



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Friends,

John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses. The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory, and his wrath against sin and evil. Fire can also be a sign of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. God's fire both purifies and cleanses us, and burns within us a passionate love, holy desire, and reverent fear of God and his word.

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be burning lights pointing others to Jesus. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. -Neville



### Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Hilary of Poitiers  
Tues- The infant Jesus of Prague  
Wed- St Paul the Hermit  
Thu- St Joseph Vaz  
Fri- St Anthony of Egypt  
Sat- St Ammonius

### Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford; Brian Wain, Julie Karlsen and Lilly Cain  
(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:  
Betty FitzGerald, Annie Whelan, Marie Lane, Margaret Loving, Maria Steuten, Graeme Horan, Valerie Rantall, and Robert Hose,  
(The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

### 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: Timboon: 9.00 am**

Camperdown: 11.00 am

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

### Reading for the next Sunday

**1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor12:4-11**

**-Gospel: John 2:1-11**

**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

**The Baptism of the Lord. Year – C. 12/01/2025.**

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

**Thank you to all the Parishioners:**

As we just started this New Year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted in many ways during the past year 2024 to deliver the spiritual care and nourishment to our Parishioners. Your support, love and care that helped to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and service of your kindness. I greatly appreciate your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the secretary of our parish, and Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committees of Timboon and Camperdown, all the volunteers who help do the Liturgy and music on every weekend. It gives me a great Joy and confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith in this new year and grow in the understanding of witnessing our life by words and deeds, to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you so much for activity involving in the Mission of the Church. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again for all the Christmas gifts, wishes and greetings cards you sent to me. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful Parish. May the good Lord bless and protect your family throughout this New Year. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and amazing New Year.

**My Farewell Message.**

Thank you all for being supportive and cooperative, caring and heling me in many ways to fulfill my ministry. There is no word to explain how sad I am to leave this wonderful parish, that I loved. I will always cherish our time together and the memories we have made. I have enjoyed my time here, but it is time for a next challenge. I wish you all the best and every blessing from God.

**The appointment of a Parish Priest for the Parishes of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden from Our Bishop Paul Bird.**

Hello Everyone,

Following consultations over the past few weeks, I am pleased to announce an appointment to the parishes of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden. This appointment is in view of Fr Neville Stanislaus' forthcoming move to Gariwerd.

From March 1, 2025, Fr George Kuruvila Koorumullumpurayidam MST, currently Co-Pastor of the Western Border Parish, will become Parish Priest of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden.

I thank Fr George for his current service and his willingness to take up the new assignment.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul.

**The arrangements for Camperdown & Timboon by the Vicar General**

As per Bishop Paul's announcement Fr. George Kuruvilla takes effect on the weekend of 1st / 2nd March 2025. Pending his arrival the following interim arrangements have been put in place upon the departure of Neville on Sunday 12th January 2025

18th / 19th January	Fr. Gary Jones
25th / 26th January	Fr. Gary Jones
1st / 2nd February	Fr. Eugene McKinnon
8th / 9th February	Fr. Eugene McKinnon
15th / 16th February	Fr. Eugene McKinnon
22nd / 23rd February	Fr. Eugene McKinnon

In light of Neville's immanent departure, the above arrangements are communicated in a timely manner to the parishioners of Camperdown and Timboon.

Kind Regards, Fr. Marcello Colasante (Vicar General)

**The Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> of January**

A combined meeting of Parish Council and Finance committee will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> of January at 10.30 am at the Mercy Reginald college's Library.

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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading:** [Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.  
He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.  
Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.  
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the  
hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of  
the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

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

## **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11](#)

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

## **Second Reading:** [Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

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

## **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [See Mark 9:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

## **Gospel:** [Luke 3:15-16. 21-22](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The optional readings for this feast recapitulate the themes of the entire Advent-Christmas season. Within the Christian tradition the voice that announces the future events is associated with John the Baptist. However, the reading itself proclaims the coming and manifestation of the Lord, clearly an Advent theme. The gospel reading from Luke moves us from anticipation of the coming of the messiah to fulfillment of God's promise. This theme of fulfillment is at the heart of the Christmas message. In the baptism narrative we see that Jesus has come into our midst, not only as a helpless infant, but as our anointed messiah. There is a dimension to this same gospel reading that opens us to a future yet to be fully realized in our lives. The one upon whom the Spirit descends has come to baptize us in that same Spirit.

The reading from Titus is similar to the gospel. Both herald the appearance of Jesus and promise a future fulfilment for us. Renewed by the Spirit, we will be justified and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The readings clearly announce that: the Lord is coming; the Lord has come; the Lord will continue to come to and through us into the whole world. Under all of this rings the melody of God's creative power as seen in the Psalm response. In view of the Isaian passage, God promises to create something new in the wilderness of chaos. There the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

<b>12-January-2025</b> Baptism of the Lord	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	B Hammond	K Daffy	G Gleeson
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	J Gardner	M Macaulay	G Lucas
<b>Counting Team: H &amp; J Seuren</b>	<b>Altar Camperdown: M Russell/A Gardner</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning: Robert L</b>	<b>Altar Cobden:</b>		
<b>Marian Statue: M Macauley</b>			

<b>19-January-2025</b> 2nd Sunday O.T.	<b>Reader</b>	<b>P.O.F.</b>	<b>E/Minister</b>
<b>6.30pm: Cobden</b>	A Horan	G Gleeson	J Dwyer
<b>11am: Camperdown</b>	S Grinter	R Henry	M Maca
<b>Counting Team: P &amp; A Burke</b>	<b>Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy</b>		
<b>Church Cleaning: D Cheslett</b>	<b>Altar Cobden:</b>		
<b>Marian Statue: M Russell</b>			

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