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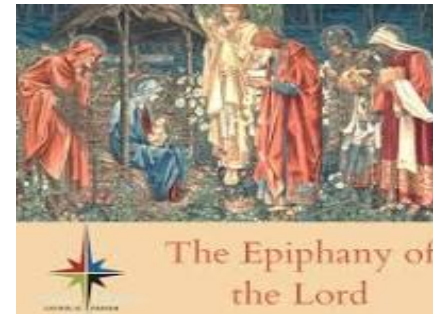
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Dear Friends, Through this feast the Church proclaims the revelation of God to the whole world. God reveals and makes Himself accessible to all men and women. Everyone, without exception, can come to God anytime and anywhere. This feast invites us to reflect on two truths of life. First, life is a call. Everyone is called, no one is excluded. God wants all people to be saved and calls us from our old life of darkness of sin into a new life with Him. But if we, like the king of Herod, we hold on to power, comfort and convenience, prestige and popularity, we will turn a deaf ear to God's call.

Second one is, life is a journey to God. Who always makes it easy for us to find Him. God gives us directions but leaves us free to use these. God provides a star to light and guide our path to Him. Unfortunately, there are other "Stars" attractive and worldly like, power, wealth, success and popularity – that could lead us astray. These can cloud our vision and keep us from seeing the true star that leading us back to the heavenly Father.

-Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Andre Bessette

Tues- St Raymond of Penyafort

Wed- St Atticus of

Constantinople

Thu- St Julian & Companions

Fri- Bl Anna of the Angels

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, Eileen Coulthard, John Fenton, Patricia Bouchier, Sylvia Lutherborrow, Mary Hicky and Dermot Lafferty.

(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 – Lismore)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6,7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

-Gospel: Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

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 Epiphany of the Lord. Year – C. 05/01/2025.

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

A Farewell:

Gathering for Fr. Neville on 11th January 2025 after the 6.30 pm Mass, at Brendan's Church, Cobden. All welcome.

Paul Dwyer, (The President for the Parish Pastoral Committee)

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.

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.

Melbourne Summer School of Evangelisation: 6 - 12 January 2025

Summer School of Evangelisation is a week-long Catholic retreat for 17-35 year olds hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Community. Summer School is a place to encounter the living God, who desires a personal relationship with you. It's a journey of opening up to God's love, mercy and healing, making (or renewing) a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, surrendering to the loving action of the Holy Spirit and being empowered to be witnesses of hope and joy in our world today. The week includes times of communal and personal prayer, including daily Adoration, chanting the liturgy of the hours, daily Mass, rosary, and praise and worship; keynote talks, lecture series and practical workshops; sharing in small groups and times of recreation to connect with one another. Registrations are now open. More details at ssemelbourne.org.au. Enquiries to melbourne.sse@gmail.com.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to

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your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your
heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of
the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and
dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11](#)

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: [Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Matthew 2:2](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet

wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world. There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

| 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: TBA | | |
| Marian Statue: R & M Larkins | | | |

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

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