



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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St. Patrick's Church
Camperdown



St. Brendan's Church
67, Curdie St, Cobden



St. John's Church
53, High St, Lismore



Dear friends, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus. This celebration does not draw us away from the mystery of the Incarnation, but rather intensifies it. We focus on the son of God who, in becoming flesh and dwelling among us, becomes a member of the human family. Through Jesus, we become a family of God. Because we receive the adoption through the salvation which he won for us. In the gospel, Luke gives a story of the peaceful presentation of the child Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple. Mary and Joseph are shown as a couple steeped in the tradition and religiosity of the people.

Thus, Holy Family becomes a true model and source of comfort for all families of the world. This family underwent trials of poverty, persecution, and exile. They glorified God in fulfilling the will of God in their life. They had full trust in God's promises and surrendered themselves totally to God. Surely, they will not fail to help Christian families, indeed, all the families in the world, to be faithful to their day-to-day duties to bear witness to Jesus in their sufferings and to be open to God. Hence, they would be generous and careers towards the people like Jesus and thereby to build up the kingdom of God. So let us ask the Lord to give us the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may follow the example of the Holy Family and to give glory to God in what we say and do in our witnessing life. - Neville

Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Tues- Ss Basil & Gregory
Wed- St Genevieve
Thu- St Elizabeth Ann Seton
Fri- St John Neumann
Sat- St Andre Bessette

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and 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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Betty FitzGerald, Patricia Bouchier, Eileen Coulthard, John Fenton, Sylvia, Lutherborrow, Tom Lee, Eric Pole.

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.

Parish Notices

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed, or phoned into the Parish Office by noon Thursday.

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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: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly -Lismore)

The Feast of Holy Family. Year B. 31/12/2023

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

Thank you to all the Parishioners:

As we come to the end of this year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted in many ways during this year 2023 to deliver the spiritual care and nourishment to our Parishioners. Your support, love and care that helped to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and service of your kindness. I greatly appreciate your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the secretary of our parish, and Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committees of Timboon and Camperdown, all the volunteers who help do the Liturgy and music on every weekend. It gives me a great Joy and confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith in the new year and grow in the understanding of witnessing our life by words and deeds, to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you so much for activity involving in the Mission of the Church. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again for all the Christmas gifts, wishes and greetings cards you sent to me. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful Parish. May the good Lord bless and protect your family at this New Year. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and amazing New Year.

Wishes to all for a New Year,

**In this New Year, may God's blessings surround our family,
and may His light guide us towards a future filled with love,
happiness, and prosperity. Happy New Year!**

Bishop's Christmas Appeal:

We collected the amount of \$ 1,132.70 for Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your continued support for this annual Christmas Appeal.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$810.00 & Presbytery \$778.10. 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

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.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Significant Catholic People from your Parish

- In preparation for the Ballarat Diocese's 150-year Anniversary in 2024, the anniversary committee for the Mass of the Oils are searching for significant Catholics from your parish for a display to be presented in the Hall after the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 25, 2024. These people could be a well-known person who has achieved success in their chosen field or it could be someone who has left a legacy in your parish, as a benefactor, contributor or historian. Please provide names and supporting information and photo to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au before February 5, 2024.

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.

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

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8

(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! (R.)
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. (R.)
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22. 39-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In today's Gospel, Mary, having given birth, is regarded as ritually unclean. She could not take part in public worship until she was 'purified'. This involved offering up a couple of pigeons which she and Joseph had to buy.

No wonder that, at the Cleansing of the Temple, Jesus shatters the cages in which the pigeons were kept! He was angry with a Temple system which saw Mary that way, which thought of all women giving birth that way. Indeed, his whole ministry is full of instances when women breach religious and cultural taboos in his presence, because of his presence.

This Feast of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to thank God for our mothers who, like Mary, helped fulfil God's plan for humankind by birthing us into the world.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church changes rules and structures which confine women in cages built from ideologies foreign to the Gospel, lest those rules become swords which pierce Mary's soul.

31-December-2023	Holy Family	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Kelson	P Dwyer	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown		S Grinter	R Henry	H Seuren
Counting Team: A & N Powling			Altar Camperdown: S Swain G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: C Walsh			Altar Cobden: Kate Daffy	
Marian Statue: M Russell				
07-January-2024	The Epiphany	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		B Hammond	K Daffy	M McKenzie
11am: Camperdown		J Seuren	M Macaulay	M Macaulay
Counting Team: A & N Powling			Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner	
Church Cleaning: S & J Murfitt			Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond	
Marian Statue: P & M Smith				

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