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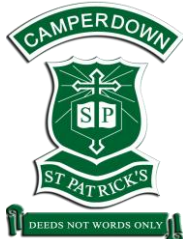
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Dear Friends, The gospel narrative is the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. It is a picture of happiness. Mary shares her joy with Elizabeth and rejoices in her cousin's forthcoming motherhood. The trip is long and tiresome, but Mary does not mind the inconvenience. What concerns her is the well-being of her cousin. For Mary, the visit is a mission of caring for her cousin. She is bringing God's love and mercy to Elizabeth in her moment of need. Hence, Mary's visit to her cousin calls us to reflect on our mission towards the poor and needy. Mary recognizes her cousin's helplessness due to her old age. She offers herself to help without any request. This shows Mary's humility. Though she was chosen by God to be the mother of the long awaited "Messiah" Jesus, she was willing to help Elizabeth in her need. And Elizabeth acknowledges Mary as the mother of the Lord.

Mary's loving concern is also shown to all of us. She reaches out to us, no matter how distant we are, she is willing to help us. During these coming days, let us reflect on Mary, the mother of the Lord, and put into practice the virtue of humility in our life. As we saw she didn't distance herself from the honour and title of the "Mother of the Lord". She submitted herself to God and throughout her life kept her commitment as the handmaid of the Lord. Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to cultivate the virtue of humility to serve others like Mary our Mother. - Neville



Saints and Feasts:
Mon- St Dominic of Silos
Tues- St Peter Canisius
Wed- St Demetrius
Thur- St John of Kanty
Fri- St Emiliana of Rome
Sat- Christmas Day

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:
Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler,
Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin
McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey,
Bernd Menz, Peter Saunders and
Teresa Gittany.

Recent Deaths: Len Faye

Lorraine King

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Fay Christopher, Betty Eccles,
Owen Evans, Mildred Lourey,
Charlie Absalom, Tom Lee, Eric
Pool. Margaret Gavin.

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.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28; 1 Jon 3:

1-2, 21-24; Lk 2: 41 - 52.

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.

Christmas Mass Times:

24th Friday Vigil - 6.00 pm at Timboon,

Vigil - 6.00 pm at Cobden

Vigil - 8.00 pm at Camperdown

25th Saturday Christmas Day only a morning Mass at Lismore - 8.30 am.

The Call of the Advent is to Prepare the way for the Lord.

4TH Sunday of Advent, Year C. 19/12/2021

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage; <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/>.

This following Instruction came from the bishop's office on 15/12/2021 (Wednesday).

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced new Covid provisions to come into effect from 11.59pm tonight (Wednesday 15 December 2021).

We will no longer be required to check the vaccination status of those attending places of worship.

The Victorian Council of Churches has received the following response from the state government. "From tonight there are no longer vaccination check-in requirements at places of worship. We do maintain our strong recommendation that people are fully vaccinated. QR code check-ins are still required. Quotient requirements are no longer in force. Masks are not mandatory but are strongly recommended."

Ian Smith, Executive Officer of the Victorian Council of Churches, added the comment: "So it seems we can open up all services to all members of churches and community for carols and Christmas events and services. I renew my thanks to you all for continuing to support one another through these trying times. I rejoice that we will be able to gather for worship as a whole community again. May we pray together in these final days of Advent and throughout the Christmas season bring us Christ's joy in abundance.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Thank you to Michael Smart and Gerard Gleeson:

We thank you for being our COVID MARSHALS in our worship as the Law of the State requested of us.

In Registering the Attendances at Church:

We continue to register the attendees' names and contact numbers electronically. So please bring your mobile phone to the church and in the church foyer you will find the **QR scanning CODE FORMAT** with instructions how to use it.

Step 1. Use your phone's camera to scan the code.

Step 2. Enter your first name and phone number.

Step 3. Look for the tick "You're now checked-in" Please place your mobile phone in silence mode and arrive 5 minutes earlier than normal to help us to start the mass on time. Thank you.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$513.00 & Presbytery \$603.35. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards for 2022:

St. Vincent de Paul Conference has purchased 20 Columban Calendars @ \$10.00 each. They can be bought at the Vinnies shop in Camperdown. **We have Christmas cards for sale** for \$2.50 for 5 cards. Thank you.

Synod of Bishops: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Bishop's Christmas Appeal on Christmas Day: you are kindly invited to respond to this appeal for very worthy causes. The Ballarat Diocese can continue to support this appeal. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Lay Led Assembly Resources: Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Advent, the Christmas Season 2021 and Sundays 2-8 in Ordinary Time Year C 2022 have been emailed/mailed to contacts. Resource material is also available from the diocesan website members' area.

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025

The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be accessed and/or downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our->

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and Environmentally-friendly Parish

[diocese/looking-forward/](#). Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of “**Looking Forward**” provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.

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. Pope’s intention for November:

Universal intention – people who suffer from depression: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Mi 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on, he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, ‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) see Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually re-enact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

19-December-2021 4th Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Gleeson	A Horan		
9 a.m. Lismore Assembly	K Deppeler	L Johnstone		
11am: Camperdown	J Saunders	J Seuren		
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: P Burke	Altar Cobden: No flowers/KDMP			
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady	Altar Derrinallum:			

26-December-2021 Holy Family	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	G Kelson		
9 a.m. Derrinallum	L Johnstone	G Keating		
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	M Lucas		
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas			
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott	Altar Cobden: K Daffy M Pekin			
Marian Statue: P Everett	Altar Derrinallum:			

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