



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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown: 11.00 am
(Lay Assembly – Timboon, Simpson)

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.....© Dianne Bergant CSA



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Blaise

Tues-St Joseph of Leonissa

Wed- St Agatha

Thu- St Paul Miki &

Companions

Fri- St Colette

Sat- St Josephine Bakhita

Pray for the Sick:

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

Recent Death & Anniversaries

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Desmond Baker, Margaret Lucas (Ellen), Peter Ringelberg, Damian Ryan and Jamie Beasley (The names won't appear automatically unless by prior notice)

Reading for next Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5: 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 Presentation of the Lord Year C 2/02/2025.

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

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

Kind Regards, Fr. Marcello Colasante (Vicar General)

Word of God Sunday: February 9, 2025

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on February 9 this year. A number of resources have been developed to commemorate Word of God Sunday <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>.

Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel: February 8-9, 2025

The Church recognises that military personnel can contribute enormously to the stability of our world and to the establishment of peace. This Jubilee will celebrate the efforts all members of the armed forces and police, municipal police, security operators, veterans, military associations, military academies, chaplaincies and military ordinariates provide for peace. Further resources on the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel is available from the diocesan

website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

Prayer for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

Lord our God, we thank you for the service and sacrifice of all who have made possible the freedom we enjoy and the heritage we have been given. We commend to you all who serve our nation in the Armed Forces, Police and Security. Shelter them in danger, and in time of peace keep them from all evil. For ourselves, we pray that you will help us to persevere in loyalty and courage and grant us to be worthy of those who have gone before us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 February - for vocations to the priesthood and religious life: *Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking: February 8

Pope Francis has designated February 8, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. The theme for 2025 is "Ambassadors of Hope: Together Against Human Trafficking". ACRATH invites you to join the online "Marathon of Prayer" to help end human trafficking and slavery <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayer/>

Prayer for the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human

Trafficking *God of freedom, we pray that all people can journey through life with dignity. We pray especially for those who are forced to live in slavery and captivity, people who are treated as objects, people whose humanity is crushed day in and day out.*

We remember St Josephine Bakhita who died on February 8, 1947. She was stolen by people traders from her home in Darfur at the age of 8 and forced to live for years as a slave. She said, "The Lord has loved me so much; we must love everyone. We must be compassionate."

Josephine's story draws our attention to the thousands, if not millions, who live as slaves in our time. May our compassion lead us to action. As Moses led slaves to freedom, may we too listen, dream and act, for an end to human trafficking and for peace and justice to reign on earth. Amen. <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/prayer-against-human-trafficking/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)
3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. (R.)

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins.

That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

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Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Shorter form

Luke 2:22-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

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

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			

09-February-2025 5th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	P Dwyer	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	P Kingston	R Henry
Counting Team: P & J Dwyer	Altar Camperdown: L Hickey/M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: R Henry	Altar Cobden: G Kelson		
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary			

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