



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Catherine Marr,
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Pray for Anniverseries occurring in August including : Vin O'Connor,
 Mary Maslin, Ety McKinnon, Joan Densley, Mary Wintle, Frank
 Maguire, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Norah Place, Jacinta Bracks,
 Annie & Dick Bartlett, Margaret Grayson



Prayer Resources.

Please draw on the resources of the diocesan website at
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au> for prayer resources and links to live masses.

Parish Finances:

If you are able to pay up before the end of **plan giving program** for this year, pay into the parish account (at the National bank personally or electronically) any amounts that you can as part of your Sunday contributions or your planned giving contributions.

Catholic Parish Trust Account No1 Account Timboon BSB 083 928 Acc 516067599. Be sure to reference it to your name. Thankyou who have contributed for this year— new year for the plan giving program starts in October.

Masses on YouTube

The link to the channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

The following Mass can be viewed on YouTube: Camperdown 10:30 a.m.

Masses celebrated on:

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. Cobden
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. Camperdown
 Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Cobden
 Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Camperdown

Enquiries at St Patrick's Camperdown 03 5593 1284

Please Search: St. Patrick Church Camperdown on YouTube via above link.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Church UPDATE:

In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, Stage 3 restrictions will apply from midnight tomorrow (August 5). The restrictions will apply until September 13. The regulations require that "religious ceremonies and private worship" be "broadcast only". This means that our churches and chapels will be closed to the general public. It will still be possible to live stream Masses or other services from churches or chapels, although this would only involve those necessary to conduct the services and enable the live streaming. For information about Masses online, you could go to our diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.

REFLECTION **Building a Bigger House**

Even dogs have hope! This is what the woman says to Jesus, when she asks him to heal her tormented daughter. She classifies her family with the dogs, knowing the average Israelite would describe a Canaanite that way. Jesus is astounded by her faith and gives her the desire of her heart.

Some scholars claim Jesus was testing the woman by not responding to her requests right away. Others say Jesus learned from her that his mission was larger than Israel. This seems strange to those of us who were taught that Jesus had the mind of God from the time Mary first laid him in the straw. But if Jesus is also fully human, he'd have to grow in wisdom and grace, as Luke says Jesus did.

This woman summoned up the courage to tell Jesus how to run his own ministry! The best of the prophets and saints showed this kind of spirit, sparring with God over matters of importance to them. Who knows what could happen if more people prayed with such confidence? Who knows how many of us could wrestle with God like Abraham, Jacob, Hannah, and the Canaanite woman - and win?

Do you think God's mind can be changed? Do you think there are things about God which "God's mind is made up"? Name some things that might fall in either category.

Joke:

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

—source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/catholicjokes.html>

The Serenity Prayer: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A –
August 16th 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.