

### Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Dear Friends, In today's gospel Jesus promises that those who seek God and his kingdom will not be disappointed. He offers us the greatest treasure possible - but we must first seek it and make it our true joy and possession above all else. In our lives, we naturally want to have and keep whatever we think will bring us happiness and peace. But Jesus tells his followers to not be fearful or anxious about their present lives and future security. He says, we are stewards of the talents and gifts that God has given us. Each one of us has a charism or gift from the Holy Spirit for the service of the community. Hence, we should make an inventory of these gifts God has given us. Having known our gifts, we have to develop them and then put them to good use not only for our own good but also for the good of others. This seems to go against our instinct to store and save for the future. Jesus cautions us that money and possessions will not last and can be taken away at any moment by a thief or by death itself. But there is one treasure which can never be lost or destroyed because it is kept secure by God himself. This treasure is worth far more than anything we could possibly acquire on our own. If we make the Lord as our treasure, then we will have, in our possession the greatest source of joy and lasting peace. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit who frees us from the worldly desires, so that we may be able to hear the Lord and embrace his way of love. He gives strength to the weak and to those who turn to him with trust in his mercy and help. So let us ask the Lord to fill us with his Holy Spirit and wisdom to seek the Lord and his kingdom first above all else in our life.

Neville.



**Our Sick:** Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels

**Anniversaries In August:** : Vin O'Connor, Mary Maslin, Etty McKinnon, Joan Densley, Mary Wintle, Frank Maguire, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Norah Place, Jacinta Bracks, Pat Carey, Josie Bird, Fr Brendan Davey

**Recent Deaths:** Jim Delaney, Leo Bond



**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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). **Pope's intention: For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**Vinnie's Winter Appeal:** Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic> **If you have warm clothing, blankets etc. to donate please see Pat Nicholson.**

**Vinnies Winter Appeal –**

**Ballarat City Brass Band Concert:** The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 7 August 2022

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** **Wis: 18:6-9** Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** **Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22**

**(Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1: Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. Response.

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

2: The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. Response.

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

3: Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. Response.

**All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Second Reading:** **Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12** We will look for the city designed and built by God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* **Matt 24:42, 44**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!



### **Gospel: Lk 12:35-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

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### **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant. While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of

**Brief Encounter SPEAKER SERIES “Finding Hope in Losing Battles”** Wednesday 10 August, 2022 7.30–8.30pm (online) Guest: Monica Doumit B Med Sc. LLB (Hons) Grad Cert Legal Practice. M Bioeth. Director of Public Affairs and Engagement: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Contributor: The Catholic Weekly ABN 18 342 098 335 A0017 514E • C • W • L • “Monica says she has been on the frontlines of most of the losing cultural battles of the last five years. From the marriage debate to abortion to euthanasia to religious freedom, you name it, she’s lost it! Anna Krohn will interview Monica about her bold, lucid and yet hope-filled presence within the Church and her work on the ethical and cultural front line. After our long months of isolation, the Brief Encounter series offers you a opportunity to meet and be inspired by our special guest, to ask questions and meet each other – all within a 1 hour time frame. Online TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAHDW> No Cost. For further information please contact the CWLVWW General Secretary: [cwlvicww@gmail.com](mailto:cwlvicww@gmail.com)

**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.**

**Needed urgently – volunteers workers for Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service, Diocese of Broome:**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details and an application form please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan, ph. 08 9192 1060 or email [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org). Web: [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org). Mail: PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

**Palms Australia celebrating a return to global mission:**

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. COVID challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills, to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or phone 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills. Register for a webinar on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7.00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them <https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/>. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**

Either of the next two weekends will be the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**Catholic Earthcare a program of Caritas Australia:** Catholic Earthcare launched its Earthcare Parishes program in December 2021 and since then, the network has grown to sixty parishes across 17 dioceses. Your parish is encouraged to join the network and begin your own parish's journey towards the 7 *Laudato Si'* Goals and to becoming living *Laudato Si'* communities. Please contact Jillian Hogbin, Diocesan Director Caritas, who can lend support on how to be involved and to sign up. More information is available from the Catholic Earthcare Ballarat diocese webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DD-Letter-to-Parishes-re-Earthcare-Ballarat.pdf>

**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.

Timboon 2022	7th August Closed	14th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	21st August 9:00am Mass
Welcome		N McKinnon	L Tregear
Leaders			
Statue		D Moloney M Moloney	G Townsend
Reader		J McInerney	L McInerney
POF		L McInerney	P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	P Nicholson	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides		A McMeel	A McMeel
Cleaners	E O'Connor	E O'Connor	E O'Connor
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed