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Dear friends,

As we are going to the end of this liturgical season with 3 more Sundays to go, during these 3 Sundays the Church invites us to reflect on the last judgement day. This judgement day is going to be good news for the people who live according to the guidelines of the gospel. But for others there is still time for them to make up their mind. God did not simply make human beings as the highest point of creation and crown them with His glory. Because He created human beings in His own image and likeness, Jesus brings this closeness of God and human beings once again through the paschal mystery.

This parable of the judgement of the nations contains the most revealing passages about Jesus' concern and identification with the lost and the least. One who does works of charity towards these persons in need is saved not for the good works he does; one is saved because one's good works are done for God who identifies with the persons in need. Our salvation comes not just by being good nor doing good. It is not earned by our generosity. But salvation comes from living our faith in God, in our relationship with others. That is to live and share the love of God. So let us strive for our salvation through living our faith and God's love in our daily life. Let us pray to the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus, so that we may be able to love and care for people who are in need. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Leonard of Noblac

Tues- St Ernest

Wed- St Elizabeth of the Trinity

Thu- The Dedication of the Basilica

Fri- St Leo the Great

Sat- St Martin of Tours

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: Geoff Lucas, Rita Castaldo, Colin Wain, Brian Gaut, Laurence Thornton, Mary Moran, Lil Fahey, Keith Vagg.

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:

Wisdom 6:12-16. 1 Thess:

4:13-18. Matt: 24:42. 44

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 \$320.00 & Presbytery \$355.95. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity.

We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help your people find a way forward.

Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen.

By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia

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 November – For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father. As he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) warmly invites you to Night of the Witnesses on 22 November 2023 at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Night of the Witnesses is an inspirational evening of prayer, song, Adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with more than 220 million Christians worldwide who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside over the evening. His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Mr Xavier Stephen Bisits, ACN Head of Projects, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt, and Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP, Dominican Sister, Northern Nigeria will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith and stories of faithful witness amidst persecution.

Regarding attire, it is recommended that 'choir dress' (alb and stole; or cassock, surplice and stole) be worn.

Reserved seating will be available for clergy.

Please click on this link to RSVP to attend Night of the Witnesses 2023.

For additional information please visit www.aidtochurch.org/notw or contact 1800 101 201.

We hope you will join us! Please encourage your parishioners to attend Night of the Witnesses to pray for the suffering Church.

Best regards,

Rose Gibson, Communications Coordinator

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/>

Diocesan Youth Booklet

The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet which outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. There is information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. There is information about reflection days, festivals, immersions and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet has been distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers. If you have any questions or would like more copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco
The Salesians of Don Bosco are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31, 2023. Enquiries www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives. Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

| 05-November-2023 31st Sunday O.T. | Reader | P.O.F. | E/Minister |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden | K Daffy | B Hammond | N/A |
| 11am: Camperdown | M Smart | R Henry | R Henry |
| Counting Team: M, J & P Conheady | Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins | | |
| Church Cleaning: C Walsh | Altar Cobden: Helen Kelly | | |
| Marian Statue: M & B Brown | | | |

| 12-November-2023 32nd Sunday O.T. | Reader | P.O.F. | E/Minister |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 6.30pm: Cobden | G Kelson | P Dwyer | N/A |
| 11am: Camperdown | S Gillett | J Saunders | M Saunders |
| Counting Team: M, J & P Conheady | Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy | | |
| Church Cleaning: S & J Murfitt | Altar Cobden: Helen Kelly | | |
| Marian Statue: R Henry | | | |

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