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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: Simpson: 9.00 am

Camperdown: 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

-Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Dear Friends, Today, the gospel reading presents to us the family of Jesus. The message focuses on the family's relationship. Mary and Joseph rejoice at the finding of Jesus in the temple. This same message echoes in the second reading as well. Hence, the Holy Family teaches that those who trust in God can trust one another in the family. Joseph and Mary are experiencing a missing of their beloved child which causes them anxiety. In the moment of realising that they were missing their child, they make the united effort to look for the lost child. Neither do they blame each other, nor do they lament the situation. They handle the situation with a heart of serenity. We see that they found him after three days in the temple, they were overwhelmed. They told him that they have been looking for him anxiously for three days and Jesus replied to them with a counter question. Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? Even then Joseph and Mary stay composed. Being serene and composed in the face of challenges, is a very important quality that every parent and leader should have. In our celebration, let us ask the Lord to strength our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be able to face all the challenges like Mary and Joseph in our day-to-day life.

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 John Alcober

Tues- St Sylvester I, Pope.

Wed- Mary the Mother of the Lord

Thu- Ss Basil and Gregory

Fri- St Genevieve

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford; Brian Wain and Julie Karlsen (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:

Ted (Porky) Howard, James Hose, Gladys O'Neil, Tracey McLeod, Marie McKeown, Kevin Code,

(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

The Feast of the Holy Family. Year – C. 29/12/2024.

"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:

We welcome Tarryn Delaney and with her two children Agatha Lea and George Benjamin who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism into our Parish Faith Community this weekend. Congratulations and best wishes for Tarryn and her children on their faith journey along with their Godparents. We as a community of faith pledge our prayers and support them as they take their first step into witness Jesus in their life

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.

58th World Day of Peace – January 1, 2025

- Pope Francis' message for the 58th World Day of Peace is "Forgive Us Our Trespasses, Grant Us Your Peace". He calls for wealthy countries to cancel the debt of poorer countries and develop a just international financial system, for the death penalty to be abolished everywhere and for, at least, a fixed percentage of armament budgets to be devoted to ending hunger and providing education for a sustainable future. Read the Pope's message at <https://shorturl.at/6DZCp>. There is a bulletin notice below and Pope Francis Prayer for peace.
- Parishes are invited to use the following prayer: For the leaders of all nations, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to govern with integrity and justice and offer support to all those who are suffering from the effects of violent conflict. On this World Day of Peace, may their efforts be just and right. God or Peace hear us... God of Peace hear our prayer.

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.

- Prayer for December - For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. Lord, hear us.
- Prayer for January – For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Lord, hear us.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal: your contribution towards this Appeal is \$1,239.65. Thank you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14](#)

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother

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is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1](#)

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading: [Colossians 3:12-21](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Colossi 3:15. 16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Luke 2:41-52](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they

went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about *my* Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church. We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

29 th December Holy Family	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
Cobden	K Daffy	A Horan	J Dwyer
Camperdown	C McCarthy	R Henry	S Grinter
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/M Larkins	
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: K Daffy	
Marian Statue: M Brown			

5 January 2025 Epiphany	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	P Dwyer	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	P Kingston	R Henry
Counting Team: H & J Seuren		Altar Camperdown: S Swayn/G Lucas	
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: J Hammond	
Marian Statue: R & M Larkins			

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