 3rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	K Daffy	J Dwyer	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	K Bell		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	M Macaulay	Henry Family	R Henry
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: D Wynd				

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