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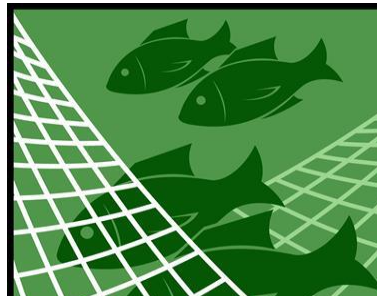
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Dear friends,

Today's gospel tells us that as soon as Jesus begins his public ministry, he sets about gathering disciples. First to be called are brothers Simon and Andrew and then James and John. All are fishermen. They are strong and hardworking, but hardly up to the task of catching men and women for the kingdom. The subsequent choices of Jesus are: a tax collector, a freedom fighter, a treasurer and one who has taken to the study of the Torah. He chose these men, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. What he has accomplished with these men is beyond imagining.

A few years after he finished his mission on earth and sent the disciples to the whole world to preach the good news, Christianity spread around the world. Jesus believes in the power of the Holy and he tells them to wait for the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength to do his mission. In the same way he did the will of God. He even said doing the will of the father was his food. Although he is passionate about his mission, he does not feel that he must do everything alone. And so he creates a team. He trains that team and shares with them his vision and his enthusiasm. He works on their weaknesses and bears with them. He then entrusts them to his mission and tells them that they will succeed because it is not theirs but God's. Jesus calls us the same way to continue his mission. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Nikolaus Gross

Tues- St Francis de Sales

Wed- The Conversion of St Paul

Thu- Australia Day

Fri- St Angela Merici

Sat- St Thomas Aquinas

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: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Next Weekend Readings:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31.

Mt 5:1-12

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

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ian Russell, Alice Perkins, Jean Mansbridge, Deborah Patterson, Graeme Patterson, Mervyn O'Neill

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.

Happy Australia Day:

On this special Australia Day, let us look at our past and take lessons to make our future a glorious one. Wishing you all a wonderful Happy Australia Day 2023.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 22/01/2023

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

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$767.20 & Presbytery \$553.20. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania 2023

Liturgical resources are available in preparation for the Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Fiji from February 5-10, 2023. The prayer for the assembly and prayers of the faithful for Sundays leading up to the assembly are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/federation-of-catholic-bishops-conferences-of-oceania/>

Liturgy Formation 2023

The Commission will offer Liturgy formation in 2023. Expressions of interest have been received from the Sunraysia parishes for Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion and scripture reflection. The southern zone have requested formation on the pastoral care of the sick and house bound. The ACU Centre for Liturgy is able to assist with this formation. Please advise the Liturgy Commission of formation areas of interest for your parish to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Divine Renovation Australasia conference – February 10-12, 2023

Divine Renovation supports dioceses, priests, and their leadership teams as they strive for parish renewal. Parish leaders are invited to the 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference where you will be inspired, connected and equipped to lead your parish from maintenance to mission. The conference will be held in Sydney from February 10-12, 2023 and includes inspiring keynotes, impactful workshops, uplifting liturgy, prayer and worship. More information at <https://divinerenovation.org/draus2023/>

Word of God Sunday – February 5, 2023

The Church in Australia marks Word of God Sunday on February 5 this year. Several resources have been prepared to assist with the promotion and commemoration of the day. They include homily notes, liturgical notes, prayers of the faithful, musical recommendations, reflection by Fr Tom Elich, bulletin notice and images for promotion. Resources available at <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>

Reconciliation Programs

To assist parishes in preparing children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Liturgical Commission would like compile a list of suitable resources and is seeking information on programs used in your parish for this sacrament. Please send this information to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au. The current junior diocesan reconciliation program, "Forgiveness Is..." will no longer be available. The senior reconciliation program "Turn Around!" will continue to be available for purchase from the Pastoral Ministry Office.

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 January - For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Sunday Humour

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

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

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2023 - Flag Raising Event

Ballarat Interfaith Network invites you to join their Flag Raising Event in celebration of United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 from 11.00am to 12.00noon at St Peter's Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street, Ballarat. After the raising of our own unique Ballarat Interfaith Network flag, we will adjourn into the church for a keynote address from a member of the local Muslim community, prayers for peace offered by representatives of other faiths, and one or two musical performances. Welcome - Mayor of Ballarat, Cr Hudson. Muslim Keynote Speaker - Obaid Noor. Refreshments provided. Contact 0400 650234.

Mission: One Heart Many Voices Conference 2023

The Mission: One Heart Many Voices conference, "Lead, Act, Now" will be held from May 3-5, 2023 in Sydney – face-to-face and online. Registration and more information available at <https://2023.mohmv.com.au/>. Early bird full registration before February 28 is \$550.00. Full registration from March 1 is \$649.00. Concession rate \$539.00. Single day rate \$209.00.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing
on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 4:12-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

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

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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				

29-January-2023 4th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	A Horan	Gleeson Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	S Bialek		A Coutts
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	J Saunders	Kingston Family	G Lucas
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: P Burke		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: R Henry				

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