### Parish of Timboon



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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Dear Friends, What difference would it make to the way we live if we embodied in our lives the reality of the resurrection. The Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, tried to trap Jesus into a flawed answer in today's Gospel reading. Their focus was limited to the framework of traditional laws which prescribed the rules of marriage at that time.

Jesus used the occasion to broaden their paradigm, without being dismissive of Jewish laws. In fact, he locates his answer in the rich prophetic tradition. He references Moses, who calls the Lord, "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob". But Jesus goes further; he points out that the "children of the resurrection" now live in entirely different circumstances, for they are children of God and "they can no longer die for they are the same as the angels".

In this new paradigm, it may not mean that people will never experience death in ordinary human terms. But it does mean that their whole existence is now transformed in the mystery of the incarnation and the promise of the resurrection. Instead of letting our lives be defined and scarred by our frailties, we let the Lord enter our lives and transform us utterly.

This is by no means a one-off or linear process. He enters our life each time we say yes to him, each time we submit ourselves to the continuous moulding and shaping by his hands. God utterly delights in the deepest flourishing of our humanity. St Irenaeus in the second century described this vision in the words: "Gloria Dei est vivens homo, vita autem hominis visio Dei" – the glory of God is a living human being, and the life of the human comes from the vision of God. In other words, our life and out flourishing consists in beholding God.

Teilhard de Chardin used the term "Omega Point" to describe the ultimate culminating point in history. Our lives begin in God, grow towards him throughout our lives, and find their ultimate fulfilment in him. Within this divine frame of reference, we are not human beings striving for a spiritual existence but rather, spiritual beings having a human experience.

As children of the resurrection, our inheritance is a vibrant living faith. It calls us to live lives which are embedded in the sacred history of God's presence throughout human history. It calls us to realise that we come to our fullest flourishing in a life lived for God and in service of others Sophie Clements© Majellan Media 2022

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels, Catherine Marr



Anniversaries In November: Haigh Smethurst, Anthony Allan, Frank Flemming, Ben Tannerhill, Lucy Dwyer, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt



Recent Deaths: Ken Berry

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

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.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD Sunday 6th Nov 2022 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

# First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

- (R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
- Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.
   Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
- I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps.
   I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
- Guard me as the apple of your eye.
   Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
   As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)



# Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16 - 3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

### May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

# Gospel Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

### He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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

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### Advent Reflection Book — Heart of the Disciple. \$5.00. See Katrina Currell

<u>SAVE THE DATE update: Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish</u> – Sunday, November 13, 2022. The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Gathering Space, Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00 noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information will be available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

**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.

### **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 Francis – There are still millions of boys and girls who suffer and live in conditions very similar to slavery.

They aren't numbers: they are human beings with names, with a face of their own, with an identity that God has given them.

Too often, we forget our responsibility and we close our eyes to the exploitation of these children who don't have a right to play, to study, to dream. They don't even enjoy the warmth of a family.

Each marginalized child, abandoned by his or her family, without schooling, without healthcare, is a cry! A cry that rises up to God and shames the system that we adults have built.

An abandoned child is our fault.

We can no longer allow them to feel alone and abandoned —they are entitled to an education and to feel the love of a family so they know that God does not forget them.

Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.

Timboon 2022	6th November Closed	13th November 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	20th November 9:00am Mass
Welcome		K Currell	L Tregea
Leaders		A Vogels T O'Connor	
Statue		D Moloney M Moloney	G Townsend
Reader		R Couch	L McInerney
POF		J McInerney	C Marr
E.M.H.C.		E Roberts	
Bulletin	M Moloney P Nicholson	M Moloney P Nicholson	M Moloney P Nicholson
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Cleaners			
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9am	Closed