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Dear friends,

In the gospel we are going to reflect on the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. Here Matthew points out the change in Jesus' face or his whole appearance and focuses on his final glorification. The scene in the transfiguration follows the prediction of the passion that he was to undergo. During his ministry, Jesus has gained not only friends but enemies as well. He resolutely determines to go to Jerusalem where prophets have been persecuted. An experience like the transfiguration sets Jesus' mind at ease or comfort, in comparing the tragedy that is to come. Conversing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is being confirmed in his mission.

The transfiguration is also a "mystical experience" for the disciples. Although they do not fully comprehend its meaning they experience the glorification of the Lord. The disciples also need this enlightenment because Jesus had told them about his suffering of carrying the cross, death and also their denial. The memories of what they had experienced on the mountain, only a few weeks before the tragedy of the cross could still keep it alive in them and a flicker of their faith. A hope could still linger in their hearts that perhaps all was not over. That maybe their master whom they had seen in his glory could still turn the tragedy of the cross into a triumph. May our celebration of this feast of the transfiguration of the Lord strengthens our faith as we go through the passion of Christ closely during this season of Lent. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Patricia of Nicomedia

Tues- St Matilda

Wed- St Clement Hofbauer

Thu- St Julian of Antioch

Fri- St Patrick, Bishop.

Sat- St Cyril of Jerusalem

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, Peter Karlsen, Catherine O'Flynn, Gryff Dwyer and Shirley Fletcher.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Audrey Fry, Dorothy Molan, Elizabeth Hickey, Mary Collins, James Sinnott, Anthony Mahony, Catherine Hatley, Hunty Scanlan

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:

Ex 17:3-7. Rom 5:1-2. 5-8.

Jn 4:5-42.

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 of Lent, Year A. 05/03/2023

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

Project Compassion Second Sunday of Lent – March 4 & 5, 2023



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Lent resources

There are a number of Lent prayer resources available from the diocesan webpage:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$946.00 & Presbytery \$560.85. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

St Patrick's Lent Study: Successful meeting last Monday. Books still available. Meeting Mon March 6th, 1215pm, at St Patricks.

Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

ACRATH: Students respond to Pope Francis' call for change makers:

With support from ACRATH member Sr Colleen Jackson rsc, Australian and New Zealand Catholic secondary school students are responding to a call from Pope Francis to be the change makers in the struggle against human trafficking. Through contributing to a video made by ACRATH and Talitha Kum, they hope to influence other young people to act and help eradicate forced labour from the production of chocolate, clothing and technology. The video and further information is available at <https://acrath.org.au/videos/our-pilgrimage-for-dignity/>

Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know.

Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day – March 8, 2023

God, whose love and goodness gathers us in: we pray for women all over the world, especially those challenged by poverty and other injustice. Stir us to know women's dignity.

Quieten us to listen to women's voices. Awaken us to see women's realities.

Strengthen us to stand for women's rights. Fill us with hope to make a better future together. Amen.

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

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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 March - For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate:

Pope Francis will celebrate the 10th year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary's <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>. The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary's that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice:

This year's walk will call for Justice for Refugees: Permanent visas for all, fair processes and income support for people who are seeking recognition as refugees. While the change of government at the federal election last year has brought hope for more compassionate policies, thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum are still in limbo waiting for certainty about their future. Walk with us this Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 1.00pm for a group reflection and prayer led by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ, with the official Walk for Justice music and speeches starting around 1.30pm. Meet at the far right side of the State Library of Victoria (near the Joan of Arc statue and next to Little Lonsdale Street – you'll see a large 'CAPSA', 'Jesuit Social Services' or 'Xavier Social Justice Network' or 'CSSV' banner). If you have any questions, please get in touch with Maeve at CAPSA, email info@capsa.org.au.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

• **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own

purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as *our* sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

05-March-2023 2nd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	K Daffy	Noy Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	G Keating	S McLeod		A Coutts
11am: Camperdown	P Conheady	S Gillett	Seuren Family	S Gillett
Counting Team: R & W Henry		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: No flowers/KD		
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey				

12-March-2023 3rd Sunday Lent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	A Horan		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Bell	A Mahony		D Halloran
11am: Camperdown	R Johnstone	P Kingston		M Russell
Counting Team: R & W Henry		Altar Camperdown: No flowers		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: No flowers		
Marian Statue: M Ryan				

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