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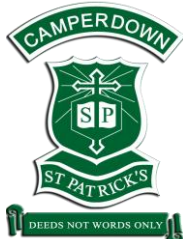
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Dear friends, In today's gospel John the Baptist makes the call that is always valid and relevant, as we prepare for Christmas and the coming of the Lord at the end of time. We have only three weeks remaining and one week has gone already. The call of repentance is for an action. It is not a feeling, though it is often accompanied by feelings of sorrow and regret. Repentance involves three things, namely, a change of mind, of heart and behaviour. That is we need to go in a new direction from our old sinful ways with our renewed heart and mind.

We prepare the way of the Lord into our lives and our faith community by changing our way of thinking with regards to a priority in our lives of money, power, popularity and worldliness. We must change our attitude of self-centeredness always and put others' needs first in our lives. Thus we must change our behaviour and produce a good outcome as evidence of our repentance. We have even better reasons today for repentance. The season of Advent calls for repentance. Today's gospel resounds that call. Not only is the kingdom of heaven near; but also to remember Jesus at his first coming at Christmas. We have a better understanding that God will not punish us at once if we don't change, as God is loving and merciful, He has been so kind to us that we must change our old way of life into new way of life in accordance with the values of the gospel. In our celebration let's ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to witness the teaching of the gospel in our life. -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: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings:

Is 35: 1 – 6; James 5: 7 – 10.

Mt 11: 2 – 11.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Philip Rinaldi,

Tues- St Nicholas, Bishop

Wed- St Ambrose, Bishop

Thu- Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri- St Juan Diego

Sat- St Angelina of Serbia

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McClaren, 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: Margaret Lafferty, Leonard Fahey, Hendrina Van-Beckhoven, Marie Goonan, Francis Robertson, Anna McMahon, Lorraine King

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.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A. 04/12/2022

Christmas Mass Times: 2022

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m. Timboon, Vigil 6:00 p.m. Cobden,

Vigil 8:00 p.m. Camperdown,

Sunday, Christmas Day Mass 8:30 a.m. Lismore.

Reconciliation Rites: Lismore 11th December, Timboon and Camperdown 18th December. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated within the weekend masses.

Special Collection for the Catholic Mission:

Collectors, please take a special collection for the Catholic Mission after the Communion today. Thank you.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The time of Advent is the four-week period of preparation for the season of Christmas. Advent begins the cycle of the Liturgical Year and focuses on the coming of the Lord. The first weeks offer a vision of the future, looking to the end of time when Christ will come again. The final weeks point more specifically to the birth of Christ. Christ, the promised one, is awaited with joyful expectation. The First Sunday of Advent follows the final Sunday of Ordinary Time and the season concludes on Christmas Eve.

Advent Resources

Resources to assist with the celebration of Advent 2022 are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

Resources available include the Advent Stations of the Cross, prayers of the faithful for each week of advent and other prayer resources.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$195.00 & Presbytery \$647.40. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

St Vincent de Paul Cobden Christmas Giving Tree:

Please support the Cobden Community Christmas Appeal. Thank you.

International Volunteer Day - December 5:

Volunteering Australia proudly supports International Volunteer Day (IVD) to raise awareness on the important role volunteers play in responding to challenges facing the world. The 2022 theme is "Solidarity through Volunteering". IVD is a day to celebrate and promote volunteering. There are millions of volunteers in Australia and the contribution that they make to communities around the country is enormous. IVD is an opportunity to acknowledge, thank and shine a light on the important work of volunteers. This year's International Volunteer Day asks people to Volunteer now for our common future, it inspires people to take action now for people and the planet <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/events/international-volunteer-day/#/>

Planned Giving Program.

The current Planned Giving Program will finish at the end of this month. Thank you to those that have contributed to this program for the last three years. Next weekend we will need to re pledge our new contribution for the next three years. Pledge forms will be available in the foyer.

Please take one with you and return the completed form next weekend. Contributions can be made weekly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly, yearly or by direct debit. Please consider your contribution as the parish expenses keep rising like our own home expenses. Ongoing maintenance is necessary for the comfort and safety of all parishioners. The future financial viability of the parish depends on the generosity of all Parishioners. Thankyou. Tony. Planned Giving Co Ordinator.

Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania 2023

Liturgical resources are available in preparation for the Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Fiji from February 5-10, 2023. The prayer for the assembly and prayers of the faithful for Sundays leading up to the assembly are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/federation-of-catholic-bishops-conferences-of-oceania/>

Advent Appeal for Ukraine: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Second and/or Third Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; food packages for people in need; shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at www.catholic.au

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**
4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones.

Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire. At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the *coming towards us* ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

04-December-2022 2nd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Mahony	S Bialek		L Johnstone
11am: Camperdown	P Conheady	J Seuren		G Lucas
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: M & B Brown	Altar Cobden: No flowers/KDMP			
Marian Statue:				

11-December-2022 3rd Sunday Advent	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	B Hammond		
9 a.m. Lismore	S McLeod	S Bialek		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	R Henry		J Saunders
Counting Team: M, J & P Conheady	Altar Camperdown: No flowers			
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren	Altar Cobden: No flowers/KDMP			
Marian Statue: C Wilson				

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