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Dear friends,

In the context of the parable in the gospel, the younger son who says 'Yes' when asked to go and work in the vineyard is the one who behaves properly to his father. But he changes his mind and refuses to go and work in his father's vineyard. The elder son who says, 'I will not' disobey and humiliate my father. Later he realizes his responsibility and the obedience to his father, goes to the vineyard and works. Here we notice that: what Jesus asks about in the parable is not which of the sons behaved honourably and respectfully to their father but which of the two did his father's will? In the kingdom of God, this is what really counts: we have to do the will of God.

Jesus then points to the tax collectors and the sinners who initially say 'No' but eventually repent from their sins and wrong doings, hence wish to do God's will finally. Jesus points out here that the people who rejected John the Baptist's invitation to work for the kingdom of God, have accepted his invitation to work for his kingdom. Let us be clear about this invitation to work for God's kingdom. No matter what we say or do in our lives we have got to remember that at the end of our earthly journey God's kingdom is the only place of destination. So let us regret for ignoring the invitation of Jesus and to begin working for his kingdom in the future. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- The Holy Guardian Angels
- Tues- St Theodore Guerin
- Wed- St Francis of Assisi
- Thu- St Faustina Kowalska
- Fri- St Bruno
- Sat- Our Lady of the Rosary

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, Simpson)

Next Weekend Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7. Philippians 4:6-9.

Matthew: 21:33-43

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: Kevin Mahony

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Pekin, Ray Russell, Jarrod Fryers, Harold Lunn, Raymond Gallichan, James Lawlor, Kathleen Hickey, Mickey de Been, Clare Wain, Colleen Clarke, Agnes Madden.

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.

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

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 \$323.00 & Presbytery \$513.20. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

Diocesan Social Justice Statement launch:

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission have released presentations for the diocesan launch of the Social Justice Statement 2023. In the lead up to the referendum, the BDSJC ask parishes to show their communities Bishop Paul's Message this weekend, September 30/October 1. See link:

<https://vimeo.com/866995548/f4cba17cf0?share=copy>

They suggest for the **following weekend, October 7/8** that the Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer be viewed. See link: <https://vimeo.com/866995880/5dd369b97d?share=copy>

CTC: Engaging Your Faith online series



Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations and issues in Science and Religion. Choose from 14 sessions in October and November 2023. \$25.00 per session for

people NOT seeking teaching accreditation, \$40.00 per session for teachers seeking accreditation. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

Season of Creation Resources 2023 – (updated notice from last week). The resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

- Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation
- The logo * Season of Creation Prayers of the Faithful
- Caritas & Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Parish Prayer Service
- Caritas & Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Prayer Service PowerPoint
- The launch video * Season of Creation Celebration Guide
- Prayer resources * Links to other websites

Following are suggested Prayers of the Faithful for the Season of Creation. Choose one to add to the prayers already prepared. Prayers are also attached:

- For those most affected by our ecological crisis: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. Lord hear us.
- For those in the parish community of.....: That we may listen to the cry of the earth and be inspired to act with care for the environment around us and acknowledge that we are only one part of creation. Lord hear us.

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 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 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,

death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

01-October-2023	26th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		B Hammond	K Daffy	N/A
11am: Camperdown		S Grinter	A O'Flynn	P Kingston
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer			Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: Claire Malady	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady				

08-October-2023	27th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		M McKenzie	A Horan	N/A
11am: Camperdown		J Saunders	R Henry	M Smart
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson			Altar Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: N Powling			Altar Cobden: Claire Malady	
Marian Statue: C Wilson				

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