



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear friends,

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. We mark the season of Advent in the church with the display of a wreath- its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen, reminding us of the hope of eternal life. The four candles represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent. The lighting of the candle reminds us of the light of the world and the prophetic promise of His coming. So let us prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome Jesus into our hearts and obtain his blessings.

The gospel is telling us to be watchful. We have to be on watch for the Master who is surely coming, but at a time we do not know. The gospel paints this coming of Jesus in an apocalyptic nature. The purpose of the apocalyptic language is not to convey fear but to motivate hope in the hearts of the believers. The early Christian community needed this assurance of their final victory because of persecution - that Jesus will come again to set things right. The world in which we live now, needs assurance as we see the world marked by so much injustice, innocents' suffering, military threat among the superpowers and nuclear warfare.

For this very reason, we must look forward with the assurance of hope. Jesus will come again to set things right. It is impossible that the injustice in history should be the final state of the world. If only for that fact, there is a necessity for Christ's return. Thus, the image of the last judgement when Christ returns in not primarily a picture of terror, but an image of hope. This is our consolation and our hope.
-Neville



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 40:1-5. 9-11. 2 Peter 3:8-14. Mark 1:1-8

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Barbara

Tues-St Philip Rinaldi

Wed- St Nicholas

Thu- St Ambrose

Fri- The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat- St Juan Diego

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, and Shirley Fletcher

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonius Langenhuzen, Murray Kelson, Maurice Walsh, Thomas Baker, Lorraine King, Hendrina Van-Beckhoven, Margaret Lafferty

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.

1st Sunday of Advent. Year B. 03/12/2023

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

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$185.00 & Presbytery \$603.20. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

Christmas Cards and Calendars: SVdP is selling nativity themed Christmas cards and Columban Calendars after Mass. Calendars are \$10 ea. Cards are \$2.50 for a pack of 5 cards.

Andrew O'Flynn for Camperdown Conference of SVdP

St Vincent de Paul Cobden Christmas Giving Tree:

Please support the Cobden Community Christmas Appeal. Please pick up a card from the Christmas Tree in the church foyer and return the goods by 16th of December. Thank you.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3 2023

The final edition of ODC 2023 is available for collection from the diocesan offices in Ballarat. Please encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Cay Trinh (Peter) will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

Thank you to the parish communities of Camperdown, Cobden, Timboon, Simpson, and Lismore of your ongoing prayer and support of our Seminarian Cay Trinh (Peter). If anyone from our Parish community is interested in attending the celebration, Please Contact Gerard Gleeson, 0427 096 493 and Bob Hewitt: 0407 502 213 to book your seat in the bus. Thank you.

Choir for the Ordination to the Diaconate Mass for Cay Peter Trinh – Saturday, December 16, 2023

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for Cay Trinh's Ordination to the Diaconate Mass on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. We especially invite parishioners from the parishes of Camperdown and Western Border, where Cay has been part of these communities during his pastoral work. Practice times are Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 at the Cathedral (times to be confirmed). There will also be a run through prior to Mass on December 16. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Lay Led Assembly Resources

Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Advent, the Christmas Season 2023 and Sundays 2-6 in Ordinary Time Year B 2024 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

International Volunteers Day – December 5, 2023

Volunteering Australia proudly supports International Volunteer Day (IVD) to raise awareness on the important role volunteers play in responding to challenges facing the world. The 2023 theme is "If Everyone Did". If everyone volunteered, the world would be a better place. Imagine more than eight billion of us volunteering. Limitless possibilities for sustainable development – food and education for everyone, clean environment and good health, inclusive and peaceful societies, and more. IVD is an opportunity to acknowledge, thank and shine a light on the important work of volunteers. Resources available at <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/events/international-volunteer-day/#/>

International Day of People with Disabilities – Sunday, December 3, 2024

Mass to celebrate the International Day of People with Disabilities will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. Watch the video of the Mass announcement presented by Bishop Tim Norton (Bishop Delegate of Disabilities) and representatives from Larche' and Centacare, Brisbane <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcrHdd7w9wE> .

Pope's intention for December – For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. 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.

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Journey with us this Advent

Caritas Australia's Advent resources invite participants to journey through the four weeks of Advent, reflecting on Scripture and sharing in the stories of our sisters and brothers around the world. Each resource explores Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, with a special focus on justice and the idea of integral ecology that Pope Francis emphasises in *Laudato Si'* (2015) and *Laudate Deum* (2023). Visit www.caritas.org.au/advent to find Advent resources tailored to primary schools and families, secondary schools and youth groups, and parishes and individuals.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down

– at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard,

no eye has seen any god but you act like this

for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity

and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners;

we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean,

all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves

and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name

or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us

and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father;

we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) ***Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

03-December-2023 1st Sunday of Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	N/A
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	S Grinter	T O'Leary
Counting Team: P & L Hickey	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt	Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: M McKenzie			

10-December-2023 2nd Sunday of Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Kelson	N/A
11am: Camperdown	M Macaulay	M Saunders	C Conheady
Counting Team: P & L Hickey	Altar Camperdown: R Henry		
Church Cleaning: S Gillett/N Darcy	Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy		
Marian Statue: P & J Dwyer			

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