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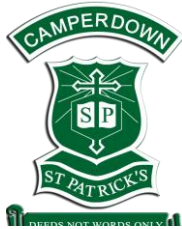
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Dear friends,

The gospel of Matthew does not give emphasis on Jesus's ascension, being taken up into heaven, but on his presence among the believers: "I am with you always". He can no longer be seen, heard or touched through our physical senses, because he is in his glorified state. He is truly with us until the end of the age. This feast is a reminder to all the faithful of the divine command to preach the gospel to all nations. And to preach the gospel means to be faithful by our witnessing life. Jesus lived among us and set an example for us on how to obey the will of God. To help us to carry out his mission he has given us the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit he is alive and guides the church. We have to commit to the life and mission of the church. We, the messengers of his word, must take into account who we are and what is our mission to the world in which we live today. We have to live in the culture of his discipleship, hence to radiate the love, mercy and the truth of God to the people in our society. During our celebration let us recommit ourselves to the mission of God. Let us pray also for the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be guided and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus namely building up his kingdom by our witnessing life.

-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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Timboon)

Next Weekend Readings:

Acts 2:1-11. 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Rita of Cascia

Tues- St Julia

Wed- Our Lady of Help Christians

Thu- Ss Mary Magdalene & Gregory

Fri- Ss Philp Neri & Ursula

Sat- St Augustine of Canterbury

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Catherine O'Flynn, Gryff Dwyer and Shirley Fletcher.

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

Georgia Hutchinson, Mary Mayers, Margaret White, Margaret Jehu, John Fleming, Alexander Nehill, Coral Beard

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.

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A. 21/05/2023

"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 \$192.00 & Presbytery \$581.25. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

National Reconciliation Week Prayer: May 27 – June 3

The CECV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Working Party has written a prayer to celebrate National Reconciliation Week (NRW). All Victorian Catholic schools, parishes and offices are invited to join in unity and voice by saying the prayer during the week. Prayer attached. NRW website

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

A Blessing for Families

Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love.

Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties.

Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others.

Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others.

May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care. Amen.

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer: May 21-28, 2023

The theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17). The Australian context for this theme is, "Learn to do good - Seek justice - Rescue the oppressed - Defend the orphan, plead for the widow". "When we stop talking and listen, we hear that the church in Australia is built on stolen land, Indigenous land, and shares in a history of racism, massacre, abuse, stolen children, imprisonment and death in custody, and ongoing disadvantage. We hear that this legacy is really ours because we have explained, justified or remained silent in the face of this reality. When we stop talking and listen, we make space to realise anew that we have acted in ways that deny the worth of some of God's people, equally made in God's image." (Rev. Radhika Sukumar-White's sermon from Day of Mourning service, 19th January 2020, Leichhardt Uniting Church).

The Australian image used on the prayer card is "Invasion" by John "Munnari" Hammond A'Hang ©. It was presented to the National Council of Churches in Australia by Aboriginal and Islander participants in the NCCA's inaugural Forum, Canberra 14 July 1994. "White man came to this country in their ships. With their guns the black man has no answers. They were poisoned, shot, hung and put in chains as punishment. Then along came religion, Christianity, the Bible was read at campsites by white man and later black and white. Now we walk side by side burning bridges of the past. The chains of the past are broken and black and white walk on equal ground through this rugged wide land. Their spirit finally free through Christianity."

Mass Counts have begun!

If you haven't been recording your mass counts over the past two weekends, you need to start NOW!

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May. Counting should have started on the weekend (6-7 May) and continue each weekend until the end of May. Mass Count Forms are attached.

You can use either the Excel or pdf of the Mass Count form to submit your Mass counts. Counter's forms are used to assist the counter's recording the numbers at each Mass or Assembly and should be returned to the parish office for collation onto the Mass Count form spreadsheet. Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends.

- Please complete all columns, including what the 'usual' count would be.
- If you have increased or reduced numbers, include the reason why (eg. Baptism, First Eucharist, etc)

At the end of the four weekends you will be required to submit your completed Mass Count Form to the Diocese by Friday 9 June, 2023. If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Post Graduate Studies in Liturgical Music

In July 2023, ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and the ACU Centre for Liturgy are offering an intensive post-graduate unit in Liturgical Music taught by Professor Clare Johnson and special guest presenters. THLS502 Liturgical Music will be offered as a face-to-face intensive on July 3, 4, 5 & 6 (9.00am - 5.00pm) at ACU's Melbourne Campus. Teachers, parish musicians, clergy, diocesan personnel and interested others are most

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welcome to enrol in this unit as professional learners (not for assessment) or auditors. For further information go to the website <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/professional-development>

CTC Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Catholic Theological College is running the online unit Teaching Meditation and Prayer over two Saturdays in June and two Saturdays in October. This unit offers an ideal opportunity to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. The emphasis will be on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context. It can be undertaken as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate award (including the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation), as a single unit, or for personal enrichment (no assessment/credit) <https://ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/gctm-timetable/>

Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner – Save the date

The annual Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christ Seminary, will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr Cameron Forbes. More information is available from

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081831675720>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills *all* creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the *Church which is His Body*'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which *is His Body*.'

21- May -2023 Ascension Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Kelson		
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	M Smart		C Conheady
Counting Team:	B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown:	L Hickey & M Larkins	
Church Cleaning:	S & J Murfitt	Altar Cobden:	Helen Watts	
Marian Statue:	B Hewitt			
28 -May-2023 Sunday	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister	
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson			
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders			S Grinter
Counting Team:	B & M Hewitt	Altar C'down	D Daffy & C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning:	MRC	Altar Cobden:	Helen Watts	
Marian Statue:	L & J Delaney			

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