



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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: Zepha 3:14-18

2nd Reading: Philip 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that the historical record of the time is very remarkable. The names are all political and religious personalities, the Roman emperor, the governor, the tetrarchs and the high priests. They are big names in the Judean world. Then comes the name John. He has no title, no position or no great credential. He is just the son of Zechariah. He comes from the desert. His origins are humble, in contrast to the prominent figures whose areas of jurisdiction are mentioned.

Though he was not a prominent figure, he receives the highest compliment. He is given the best credentials: the word of God comes to him. Like John, we are also a simple personality. What we are in the society, what we possess, does not promise that the word of God will find a place in our lives. Our position does not necessarily qualify us to bear God's message.

John was a simple, humble and God-fearing person. Because of that the word of God came to him and he became the voice of God. He speaks about Jesus and proclaims his coming. He carries his mission in simplicity and faithfulness to God. To welcome the word of God and to become his voice, we should strive to be like John, simple, humble and God fearing. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to give the heart and mind Jesus so that we may be able to prepare ourselves and to welcome Jesus into our midst. -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- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary
Tues- Ss Gergory & Angelina
We- St Damasus I, Pope
Thu- Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fri- St John of the Cross

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: Fr Terry

Bowman MSC (Brother of Gerard Bowman)

Anniversaries We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Betty Beccles, Christopher Faye, Leonard Fahey, Tom Lee, Eric Poole
(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

"**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:

We welcome the child Emerson along with her parents Jessica and Adam Courtney who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism into our St. Patrick's Parish Faith Community this weekend.

Congratulations and best wishes for her faith journey along with her parents and Godparents.

Christmas Mass Times at Camperdown and Timboon parishes:

24th Tuesday Vigil mass 600 pm at Timboon and Cobden. Camperdown Vigil mass – 8.00 pm.

25th Wednesday Christmas Day only at Lismore 8.30 am.

Reconciliation Rites: 15th of December at Timboon, 21st of December at Cobden and 22nd 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)

24th Tuesday Vigil mass at Terang - 5.00 pm and Mortlake – 7.00 pm

25th Wednesday Christmas Day mass at Terang - 9.00 am.

Holy Communion by both species of bread and wine

We give out communion under the appearance of bread and wine 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.

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.

High Court Judgement – Message from Bishop Paul

I would be grateful if you could share the message with your parishioners. This might be, for example, through your parish bulletin. The message explains the practice of the Diocese in providing compensation to those who have suffered abuse by Church personnel. There has been renewed discussion of this issue following a recent judgement of the High Court of Australia. Thank you for your help in sharing this message. The text of the message is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/high-court-judgement/>

The New Appointment to the Parish of Gariwerd, by Bishop Paul.

Hello Everyone,

Following consultations over the past few weeks, I am pleased to announce an appointment to the parish of Gariwerd. This appointment is in view of Fr Andrew Hayes' forthcoming move to Colac. From January 15, 2025, Fr Neville Stanislaus, currently Parish Priest of Camperdown and Timboon and Administrator of the Parish of Hampden, will become Parish Priest of Gariwerd. I thank Fr Neville for his current service and his willingness to take up the new assignment.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Baruch 5:1-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Baruch

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and environmentally friendly Parish

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 125. R. v.3](#)

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading: [Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Luke 3:4. 6](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Luke 3:1-6](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary. John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony. The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

8 th December 2 nd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	J Dwyer	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	M Smart	M Saunders	H Seuren
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy /J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: K Daffy	
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady			

15 th December 3 rd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	T Bricknell	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	R Henry	M Smart
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: K Daffy	
Marian Statue: J Fry			

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