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Dear Friends, The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the command. Jesus explains that they cancel God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be showered by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and interpretations for what God requires. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah, where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honouring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them. Jesus points his listeners to the source of evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive. God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Ingrid of Sweden
Tues- St Gregore, Pope
Wed- Ss Rosalia & Boniface
Thu- St Teresa of Calcutta
Fri- St Donatian
Sat- St Regina

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlson, Brian Wain.
(the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Margaret Lowe, Veronica Carroll, Ellen Dolan, Marjorie Burnett, Neville Vagg, Edith Potter, Petronella Van de Wouw.
Mary Carroll. (The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

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 – Timboon, Simpson)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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

22nd Sunday IN Ordinary, Time. Year – B. 01/09/2024

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

Hope Father's Day brings you some time to relax and geek out in your favourite ways.

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. The flyer is also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal – This weekend

The BCSF Collection for Retired Priests will be held this weekend. Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. A credit card facility is available for your convenience and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Collectors, please take a Special collection. Thanks

Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Registration will be required to attend.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3, 2024

Planning for the final issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2024 is underway and we invite your contributions. The focus for this year will be the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat with the theme Community – Remember, Revitalise & Hope which reflects various aspects of the anniversary, along with the scripture passage, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12) that considers diverse elements of our vocation as a Christian community. We look forward to you sharing your stories with these concepts in mind. We are hoping also to gather stories and examples of new initiatives and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school communities and agencies. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning October 14 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, September 6. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications. Julie & Jane, for the ODC Editorial Committee.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

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Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1](#)

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: [James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [James 1:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your

disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is ‘words spoken in truth’. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a ‘church’ wedding because it is a religious event, or because ‘that’s the way we have always done it’? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

1 Sept 2024 22nd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	N/A
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	R Henry	G Lucas
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: S Swayn/G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: Robert L		Altar Cobden: J Dwyer	
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey			

8 Sept 2024 23rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	K Daffy	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	S Grinter	R Henry
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: M Russell/A Gardner	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: J Dwyer	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady			

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