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Dear Friends

If John had been an ordinary man he would not have been noticed. He was no ordinary man, he was extraordinary, he was eccentric in his clothing, in his diet, in his manners, in his talk. If John had been a mere eccentric, nobody would have come to him in the way people came to him. He talked about something they recognized; he talked about something that bothered them; he talked in a sense like they talked, but he talked about it with a difference. John added something, John changed something, John changed all. John said; there is *hope*. John said: *you can change*. John said: *someone else is going to come*.

Jesus too came to him. Jesus did not come to hear the laments; Jesus did not come to hear the moanings; Jesus came because of the *hope* John talked about.

That *hope* in itself, that *hope* on its own was already a new start, the beginning of an alternative world.

That is why he went to John, that is why he stepped into the bitter water of this world. He bent his head, John took his shell, the cup or the saucer he baptised with, and suddenly that little light in all of them, that little *hope* burst into glory.

A voice was heard: *this is my son*, and the new creation started.

That newness will start in us when we too have sufficient *hope to see the light*, to see what Jesus saw: that wavering flame in us, a flame he is not going to quench, a flame he is willing to feed for ever and ever.....Joseph.G.Donders.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

9am 4th Sun. Derrinallum

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

Sunday: 11 am Camperdown.

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday: 9am Cobden

(2nd Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

2nd Thurs. 10.30 Sunny Side

Friday: 9.30am Camperdown

When there is a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled.

Mass times next weekend

Sat 6.30pm Cobden

Sun 9 am Timboon

Sun 11 am Camperdown

Next weekend's Readings

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Jn 2:1-11

Saints and Feasts

Mon – St. Gregory

Tues – St. Paul The Hermit

Wed – St. Berard & Companions

Thur – St Anthony of Egypt

Fri – St. Charles of Sezze

Pray for the Sick:

Anne-Marie Seabright, Brian Wain, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Sue Henderson, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren. Theresa Gittany, Michael Smith.

Collections

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support. Last week you generously gave Envelope collection – \$274.00 Presbytery collection – \$472.25

Anniversaries of Deaths

Graeme Horan, Valerie Rantall, Robert Hose, Jean Forster, Ann Buckle, Dennis Power

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, 13th January - 2019.

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

The turning point: His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First it was a moment of identification with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. (As given in the anecdotes, St. Damien, Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta), Gandhi, and Mandela identified with the people whom they served). **Second**, it was a moment of conviction about his identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation to Israel, and eventually to us, and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father's words, "This is my beloved Son," taken from Psalm 2:17, revealed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "with whom I am well pleased," from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. **Third**, it was a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His beloved Son.....Fr Tony Kadavil

Welcome to Father Bill Melican who will be celebrating Masses in our parish this weekend.

Best Wishes to Darren and Freya Egberts and family. Thank you for your caring time while you were in Camperdown. With all the best for your new post.

Thank You to all the parishioners of St Brendan's Cobden for your contributions to the Christmas Appeal.

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

Plenary Council 2020 - Hearing your Voice

The Plenary Council 2020 received more than 2000 submissions during November, matching the number of responses the landmark process had received in the previous five months combined. According to the latest figures from the National Centre for Pastoral Research, more than 31,000 people have shared their stories and engaged with the Plenary Council since the Listening and Dialogue stage launched at Pentecost in late May. Most of the 1300 groups, some of several hundred people, to have responded took part in a Listening and Dialogue Encounter, which is grounded in prayer and contemplation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Is 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,

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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.

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 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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand for the gospel acclamation) See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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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.

(R) Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.' Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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13th Jan – Baptism of the Lord	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	E Downs	K Daffy	Gleeson family	C Jehu, J Blair, G Gleeson
9am Lismore	L Johnstone	K Bell		D Halloran
11am Camperdown	J Seuren	M Macaulay	A O'Flynn	R Johnstone, G Lucas, S Grinter
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: M Russell(G)/A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: A Scott		
Marion Statue: H & J Seuren		Altar Lismore: D Halloran		

20th Jan - 2nd Sun Ord	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	P Dwyer	G Gleeson	G Kelson	J & P Dwyer, J Blair
9am Lismore layled	G Keating	G Keating		B Marquand
11am Camperdown	M Smart	M Lucas	McKenzie family	M McKenzie, H Hickey, J Ryan
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie		Altar Camperdown: S Swayne/G Lucas		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: A Scott		
Marion Statue: M Spokes		Altar Lismore: D Halloran		

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