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Dear friends,

In the gospel we see that the Pharisees were the popular teachers of God's Law in Jesus' time and have no love for the Herodians. They have no reason to collaborate with the Herodians. But in the gospel we see that due to their envy of Jesus' growing popularity makes them join hands with the Herodians to trap Jesus on the question of paying taxes. A "yes" from Jesus will favour the Herodians but will antagonize the people, and they could brand Jesus as a 'collaborator of the Romans'. A 'No' on the other hand, will make Jesus as a rebel in the eyes of the Roman authorities who are governing Jerusalem. Jesus has no escape. Jesus' sharp answer is right on target: 'Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God'.

The Pharisees can unite in malice with the Herodians to trap Jesus, they are far from giving God His due with honest heart. Why should they sacrifice their social principles just to put down Jesus? Jesus works for the interest of God alone. The Pharisees even acknowledged this in their introduction. So like Jesus we Christians have the same responsibility to honour and do the will of God. We have a mission to witness Jesus in our life. So let us take our baptismal call seriously and keep our faith alive and active by witnessing Jesus in our day-to-day life. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St John of Capistrano
- Tues- St Anthony Claret, Bishop
- Wed- St Tabitha
- Thu- St Alfred the Great
- Fri- St Abraham the poor
- Sat- Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

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:

Exodus 22:20-26. 1 Thessa:

1:5-10. Matt: 22:34-40

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: Albert Clarke, Thomas Dolan, Geoffrey Lucas, Margaret Arandt, Kevin Carey, Mario de Been, Jan Riches, Richard Kane, Paul Fitzgerald.

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 \$405.00 & Presbytery \$468.10. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

World Mission Sunday THIS SUNDAY – October 22

Inspired by the Pope's message for World Mission Sunday, this year Catholic Mission is raising awareness of



the life-giving work of lay and religious missionaries around the world with the theme "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move". In his message, Pope Francis reflects on the resilience that everyday missionaries demonstrate in their life-giving work and the burning passion for God and people that inspires their hearts. Dedicating their lives to others, in partnership with communities,

missionaries aim to create a positive change through spiritual care and the implementation of grassroots projects, such as healthcare and education, reaching far beyond Catholic communities. To support

missionaries in their work or for more information, scan or click the QR code for more information. **There will be a special collection for Catholic Mission for this weekend.** Collectors, please take a special collection after the Communion. Thank you.

Prayer for Missionaries

Lord, fill the hearts of your missionaries with the Holy Spirit.

Guide their steps with your mighty arm and with the power of your grace.

Strengthen them in spirit so that they will not falter though weariness.

Look kindly on your servants, who you have sent forth as messengers of salvation and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocesan e-News



To read the latest edition of the diocesan e-News, scan or click the QR code.

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 October – For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world. Lord, hear us.

Laudate Deum – Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Pope Francis released 'Laudate Deum', his apostolic exhortation on the climate crisis. Officially titled, 'Laudate Deum: To all the People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis', the exhortation is a sequel to his exhortation, 'Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home [2015]. Further resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/laudate-deum-apostolic-exhortation-of-pope-francis/>

Special Social Media Channels for the XVI Assembly

You can follow the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on these specific social channels:

Facebook: @16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Twitter: @16SynodAssembly

Instagram: @16ordinarygs

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

October is National Mental Health Month

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate



for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

Prayer for Mental Health month: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

22-October-2023 29th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Kelson	N/A
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	M Smart	G Lucas
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: S Grinter	Altar Cobden: Claire Malady		
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney			

29-October-2023 30th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	M McKenzie	G Kelson
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	C McCarthy	M Russell
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: R Henry		
Church Cleaning: MRC	Altar Cobden: Claire Malady		
Marian Statue: B Hewitt			

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