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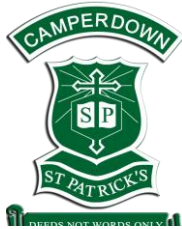
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Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that the evangelist Matthew gathers Jesus' teaching on how the disciples or the believing community must deal with one another to show that they are Jesus' followers. One thing is certain: that they are not a perfect community. There are members who offend against others. And so the question is how should the community deal with an erring brother or sister? In the gospel, Jesus advises three steps to achieve reconciliation and to avoid fatal consequences that may arise when an offence is committed. The first is confrontation in private. If a person feels dishonoured or offended, he is to confront the offender in private to avoid placing the alleged offence in the public arena. If the perception of offence has been cleared then the conflict has been successfully resolved. The second step is negotiation with two or three witnesses. The conflict has become semiprivate and legal with the calling of witnesses. The witnesses have a serious role to play and should never bear false witness. It is hoped that the witnesses or negotiators succeed where private efforts have failed. Honour must be repaid and restored to avoid going to the third stage. The third stage and last resort is adjudication. Here the community acts as the final arbiter. If the offender disregards the community's judgement, he is thrown out of the community and no longer treated as a part of God's people. He is designated as an outsider. And in a culture where life depends on the support and relationship of a family and community, to be excommunicated is the ultimate tragedy for the offender. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Daniel

Tues- Most Holy Name of Mary

Wed- St John Chrysostom

Thu- The Exaltation of the Cross

Fri- St Our Lady of Sorrows

Sat- Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

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:

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7. Romans

14:7-9. Matthew 18:21-35

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: Fr. Brian Gleeson (Margaret Murrighy's cousin) & Valda Murphy (Mother of Joan Seuren)

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Con Goonan, Benjamin Clark, Gavin de Been, Elwyn Heard, Peggy Daffy, Edith Mathews, Thomas O'Sullivan,

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 10/09/2023

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

Welcome and congratulations:

We welcome the children from a family and along with their parents and God's parents who receive the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations!!
Sunday at 11.00 am Camperdown: Connor-Charles Victor Dixon, Pyper rose Bannerman and
Grace Elizabeth Dixon

MRC Car Raffle 2023

Our annual major fundraiser is back, and tickets are now available.
1st Prize is a Mazda CX-3 Maxx Sport (demo) and there are 9 more great prizes.
\$10 per ticket, or 6 for \$50, 13 for \$100. Tickets online at shop.mercy.vic.edu.au, the MRC office (5593 2011), or several local shops. Drawn at the MRC 50th Jubilee Dinner on 25 November (Tickets for the dinner also available via online shop or MRC office)

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$737.00 & Presbytery \$358.75. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.
Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of e-News has been published. Scan or click the QR code to access. You can subscribe to receive future e-News editions straight to your email address at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Safeguarding Sunday - TODAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.
Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.
We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.
Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.
We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea Chapter:

ISMAPNG would be grateful for your prayer, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, during the coming weeks as they gather for their Chapter – a time of evaluating the past and planning for the future. Venerable Catherine McAuley, pray for us.

Social Justice Statement 2023-2024

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>.

Social Justice Statement: Copies of the Social Justice Statement 2024, Listen Learn Love (Australian Catholic Bishops) can be collected from St Patrick's Church, Sunday September 10th. There is also an attractive prayer card available on request. Andrew O'Flynn

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 September – For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. Lord, hear us.

Synod on Synodality: Room for everyone in our Church

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Yarra Theological Union and Garratt Publishing present "Synod on Synodality: Room for everyone in our Church" to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7.00pm via zoom. Leading the discussion is one of the ACBC's representatives at the Synod, Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst. For more details and to register, scan or click the QR code. This a free event. The convocation will be recorded and made available the week following the event. You must be registered to receive the link to the video.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you

shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

10-September-2023 23rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	M McKenzie	N/A
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	J Seuren	S Grinter
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar C'down: C McCarthy J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: D Cheslett		Altar Cobden: Juli Dwyer	
Marian Statue: J Larkins			

17-September-2023 24th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	B Hammond	N/A
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	M Saunders	H Seuren
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar C'down: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: M & J Saunders		Altar Cobden: Juli Dwyer	
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey			

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