



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday:** 6.30pm -Cobden

**Sunday:** 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-

Simpson

9am 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Lismore

9am 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Baruch 5:1-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philip 1:3-6.8-11

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent and a new liturgical year for the church. Advent means 'coming'. It is Jesus who comes, not to bring despair and destruction, disaster and misery, but to dispel fear and anxiety in our hearts. The images used in the gospel are scenes from an eschatological language where good will eventually triumph over evil. They warn us against being hardhearted. Let us ask ourselves and reflect on these questions, are we preoccupied with too much eating, drinking and partying? Are we obsessed with making money? Do we give a thought at all to Jesus and to our spiritual life?

Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts. The season of Advent challenges us to welcome Jesus in the persons of other people, family members, strangers and friends, and to acknowledge his presence in our work, in our dealings with other people, even in our household tasks. We are reminded to pay attention to Jesus, to get busy with him and for him. Let not today's news about natural calamities, disasters, violence and wars prompt us to think that the end of the world is approaching soon. Let us not be deceived. We need not be afraid. We may ask why? Because Jesus will come to liberate us from all the tribulations. His coming brings a message of love and leads us into his glory. Hence the season of Advent delivers hope that Jesus would come in glory. We have to be vigilant at all times to read the signs of the time and act accordingly to meet Jesus and enter into His glory -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. Bibiana

Tues- St Francis Xavier

We- Ss Barbara & John

Thu- St Philip Rinaldi

Fri- St Nicholas

Sat- St Ambrose

**Pray for the Sick:**

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford and 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: Murray Kelson, Maurice Walsh, Thomas Baker, Lorraine King, Robert Skeyhill, John Evans, Margaret Lafferty Paricia Egan.

(The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

**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

**1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent. Year – c. 01/12/2024.**

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

**Welcome and congratulations to Fr Cay Trinh on his Ordination to the Priesthood:**

We as the parish community offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to Fr. Cay Trinh who was received into the priesthood on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2024.

We welcome Fr. Cay along with his parents to our parish this weekend. We thank him and wish him all the best in his spiritual Journey as a servant of God. May the Holy Spirit guide and empower him in his priestly ministry in our diocese.

**Christmas Mass Times at Camperdown and Timboon parishes:**

24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Vigil mass 600 pm at Timboon and Cobden. Camperdown Vigil mass – 8.00 pm.

25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Christmas Day only at Lismore 8.30 am.

Reconciliation Rites: 15<sup>th</sup> of December at Timboon, 21<sup>st</sup> of December at Cobden and 22<sup>nd</sup> of December Lismore and Camperdown. The Reconciliation Rite will be held during the celebration of the weekend masses.

**Christmas Mass times at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Terang)**

24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Vigil mass at Terang - 5.00 pm and Mortlake – 7.00 pm

25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Christmas Day mass at Terang - 9.00 am.

**Holy Communion by both species of bread and wine**

**We are giving out communion under the appearance of bread and wine on every weekend.**

If you feel unwell or have any symptom of any sickness or feel uncomfortable by receiving communion by both species of bread and wine, feel free to take your alternative means to receive the Eucharist. **The Eucharist ministers who are on the roster every weekend, who are not willing to consume the Blood of Christ at the end of giving out the Communion, please advise the celebrant before the Mass starts.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**The Annual MRC Car Raffle, 2024**

1st Prize is a MG ZS Excite, with 8 more fantastic prizes.

\$20 per ticket. Tickets at [www.mercy.vic.edu.au](http://www.mercy.vic.edu.au), ph 5593 2011, at some local shops and events or Camperdown Mass in every weekend.

**International Volunteer Day 2024: Thursday, December 5**

Within our parish communities are many volunteers who provide their talents and time to contribute to the mission of our churches. We thank God for these people who continue to strive to make our parishes a place of welcome and prayer.

**International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) - December 3, 2024**

The day is held annually on December 3 all over the world. It celebrates and raises awareness of people with disability. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Disability Projects Office has prepared a range of helpful media resources for the celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disability <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/International-Day-of-People-with-Disability>

The goal is to achieve inclusion of people with disability in all aspects of community life. What Does Catholic Social Teaching say about Disability?

1. It is not so much the impairment but the ignorance, intolerance, injustice, and exclusion that undermines the dignity and humanity of disabled people.
2. People with a disability are not just the object of care but the agents of their own life. They need to be heard.
3. We must recognise the vast diversity of the disabled experience.
4. Inclusion requires that people with disability have an equal opportunity to be recognised, accepted and make their own contribution to the common good.

SOURCE: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/International-Day-of-People-with-Disability>

## Lay Led Assembly Resources

Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Advent, the Christmas Season 2024 and Sundays 2-8 in Ordinary Time Year C 2025 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading:** [Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

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

### **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1](#)

**(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** [1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2](#)

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Psalm 84:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** [Luke 21:25-28. 34-36](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man

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

## **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope. The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest. What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

<b>1st December 1st Sunday Advent</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	A Horan	B Hammond	G Gleeson
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	J Gardner	M Smart	T O' Leary
<b>Counting Team: Smart Family</b>	<b>Altar Camperdown: M Russell/A Gardner</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning: M &amp; J Saunders</b>	<b>Altar Cobden: K Daffy</b>		
<b>Marian Statue: B Hewitt</b>			
<b>8th December 2nd Sunday Advent</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	J Dwyer	J Dwyer	J Dwyer
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	M Smart	M Saunders	H Seuren
<b>Counting Team: P &amp; L Hickey</b>	<b>Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy /J Delaney</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning: B Hewitt</b>	<b>Altar Cobden: K Daffy</b>		
<b>Marian Statue: F &amp; C Conheady</b>			

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