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Dear friends,

On this first day of the New Year, we honour Mary, the mother of God and the mother of the church. For this stage, in our journey of faith and pilgrimage to Jesus, the gospel suggests that we reflect on three reactions to Jesus' coming.

The shepherds' understanding of the message of the Angel made sense, when they see the infant lying in the manger. They understood their message that has been told to them about the child. Their accepting attitude leads them to glorify and praise God. They became the messengers of God's glory. Those who have heard the shepherds are amazed by what has been told to them. Though, we are not told whether they went in a larger or a small group to go to see the child Jesus, but, on our part, we are called to share his good news with others and to praise God.

Mary reflects on everything that happens. She patiently waits for the unfolding of God's plan for her. She accepts things as they are, ponders on them in the silence of her heart. Her attitude allows God to take control of her very life. With love and hope she accepts His promises and follows God's will and God's plan.

As we welcome the New Year, let us take Mary our mother as our model and open ourselves to God's plans. When we do not get what we ask for, let us accept God's will and firmly believing that God loves us and wants only what is best for us. With love and patience let us wait for the unfolding of God's plans like Mary. Even failures must be perceived as blessings.

-Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Ss Basil & Gregory

Tues- St Genevieve

Wed- St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thu- St John Neumann

Fri- St Andre Besstte

Sat- St Raymond

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)

Next Weekend Readings:

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3. 5-6.

Mt 2:1-12.

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary Hickey, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Death & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia Bouchier, Eileen Coulthard, John Fenton, Sylvia Lutherborrow, Marie Lane, Margaret Loving.

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.

***My wish for you this New Year,
may Happiness come knocking at your door
may it start knocking early and stay as late as it can
and when it leaves, it leaves with it – the gifts of
God that are Peace, Love, Joy, care and Good
Health. May this year be the best one so far.
HAPPY and safe NEW YEAR.***

The Feast of Mary, the mother of God, Year A. 01/01/2023

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

Welcome and Congratulations:

We welcome Louie John child of Sophie & Philip Zentai into our St. Brenden's Parish Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!!

Thank you to all the Parishioners:

As we draw toward the end of another year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who have assisted in many ways during this year 2022 to deliver the spiritual care and nourishment to our Parishioners. Your support, love and care that helped to reflect Christ's love to so many people whose lives are touched by the ministries and service of your kindness. I greatly appreciate your help, dedication and commitment towards our parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the secretary of our parish, and Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committees of Timboon and Camperdown, all the volunteers who help do the Liturgy and music on every weekend. It gives me a great Joy and confidence that we will continue our collaborative journey of faith in the new year and grow in the understanding of witnessing our life by words and deeds, to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you so much for activity involving in the Mission of the Church. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you again for all the Christmas gifts, wishes and greetings cards you sent to me. Thank you also for your continued support to this wonderful Parish. May the good Lord bless and protect your family at this New Year. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe and amazing New Year.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal:

We collected the amount of \$ 678.00 for Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your continued support for this annual Christmas Appeal.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$480.00 & Presbytery \$654.85. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support care for the Parish.

Bishop's Announcement:

Hello Everyone,

At the conclusion of the general audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis asked the people to offer a special prayer for Pope Emeritus Benedict.

I ask you to join in prayer, particularly when the parish community gathers for Mass.

You could include a petition along with your prayer this weekend.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Made for Each Other Summer School 2023

The Archdiocese of Hobart are hosting the fifth annual "Made for Each Other Summer School!" The theme for 2023 is 'Him & Her: Vive La Difference', which celebrates and explores the undeniable differences and complementarity of the sexes. The event is an overnight retreat with engaging speakers, opportunity for prayer, reflection, and social interaction on January 27 & 28, 2023 in Launceston, Tasmania and is for 18+ who are discerning marriage and forming relationships. Register at www.himandher.eventbrite.com.au For more information email rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The first Cycle for 2023 begins 9th January. There are 36 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or ph. 5337 7121.

56th World Day of Peace – January 1, 2023

Pope Francis' message for the 56th World Day of Peace, "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace" is available from

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>

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

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace:

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Nm 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Gal 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our *Abba*. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

01-January-2023 BVM Mother of God	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	A Horan	K Walsh	
9 a.m. Lismore	L Johnstone	G Keating		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	M Smart	O'Leary Family	T O'Leary
Counting Team: R & A Gardner		Altar Camperdown: L Hickey M Larkins		
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney				

08-January-2023 Epiphany	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	G Kelson	M McKenzie	Hammond Family	
9 a.m. Lismore	A Coutts	S Bialek		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	M Macaulay	Seuren Family	S Grinter
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown		Altar Cobden: Joan Hammond		
Marian Statue: M & D Moran				

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