



St Patrick's Catholic Parish

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Camperdown

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Dear Friends,

Do you ever feel you have to mumble a prayer, touch an object, swallow a bitter herb...because otherwise terrible things might happen to you?
That is what the Pharisees tried to do – by washing their hands, by sprinkling their heads, by dressing in a certain way, by wearing their hair in thresses, by avoiding some, by speaking to others, by saying some prayers, by laying on hands, by sticking to hundreds and thousands of small little rules, they tried to get a grip on themselves, they tried to get a grip on their neighbours, they tried to get a grip on their lives, they tried to get a grip on nature, *they really tried to get a grip on God...*they were sure God was with them; did they not fulfil all the conditions *they had set for themselves?*

Jesus disagreed...Jesus threw out totally all their pretences. Jesus was not against law, Jesus was not against rituals, Jesus was not against rites, Jesus was not against words, and definitely not against the words of the Bible, but He was against any use of the law or the Bible, He was against any rite or ritual that tried to control, to check, and to limit God's love, God's mercy, God's grace and consequently human love, human grace and human mercy.

So don't be afraid: God's love and mercy and grace are greater than any of our rites. So don't use your rites, your rituals, your theology, your use of the Bible, your social values to limit God's love and mercy and grace in you, yourself either.

.....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 – \$851 .00
Presbytery collection – \$577.35

Saints and Feasts

Mon – St Gregory
Tues – St Boniface
Wed – St Teresa of Calcutta
Thur – St Donatian
Friday – St Regina
Sat – Birth of the Blessed Virgin

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 6.30pm Cobden
Sun 9 am Lismore
Sun 11 am Camperdown
Next weekend's Readings

Is 35:4-7, James 2:1-5;
M 7:31-37

Recently Deceased

Pat Hickey

Anniversaries of Deaths

Frank O'Leary, Mary O'Leary, Veronica Carroll, Joan Hendry, Marjorie Burnett, Ellen Dolan, Mary Carroll, Edith Potter, Neville Vagg

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

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. We welcome **Father Ted McCormack** who is celebrating Mass in the parish this weekend.

Father Leo Baker – 70 years of missionary priesthood. Father Leo is very grateful for the wonderful sharing of you all in the joyful celebration of his seventy years of missionary priesthood with the Columban family. An added joy has been gradually reading through your lovely cards on that occasion. Much as he would like to reply personally with one of his own cards, his failing eyesight makes that too difficult....St Columbans Mission Society.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Updated time for the The Joy+ Youth Festival in Warrnambool is Sunday 2 September 12noon-6pm. Times have been streamlined to enable people to comfortably travel home. This is a free event and we encourage young people (15-30 yo) to attend. The Festival features Genevieve Bryant and band Josh Angrisano and Bishop Paul will be attending.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT ST PATRICK'S CAMPERDOWN 2017 - 2018

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>₹</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>₹</u>
Planned Giving	57,986.70	Administration	7,104.32
Interest Income	2,235.55	Capital Expenses	409.27
Donations & Gifts	308.22	Levies	16,015.17
Church usage/ Baptisms/ Weddings/ Funerals	600.00	Liturgical	2,702.75
		Property Costs	22,582.78
		Repairs/Maintenance	1,728.83
		Salary & Wages	1,192.50
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>61,130.47</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>51,735.62</u>
		<u>NET INCOME</u>	<u>9,394.85</u>
			<u>61,130.47</u>

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests: *2nd September.

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fifteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

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

N.B. *2nd September or another date as determined by the parish

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAT HICKEY: Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Kew at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday 4th September, followed by lunch at the Kew RSL. The burial is at the Camperdown cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday 5th September.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R)

SECOND READING

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand for the gospel acclamation).

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes.

So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’

He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(R) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is ‘words spoken in truth’. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a ‘church’ wedding because it is a religious event, or because ‘that’s the way we have always done it’? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

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2 nd Sept-22SunOrd	Reader	P/Faithful Reader	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm Cobden	B Hammond	E Downs	Hammond family	J & P Dwyer, J Blair
9am Derri layled	S Bialek	S Bialek		A Coutts
11am Camperdown	S Grinter	A O’Flynn	McKenzie family	M McKenzie, G Lucas, J Ryan
Counting Team: P & A Burke		Altar Camperdown: D Daffy/S Pemberton		
Church Cleaning: H & J Seuren		Altar Cobden: C Malady/H Kelly		
Marion Statue One: M Russell (C)		Altar Derrinallum: A Bignell		

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		

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