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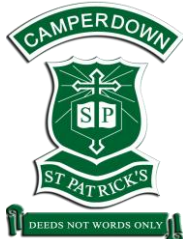
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Dear Friends, This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent and a new liturgical year for the Church. Advent means 'coming'. It is Jesus who comes, not to bring despair and destruction, disaster and misery, but to dispel fear and anxiety in our hearts. The images used in the gospel are scenes from an eschatological language where good will eventually triumph over evil. They warn us against being disheartened. Let us ask ourselves and reflect on these questions, are we preoccupied with too much eating, drinking and partying? Are we obsessed with money? Do we give a thought at all to Jesus and to our spiritual life? Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts. The season of Advent challenges us to welcome Jesus in the persons of other people, family members, strangers and friends, and to acknowledge his presence in our work, in our dealings with other people, even in our household tasks. We are reminded to pay attention to Jesus, to get busy with him and for him. Let not today's news about natural calamities, disasters, violence and wars prompt us to think that the end of the world is approaching soon. Let us not be deceived. We need not to be afraid. We may ask why? Because Jesus will come to liberate us from all the tribulations. His coming brings a message of love and leads us into his glory. Hence the season of Advent delivers hope that Jesus will come in glory. We have to be vigilant at all times to read the signs of the times and act accordingly to meet Jesus and enter into His glory. -Neville



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: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings: Yr:B

Baruch 5: 1 – 9; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11;

Lk 3: 1 – 6.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- our Lady of the Golden Heart

Tues- St Andrew, Apostle

Wed- St Edmund Campion

Thur- St Bibiana

Fri- St Francis Xavier

Sat- St Barbara

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 & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Reg Brewer, Hilary Thornton,
Murray Kelson, Joan Evans,
Maurice Walsh Thomas Baker,
Hendrina Van-Beckhovan, and
Margaret Lafferty.

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 (1st Collection). Thank you

A Prayer for the Year of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage. Amen

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C. 28/11/2021

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/>.

The Victorian Government has announced new Covid regulations to come into effect from 11.59pm tonight (Thursday 18 November 2021). The government website has not yet been fully updated. However, a government page gives a summary of key points. Under the heading “Weddings, funerals and worship”, the summary is as follows. “If everyone present is fully vaccinated, you can host or attend weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies at places of worship with no capacity limits or density limits. (Vaccination requirements will apply from the age of 12 and 2 months, unless a medical exemption applies.) If vaccination status isn’t being checked, these events are restricted to one person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 50 people per facility. The cap at funerals doesn’t include those required to conduct the funeral and the cap at weddings doesn’t include *the marrying couple, celebrant or photographer.*” I note in particular that there are **no capacity and density limits for gatherings where everyone present is fully vaccinated.** I note also the **increase in the limit to 50 people where vaccination status is not being checked.** For further details, you could go to the government website www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au as it is more fully updated in the coming days.

COVID-19 vaccination certificate: The Australian Immunisation Register can post immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (it may take up to 14 days to arrive). Phone 1800 653 809, Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm. Officeworks are offering to downsize and laminate vaccination certificates for \$4.00. You need to provide a copy of the printed certificate.

Welcome to Friday Morning Mass at 9.30 am: Our Bishop has asked each parish to have at least one Mass each week with this limit of 30 people, so as to provide some access to Mass for those who, for various reasons, are not vaccinated. Hence, we, the Parish community of Camperdown invite those Parishioners who are unvaccinated to attend the Friday morning Mass every week. There is a limit of 30 attendees of unknown vaccination status.

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 \$960.00 & Presbytery \$521.75. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Mercy Regional College Annual Car Raffle 2021: Tickets Still only \$10. Drawn on 29th November. You could purchase your tickets online at rafflelink.com.au/mrc.affle-21 for more information at www.mercy.vic.edu.au Thank you. More information please contact Rose Henry Mobile: 0407 875 886.

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.

Ordination to the Diaconate: Seminarians Matthew Restall and William Lowry will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, December 10, 2021 at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendance requirements for the Cathedral is QR code or registration upon entry and full vaccination status needs to be provided to the COVID check-in Marshalls.

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>

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

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3 2021: The final edition of ODC 2021 is available for collection from the diocesan offices in Ballarat. Please encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

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.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

The period of local consultation as part of the global journey to the 2023 XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops has commenced. The online portal is now open to receive responses to 10 key questions the Synod documents pose. Reflection guides and prayer resources have been created to support engagement with the Synod journey. Resources available include a media release regarding the consultation process, reflection guides, prayers and the Synod logo at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and has been parish priest of St Joseph's, O'Connor since 2017. He also serves as archdiocesan vocations director and chaplain of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus. Fr Paul reflects on, "St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

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: Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) see Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope. The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest. What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God

28-November-2021 1st Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	K Daffy		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	K Deppeler		
11am: Camperdown	C McCarthy	J Saunders		
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren	Altar Cobden: No flowers/CMHK			
Marian Statue: P & L Hickey	Altar Derrinallum:			

05-December-2021 2nd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	A Horan		
9 a.m. Derrinallum Assembly	S McLeod	G Keating		
11am: Camperdown	A O'Flynn	S Grinter		
Counting Team: P Burke	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: R Henry	Altar Cobden: No flowers/KDMP			
Marian Statue: M Ryan	Altar Derrinallum: No flowers			

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