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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)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

2nd Reading: 1Cor. 9:16-19.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Dear Friends, In today's gospel we see that Jesus starts his public ministry. The miracle which he performs attracts the people to his side, because he preaches with Authority and performs miracles with the power of God, unlike the Scribes. The man in the gospel is possessed by an unclean spirit, he needs help and healing from the dominion of evil spirits. So Jesus has compassion for the man and heals him. At the same time of course he didn't want to reveal his identity fully but to be recognized merely as a miracle worker. Jesus wishes people to come to him because of their faith in the miracles he performs and love for him.

At this time of our life journey, Jesus may also be telling us to be quiet. Enough of words, promises and resolutions. What Jesus demands from us now is our love, our commitment to our faith and our concrete actions. In His ministry Jesus didn't have any pointless arguments, no debates and discussions, but all he was doing was the will of God. What Jesus expects of us, are our caring actions towards the needy, our witness life and our actions of love and mercy. Let us take this call seriously and ask the Lord to give us the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil our Christian vocation faithfully and to lead the people to God by our concrete actions of showing mercy and love for the poor and needy in our life. -Neville

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 Aquilinus

Tues- St Martina

Wed- St John Bosco

Thu- St Brigid of Ireland

Fri- Presentation of the Lord

Sat- Ss Ansgar & Blaise

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: Ian Russell, Alice Perkins, Deborah Patterson, Graeme Patterson, Mervyn O'Neill, Dianne Pickles, Jean Mansbridge and Bertilla Carvarsan.

Parish Notices

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed, or phoned into the Parish Office by noon Thursday.
George Swierczek: 0439 145 805

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B. 28/01/2024

"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 \$560.00 & Presbytery \$437.55. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

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

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.
- Please see attached copies of the Mass of the Oils Flyer and the timeline of events for next year.

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 January – For the gift of diversity: Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gifts of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Liturgy Formation 2024

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is seeking interest from parishes for Liturgy Formation in 2024. Topics that are offered by the Commission include:

- Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion;
Scripture reflection; Funeral Ministry;
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Lectors; RCIA.

Can you please advise by return email to julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au:

1. If you believe that your parishioners would be interested in attending Liturgy Formation sessions;

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2. If your parish would be willing to host a Liturgy Formation session;
3. Preference of topics (2) from those listed above.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

28-January-2024	4th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		T Bricknell	G Kelson	N/A
11am: Camperdown		M Smart	J Saunders	S Gillett
Counting Team: H & J Seuren			Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins	
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt			Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond	
Marian Statue: B Hewitt				

04-February-2024	5th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Gleeson	M McKenzie	N/A
11am: Camperdown		R Henry	P Kingston	G Lucas
Counting Team: H & J Seuren			Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: S Gillett/N Darcy			Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson	
Marian Statue: M Ryan				

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