



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

If you cannot hear, you cannot talk, if you cannot listen you cannot speak.

Jesus knew; he took that deaf and dumb man aside; first He touched his ears and then – was it still necessary? -his tongue. He heard and consequently he spoke.

We can say this in general but we can apply it also to certain areas in our lives. Listen to the conversation of the people around you; listen to what they say at the more critical situations in life, and you will notice a great difference between the older ones and the younger ones. The older ones, the more traditional ones, speak much more about God and religion than the younger ones. These modern ones hardly speak in religious terms at all. They even seem embarrassed if anyone in their company does it. They seem to be deaf to that dimension in human life. How many in in the world in which we live are not deaf and dumb when it comes to God?

Jesus met that man, deaf and dumb, in the bustle of the crowd, with people busy all around him with their affairs, busy with their complaints, busy with their work, and He said to that man so deaf and therefore so dumb: come with Me for some quiet, come with Me for some peace and it was then when he was out of the crowd in that quiet place with Christ, that the man who had not been able to listen and to hear for all those years, heard and listened and, of course, started to speak very clearly. Let us allow ourselves to be taken out of the crowd by Him and be able to listen and to speak.

.....Joseph G Donders



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

9am 4th Sun. Derrinallum

(Lay led assembly will be held other weekends)

Sunday: 11 am Camperdown.

Weekday Mass Times

(Excluding September)

Wednesday: 9am Cobden

(2nd Wed. 10.30 Lovely Banks)

2nd Thurs. 10.30 Sunny Side

Friday: 9.30am Camperdown

When there is a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled.

Collections

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support.

Last week you generously gave

Envelope collection – \$927 .00

Presbytery collection – \$526.10

Saints and Feasts

Mon – St Finian

Tues – St Daniel

Wed – Most Holy Name of Mary

Thurs – St John Chrysostom

Friday – Exaltation of the Cross

Sat – Our Lady of Sorrows

Pray for the Sick:

Mary Ryan, Anne-Marie Seabright, Brian Wain, Fr Denis Dennehy, Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Sue Henderson, Beth Hose, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren Theresa Gittany, Michael Smith

Mass times next weekend

Sat 6.30 pm Cobden

Sun 9 am Timboon

Sun 11 am Camperdown

Next weekend's Readings

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18;

Mk 8:27-35

Anniversaries of Deaths

Veronica Thomas, Otto Gamms, Benjamin Clark, Con Goonan, Edith Mathews, Claire Lafferty, Thomas O'Sullivan

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 9th September 2018

Child Protection Sunday 2018

In 2018 the Australian Catholic Church marks Child Safeguarding Sunday on 9 September. This Sunday concludes National Child Protection Week.

Uniquely this year Child Protection Sunday follows on the heels of the formal response of the Australian Catholic Church to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the release of the advice provided to Church Leaders by its Truth Justice and Healing Council. Child Protection Sunday affords an Opportunity for Dioceses, Eparchies, Religious Institutes and Ministerial PJPs to complement that National Catholic Response with factual information on how individual church entities are themselves active participants in the protection/safeguarding of minors and vulnerable adults. When the Australian Prime Minister offers the response of the Commonwealth Government in Parliament on 22 October we pray it may bring a further sense of how we, both as a Church and as a Nation have faced the terrible truth that we failed our children, but also as a church and as a nation we have now embarked on a new path.

Anniversaries of Deaths: If you would like an anniversary included (when it is from more than ten years ago) on the newsletter and in the Payers of the Faithful, please leave a note at the office.

Annual Holidays: I will be taking my annual holidays from August 25th to September 30th 2018. **This weekend Father Ted McCormack** is celebrating Mass in our parishes...Father Neville.

Thank you to Father McCormack. On Saturday 15th September following Mass at St Brendan's Cobden, tea will be served in appreciation of Father Ted's celebration of Masses here. Please bring food to share. All welcome.

St Vincent De Paul Camperdown

Our Vinnies store (156 Manifold Street, Camperdown. 3260 Phone: 5593 1122, Fax: 5593 3794) is in much need of donations of good clean clothing, homewares (Not Electrical) shoes, bags, blankets, etc.

As Spring approaches, it's a good time to have a clean out of your cupboards and drawers. Think of us as you do this please and help us to help those in greater need. Your support is valuable and much appreciated.

Please call into our Store and you can see how we display your donations. We are open 9:30 – 4:00 Mon – Fri. and 10.00 – 12.00 Sat morning. **Thank you, Maureen Larkins, Store Manager**



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$1127.00 to this collection, which raised nearly \$48,000 throughout the Diocese.

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Kerala India Earthquakes and flood

Caritas India is providing support for the people of Kerala at this time. Caritas Australia, through our Asia Emergency Fund, is providing support to Caritas India and will continue to monitor the needs of the people of Kerala. If you wish to make a donation, our Asia Emergency Fund can be accessed through the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au. For more information contact Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413.

Plenary Council Preparations in Ballarat Diocese Update

The Ballarat Diocese is holding Gatherings as part of preparations for Plenary Council 2020. Representatives from Parishes, school communities, Catholic organisations and all others who might be interested, are invited to attend. The Gatherings provide an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. Details of Gatherings are attached and also on website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7125.

Joy Spreading Friday, September 14 in Ballarat - Stacey Atkins special guest!

Stacey Atkins is the guest speaker at the next Joy Spreading event on Friday, September 14, 6.30pm – 9.00pm at Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. An opportunity for young Catholic adults (18-30yo) to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. A free Year of Youth event. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7125.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul! *or:* (R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand for the gospel acclamation).

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(R) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

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9 th Sept-23SunOrd	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	M McKenzie	B Hammond	G Kelson	J Hammond, J Blair Mc McKenzie
9am Lismore	L Johnstone	K Bell		L Johnstone
11am Camperdown	M Saunders	M Lucas	Sinnott family	R Johnstone, D Egberts, J Saunders
Counting Team: H & J Seuren		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: C Malady/H Kelly		
Marion Statue One: R West		Altar Lismore: D Halloran		

16 th Sept-24SunOrd	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	C Jehu	P Dwyer	Noy family	E Downs, G Kelson, J Blair
9am Lismore layled	G Keating	G Keating		B Marquand
11am Camperdown	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St Pat's School
Counting Team: H & J Seuren		Altar Camperdown: M Lucas/G McMillan		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: C Malady/H Kelly		
Marion Statue: M Murrihy		Altar Lismore: D Halloran		

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