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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.

(Lay Assembly -Lismore)

Reading for the next Sunday

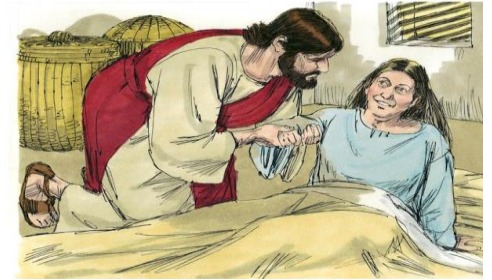
1st Reading: Lev 13:1-2. 44-46

2nd Reading: Cor 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mar1:40-45k

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that, Jesus visits the home of Simon and Andrew who have left everything and to follow Jesus. They told him that Simon's mother-in-law is sick with fever and Jesus heals her. She immediately waits on them, attending the needs of Jesus and his disciples. She thanks Jesus for the healing by her service. Besides Simon's mother-in-law, Jesus cures many people who are sick with various diseases and drives out many demons. Here we see that the people apart from Simon's mother-in-law, who received the healing didn't show their gratitude to Jesus and went away from Jesus. Are we not like those people who went away from Jesus once their needs were met? Jesus takes care of those whom we love. He attends to our worries and concerns about our families. Are we ready to sacrifice our time and talents for his service? Are we prepared to give up our comfort so that we can serve Jesus faithfully and dedicate ourselves to continue his mission on earth? We can't take things for granted. Let us take the example of Simon's mother-in-law. She received the healing from Jesus and expressed her gratitude by serving him and his disciples. So let us ask God, to give us his grace to serve and build up his kingdom in our day-to-day life. -Neville .



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Agatha

Tues- St Paul Miki & Companions

Wed- St Richard the King

Thu- Ss Josephine & Jerome

Fri- St Maron (Maronite)

Sat- Ss Jose Sanchez & Scholastica

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: Margaret Lucus

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Desmond Baker, Peter Ringelberg, Joseph Bradshaw, Damian Ryan, Bernard White, Amy Thomson, Richard Walsh, Joan Cromie.

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.
George Swierczek: 0439 145 805

"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 \$260.00 & Presbytery \$624.20. 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.

Notes about Holy Communion

Bishop Paul issued the following information for people of the diocese last year and this is still relevant:

Now that the Covid pandemic is less in the news, a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion. Some have proposed reintroducing options that were permitted before the pandemic, particularly receiving the host on the tongue and sharing the chalice.

Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, including the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. This has included advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Grampians Health Service and the Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Alfred Hospital. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern and that we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion.

I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. While reception of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine is a fuller sign of our sharing in the banquet of Christ, we can find reassurance in the teaching of the Council of Trent that the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained under each species. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ.

In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.

May our Communion draw us ever closer to Christ and strengthen our love and care for one another.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Ash Wednesday – 14th February Mass Times: Cobden (Tuesday 13th) 6.00 pm.
14th Wednesday – 9.00 am, Timboon, 11.00 am mass at St. Patrick's Church at Camperdown with the St. Patricks Primary School's staff and students.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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 C'down	D Daffy C McCarthy
Church Cleaning:		S Gillett/N Darcy	Altar Cobden:	Gayle Kelson
Marian Statue:		M Ryan		

11-February-2024	6th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		K Daffy	B Hammond	N/A
11am: Camperdown		C McCarthy	J Seuren	M Russell
Counting Team:		P & A Burke	Altar C'down	S Swayn G Lucas
Church Cleaning:		MRC	Altar Cobden:	Gayle Kelson
Marian Statue:		J Plain		

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