



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)

Reading for the next Sunday

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrew 10:5-10

-Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that John the Baptist was preaching to the people and asking them to repent from their sinful ways. The people expressed their willingness to repent and asked him what should we do? He replied to the people according to their positions they hold in their life. He told them openly to share with the people who have nothing to eat or wear. Then he told the tax collectors to stop collecting more than what is prescribed. To the soldiers he told them not to blackmail or accuse falsely anyone and be satisfied with their wages.

Today as we prepare to welcome Jesus into our midst like the Jewish people, the people's question should become ours too. The answer of John the Baptist is very realistic and down-to-earth. He does not tell the people to undertake lavish projects or build churches. He recommends his listeners to be honest and lead a good life. He puts emphasis on practical self-giving through sharing. Let us ask ourselves, what does the answer of John tell us? We are to be content with what is sufficient. Let there be moderation in our desires and needs, no more accumulation of unnecessary material things. Let the authority and power be used justly for the service of the community, no abuse of position or common wealth. Treat the people with much dignity and respect. Let us observe this in our life to welcome Jesus into our hearts. -Neville

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.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Adelaide

Tues- St Florian

We- St Peter Truat

Thu- St Darius

Fri- St Dominic of Silos

Sat- St Peter Canisius

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford and Brian Wain.

(the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

Recent Death: Fr Terry Bowman MSC

Anniversaries We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Lee, Eric Poole, Winifred O'Keeffe, Danny Shaw, Brian Reed, Len Fahey.

(The names won't appear automatically Unless by notice)

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

3rd Sunday of Advent. Year – C. 15/12/2024.

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

Christmas Mass Times at Camperdown and Timboon parishes:

24th Tuesday Vigil mass 600 pm at Timboon and Cobden. Camperdown Vigil mass – 8.00 pm.

25th Wednesday Christmas Day only at Lismore 8.30 am.

Reconciliation Rites: 15th of December at Timboon, 21st of December at Cobden and 22nd of December Lismore and Camperdown. The Reconciliation Rite will be held during the celebration of the weekend masses.

Christmas Mass times at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Terang)

24th Tuesday Vigil mass at Terang - 5.00 pm and Mortlake – 7.00 pm

25th Wednesday Christmas Day mass at Terang - 9.00 am.

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.

Lay Led Assembly Resources

Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Advent, the Christmas Season 2024 and Sundays 2-8 in Ordinary Time Year C 2025 have been emailed/mailed to contacts.

Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members area.

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 will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican on December 24, 2024 to begin the year. On the following Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Holy Door of the Pope’s Cathedral, St John Lateran, will be opened. Then on January 1, 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, January 5, 2025 will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Pope Francis has decreed that on Sunday, December 29, 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, using the ritual indications that will be provided for that occasion. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am on this day. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, December 28, 2025. The doors of St John Lateran, the Basilica of St Mary Major and the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls will also close on this date.

•Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards will be provided to parishes and schools in the new year.

•A hymn has also been written for the Jubilee Year and can be accessed at 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>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: [Zephaniah 3:14-18](#)

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

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

Responsorial Psalm: [Is 12:2-6 R. v.6](#)

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading: [Philippians 4:4-7](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* [Isaiah 61:1 \(Lk 4:18\)](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: [Luke 3:10-18](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the

same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

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. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philipians announces that the LORD is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birth pangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

15 th December 3 rd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	T Bricknall	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	R Henry	M Smart
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: K Daffy	
Marian Statue: J Fry			

22 nd December 4 th Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	G Kelson	G Gleeson
11am: Camperdown	R Henry	A O'Flynn	M Russell
Counting Team: A & N Powling		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy	
Church Cleaning: N Powling		Altar Cobden: K Daffy	
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney			

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