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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: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly -Lismore)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Dear Friends, In today's gospel we see another miracle like the one we had last weekend. Jesus cures a leper. A leper approached Jesus, knelt down and asked him to make him clean. Jesus was moved with pity and made him clean. Then he asked the man not to tell anyone but to go and show himself to the priest and make an offering as proof as Moses prescribed. He went away and began to tell everyone about his healing. Here Jesus does the unthinkable for a Rabbi. He interacts with the leper and stretches out his hand and touches him. His actions show his compassion and love for the leper. He heals the leper so he may be reinstated into the community as a child of God.

What Jesus seeks in us are not our mistakes, failures or sins but our contrition and desire to be healed and to become God's children. So to become as God's children we have to be like the leper in the gospel and seek Jesus with an expectant faith. We have to take the initiative and ask him to heal our hearts from bitterness, our minds from revenge, our lips from lies, our hands from hurting and our lives from selfishness. Let us ask like the Leper in the gospel, Lord "If you wish, Lord, you can make me clean". We also ask him to give his power and grace to live a life that is a proof of our inner healing. 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 Damian

Tues- St Julian of Lyons

Wed- Ash Wednesday

Thu- St Claude de la Colombiere

Fri- St Jeremy

Sat- The Seven Founders of Servites

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: Cath Savage

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nellie & Michael Brewer, Amanda Delaney, Adrianus Van de Wouw, Gerrard Thornton, Lawrance O'Neil Cornelius Twynstra, William Baird

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B. 11/02/2024

"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 \$326.00 & Presbytery \$485.20. 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.

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.

LENT STUDY 45-minute sharing to follow Friday masses during Lent. Beginning Friday Feb 16th. Print resource is A Resurrected Life, from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Andrew O'Flynn

World Day of the Sick – Sunday, February 11, 2024

There are some media resources available for World Day of the Sick – Sunday, February 11, 2024, at <https://www.popesprayer.va/>. Resources for Australia will be published next week and will be available from the diocesan website.

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 February: – **For the terminally ill:** Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Integrity in our Common Mission

I am writing you about the document, entitled Integrity in our Common Mission, which has recently been published by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. This document is a National Code of Conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in dioceses. The subjects covered in the Code of Conduct are; a Culture of Safeguarding, Positive Relationships, Stewardship and Lifelong Formation. I ask that you bring this document to the attention of all those engaged in parish ministry, including volunteers, as a model for behaviour in the exercise of their ministry.

An electronic version of this document is available on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website at www.catholic.au.

Kind regards, Michael

Mass to Launch Project Compassion 2024

Mass to launch Project Compassion 2024 will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be the Main Celebrant and will commission Student Leaders as Ambassadors for Caritas 2024. All welcome to attend.

Shrove Tuesday: St Paul's Anglican is inviting us For Shrove Tuesday on 13th of Feb 2024, at 11.30 am until 2.00 pm, St Paul's Church in Church Street. \$10.00 per head. Enquiries Ron Simcox 0419 372 469. Thank you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

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

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us;
 God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being.

| 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 Camperdown: S Swayn G Lucas | |
| Church Cleaning: MRC | | | Altar Cobden: Gayle Kelson | |
| Marian Statue: J Plain | | | | |

| 18-February-2024 | 1st Sunday Lent | Reader | P.O.F. | E/Minister |
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| 6.30pm: Cobden | | G Kelson | P Dwyer | N/A |
| 11am: Camperdown | | A O'Flynn | M Saunders | R Henry |
| Counting Team: P & A Burke | | | Altar Camperdown: No Flowers | |
| Church Cleaning: R Henry/ A Wynd | | | Altar Cobden: No flowers | |
| Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary | | | | |

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