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This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance.

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden.

The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own 'mission statement' is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.....Greg Sunter



Saints and Feasts:

- Mon- St Angela Merici
- Tues-St Thomas Aquinas
- Wed- Brother Juniper
- Thu- Bld Mary Truszkowska
- Fri- St John Bosco
- Sat- St Ansgar

Pray for the Sick:

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

Recent Death & Anniversaries

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Deborah Patterson, Jean Mansbridge, Graeme Patterson, Dianne Pickles, Bertilla Carvasan, Mervyn O'Neill and Jamie Beasley (The names won't appear automatically unless by prior 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: Simpson: 9.00 am
Camperdown: 11.00 am
(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Reading for next Sunday

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
2nd Reading: Hebrews
2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40/2:22-32

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

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

Prayer for Australia Day

Blessed be God, for this ancient and beautiful land - a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood.

We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land

and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice. Amen.

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

Fr. Gary Jones 18th / 19th January 25th / 26th January

Fr. Eugene McKinnon 1st / 2nd February 8th / 9th February, 15th / 16th February, 22nd / 23rd February

Kind Regards, Fr. Marcello Colasante (Vicar General)

The Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee Meeting on 29th of January

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

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

- Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.
- Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards will be provided to parishes and schools.
- A hymn has also been written for the Jubilee Year and can be accessed from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/> or the Jubilee Year website <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>
- The National Centre for Evangelisation have prepared resources for parishes and individuals for the 36 events that will be acknowledged throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. These resources can be accessed from the diocesan website.

Advance Notice of dates 2025

- Rite of Election – Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.
- Mass of the Oils – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Saint Mary MacKillop's 30th Anniversary of Beatification

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's beatification with a free commemorative prayer book, "Flourish with Mary's Heart", written by the Sisters of St Joseph. The book is available at <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/for-churches/prayer-book>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water

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Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Shorter form

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

26-January-2025 3rd Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	M Smart	C McCarthy	T O'Leary
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: M & J Saunders		Altar Cobden:	
Marian Statue: P & J Dwyer			

2-February-2025 Lord's Presentation	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Kelson	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	A O'Flynn	H Seuren
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: G Kelson	
Marian Statue: H & J Seuren			

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