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Dear friends,

The story of Jesus walking on the water in the Sea of Galilee in the midst of the storm as told in the gospel of Matthew, reflects our life style. Here we see Peter is invited by Jesus to come to him on the water. Peter who will be the leader of the early church, is given a significant role. He is the "rock" on which Jesus builds his church and is entrusted with the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Here he is expected to focus his sight on Jesus not on the waves that threaten him. That would be our call also to focus on Jesus in the midst of the storm and hardship, whatever may come in our life.

In the gospel, we see that the boat is being tossed by the waves and strong wind. Even though they were tough fishermen and used to the strong wind and waves, they fear for their lives. They become more terrified when they see Jesus whom they mistake for a "ghost". This incident of the storm shows the doubt of the disciples especially by Peter. But it also shows the power of Jesus who comes to save. Hence this story is a summons to renew our faith, a faith that devotes its attention to the power of the Lord. Let us ask the Lord to renew our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be able to focus on Jesus and live for him amidst our storms in our life -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
- Tues- The Assumption of Mary
- Wed- St Stephen of Hungary
- Thu- St Joan of the Cross
- Fri- St Louis of Toulouse
- Sat- St John Eudes

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, Shirley Fletcher and Barry Brown.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Pat Ringelberg, Merle Sumner, Norah Place, Annie Wilson, Mary Egan, Kathleen Howard, Agnes De Clerq, Peter Bricknell and Charles Jehu.

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:

Is 56:1.6-7. Rom 11:13-15. 29-32. Matthew 4:23

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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 13/08/2023

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



AWARDS

"You can't be what you can't see," is a quote attributed to Marian Wright Edelman, a US activist for the rights of children. She believed that young people are less likely to be inspired for their future if they don't have visible role models.

It is with quote in mind, and in celebration of our 50th year in 2023, that Mercy Regional College introduces the inaugural Spirit of Mercy Awards.

We call on members of our College community to nominate former students of the College who exemplify Mercy Regional College values and will provide inspiring examples of achievement to current and future Mercy Regional College students.

**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**

Nominations for the inaugural Spirit of Mercy Award and Young Spirit of Mercy Award are now open

For nomination forms and information, visit: bit.ly/Spirit-of-Mercy or contact Nicole Darcy 5593 2011

Nominations close:
15 September, 2023

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**Drawn at the MRC 50th Jubilee Dinner on 25 November
(Tickets for the dinner also available via online shop or MRC office)**

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!

Palms Australia - Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

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

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$310.00 & Presbytery \$393.75. 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.

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.

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. for more information from facebook.

Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR

The Funeral Mass for Fr Frank Smith CSsR will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 10.30 am on Friday, August 25, 2023.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *A reading from the first book of the Kings*

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them.

They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home. Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures: 'Do not be afraid.'

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			

20-August-2023 20th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	C McCarthy	J Saunders
Counting Team: Smart Family		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh	
Marian Statue: B Hewitt			

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