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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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(LayAssembly-Timboon, Simpson)

Reading for next Sunday

1st Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10. 19

2nd Reading: Cor 6:13-15. 17-

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Gospel: John 1:35-42

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond!

They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child. Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

Fr Michael Tate

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.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Angela of Foligno

Tues- St Adrian of Canterbury

Wed- St Gregory of Nyssa

Thu- Bld William Carter

Fri- St Marguerite Bourgeoys

Sat- St Hilary of Poitiers

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: Mary Hickey, Marie Lane, Margaret Loving, Maria Steuten, Valerie Rantall, Dermot Lafferty, Tarcisio Rosolin, Michael Murray, Ted Howard (Porky), Robert Hose, Graeme Horan,

Parish Notices

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

George Swierczek:
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The Epiphany of the Lord. Year B. 07/01/2024

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

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!

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.

Plenary Council update: Church in Australia carrying forward its pursuit of synodality

One "particular grace" of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has been its encouragement of many initiatives in the Church across the country, according to a letter to the People of God prepared for the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the Church marked the end of the liturgical year, the letter provides an update on work carrying forward the Plenary Council's outcomes while awaiting the Holy See's formal recognition of the Council's decrees. Read the letter at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/plenary-council-2020/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
 for out of you will come a leader
 who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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			

14-January-2024 2 nd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	A Horan	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	M Smart	P Kingston
Counting Team: Smart Family	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: D Cheslett	Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: H & J Seuren			

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