



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

This weekend, we celebrate an important feast in our liturgical calendar. The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This incident is recalling Jesus' glorification before his crucifixion. We not only remember this event that happened in the life of Jesus but with the deeper meaning that Jesus rules all creation.

The first reading from Daniel presents this image of the Son of God claiming his rightful domination and power over all things. In the second reading, we hear Peter's recall of the Transfiguration scene from the gospels. More than remembering, the passage is a powerful threefold doctrinal declaration. First, the experience was a vision of Jesus' glory and Majesty, a revelation of divinity. Second was the prophetic message that the entire Old Testament witnesses to Jesus. The third was paying attention to the Eternal Word and living the Word in our hearts until encountering him face to face on the last day. In today's gospel, Jesus showed us how he would be in his future glory and what it would be like in heaven. This is our story too. We are destined for eternity. Our Christian faith leads us to eternal glory with our God. Let us live with this attitude and victorious mentality. Let us never forget the glory that awaits us. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Cajetan

Tues- St Mary Mackillop

Wed- St Stephen of Hungary

Thu- Our Lady of Knock

Fri- St Helen

Sat- St John Eudes

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McLaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Shirley Fletcher and Barry Brown.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Johannes Van Someren, Mary Morrison, Margaret Doherty, River Sinnott, Margaret & Ray Russell, Edith Ryan, Jill Ashmore and Leonard Brewer.

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:

1 Kings 19:9.11-13. Rom: 9:1-5

Matthew: 14:22-33

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.

18th Sunday, The Feast of Transfiguration, Year A. 06/08/2023

"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 \$367.00 & Presbytery \$379.05. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

Lay Led Assembly Resources: Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for the Sundays 11-21 in Ordinary Time Year A 2023 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.



MRC Our Lady of Mercy Mass

We are honouring the work of the Sisters of Mercy in establishing our school in this our 50th Year

St Patrick's Church
Camperdown
Friday 8 September, 11.30am

Guests will enjoy lunch in the McAuley Library after Mass.
Please RSVP to ndarcy@mercy.vic.edu.au

From Mercy College: There has been a hive of activity next to the church, with the beginnings of our Community Garden beginning to take shape. Year 10 students began the work on Monday with a mighty effort laying a barrier, soil and the first planter boxes. More developments to come on this wonderful collaborative project!

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 August – For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. Lord, hear us.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral

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care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

McAuley House for Women and Children

McAuley House is celebrating 15 years since the establishment of McAuley Community Services for Women, following the merger of Mercy Care and Regina Coeli. Over the past 15 years McAuley House has supported more than 13,000 women and children. The demand for services remains high. McAuley House will continue advocating for real change that will allow more women and children to remain safely in their homes after violence and avoid homelessness and further disadvantage. A donation to McAuley House supports women and children to be safe and continue this important work <https://www.mcauley.org.au/ways-to-give/donate/>

Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media

Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, recently released a new social media platform in competition with Twitter, called *Threads*. For many people, this social media shift has prompted a pause button in a love-hate relationship with how the internet fundamentally works. Dialogically we might ask, *who is my (social media) neighbour?* To inform this current question, the Vatican Dicastery for Communication has issued a document titled "Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media" and is available to download at https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/dpc/documents/20230528_dpc-verso-piena-presenza_en.html

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held, and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory, and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

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

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face was shining 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

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, body soul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: ‘If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.’ Today’s Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus’ body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, body soul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to ‘Google’ or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of ‘immeasurable wellbeing’ – ‘infinite joy in our hearts’.

06-August-2023 Transfiguration	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	N/A
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	M Macaulay	H Hickey
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh	
Marian Statue: P & M Smith			

13-August-2023 19th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy	N/A
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	M Smart	M Saunders
Counting Team: Smart Family		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins	
Church Cleaning: C Walsh		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh	
Marian Statue: M Ryan			

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