



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



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.

MASS Sunday: St Patrick's Camperdown at 10:30am (Live Stream)
Link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c1zEq4cD-J1ayzRTSbTcw>

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.

Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Catherine Marr, Patrick Giblin

Pray for Anniversaries occurring in September including :

Leo O'Connor, Harriet Conheady, Jeff Haugh, Jeffrey Arnold
Leo Couch, Jeanette Gale, Fr Peter Claridge, Fr Bob Markey
Graham Cecil, Mavis Couch, Steven Saliba, Mick Dillon, Paul Brick
Janet Dillon, Noel Haugh, Jane van Es, Denise Savage



Dear Friends,

In the context of the parable in the gospel, the youngest son who says 'Yes' when asked to go to work in the vineyard is the one who behaves properly to his father. But then he changes his mind and refuses to go and work in his father's vineyard. The eldest son who says, 'I will not' disobeys and humiliates his father. Later when he realizes his responsibility and obedience due to his father, goes to the vineyard and works there. Here we notice that what Jesus asks in the parable is not which of the sons behaved honourably and respectfully to his father but which of the two did his father's will. In the kingdom of God, this is what really counts: we have to do the will of God.

Jesus then points to the tax collectors and the sinners who initially say 'No' but eventually repent of their sins and wrong doings, hence wish to do God's will finally. Jesus points out here that the people who rejected John the Baptist's invitation to work for the kingdom of God, have now accepted his invitation to work for his kingdom.

Let us be clear about this invitation to work for God's kingdom. No matter what we say or do in our lives we have to remember that, at the end of our earthly journey, God's kingdom is the only place of destination.

So let us regret ignoring the invitation of Jesus and to begin working for his kingdom in the future..... Neville.

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Parish Finances:

Our Planned Giving Program: On the 22nd September at its meeting, the Finance Committee made the decision to extend the current program for another year. Envelopes will be distributed shortly. Thank you for your support of the Parish for the duration of the program and we hope you are able to continue your contributions to enable us to function and provide services and ministries to our parishioners for some time yet.

If you are able we would be keen to have you pay into the parish account (at NAB personally or electronically) any amounts that you can as part of your planned giving contributions:

Catholic Parish Trust Account No1 Account Timboon BSB 083 928 Acc 516067599. Be sure to reference it to your name or planned giving number.

Sunday collection monies can be paid into the **Catholic Presbytery Timboon No 2 Account : BSB: 083-928 Account No: 51-606-7601.**

The office is generally open on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., if you would like to drop off your envelopes then. **Also the church can be opened at that time for private prayer if you wish.**

Thank you who have contributed to this need so that we can start when things get back to "NORMAL". Keep safe and stay well during this current crisis.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has issued information regarding gatherings in places of worship now that restrictions have eased in regional Victoria. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

It's St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're invited!

To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in honour Mary throughout September and October <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

A sparrow complained to Mother Nature, "You gave beautiful colors to the peacock and a lovely song to the nightingale, but I am plain and unnoticed. Why was I made to suffer?" "You were not made to suffer," stated Mother Nature. "You suffer because you make the same foolish mistake as human beings. You compare yourself with others. Be yourself, for in that there is no comparison and no pain."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – September 27th 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

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106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – this Sunday, September 27, 2020

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has prepared a Migrant and Refugee Kit, which includes stories from local communities, reflections and prayers https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit?fbclid=IwAR00HRtrkYbmKFV4Tjyo9SqFOMYSEeUVn3dUN-aWote00KR2-JArGmZS8_8

Catholic Social Services Victoria would like to draw particular focus, especially in the light of COVID-19, to remember, pray for and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum 'in our own backyard':

Remembering, working and praying for migrants and refugees: On this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. We acknowledge and give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas—many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and, "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs. We encourage you to read more at <http://www.css.org.au/Article-View/Article/23727/Remembering-working-and-praying-for-migrants-and-refugees#.X2qkIGzaCh>

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of September we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Prayerful & Eucharistic?** *The Listening and Dialogue responses revealed the deep faith, integrity and sincerity of all the people who gave of themselves in their offerings. The responses included divergent opinions on various topics. At the same time, they showed a common faith in Christ and a common desire to follow his teaching in love of God and love of neighbour. They demonstrated a commitment to living the gospel of Christ and sharing the gospel with others, even in the midst of a largely secular culture. They expressed a love for the community of the Church, despite the well-documented failings of members of the community. They showed a desire to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic. Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Read the discernment paper <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-3.pdf>. Visit the Prayerful & Eucharistic page <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/prayerful/>.*

Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format: The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Next step on Plenary Council journey: As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/next-step-on-plenary-council-journey/>

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One night an Admiral on a US Navy Battleship ordered a certain course. The navigation officer, seeing a light in the distance, reported that the battleship now seemed to be on a collision course with another ship. So, the Admiral ordered his radio officer to send a message to the on-coming ship that it should change its course 10 degrees to the south. The reply came simply, "Change your course 10 degrees to the north." After two more unsuccessful exchanges, the Admiral, now quite furious, came thundering into the radio control room, grabbed the microphone, and bellowed into it, "Do you know that you are talking to an ADMIRAL in the UNITED STATES NAVY?!" After a brief moment of silence, the even-tempered reply came back, "This is a lighthouse; alter your course 10 degrees to the North." So, when God's Word asks us to do something, and we wonder why, we need to remember Whom we're talking to! If we want to avoid disaster in this life and the next, we really need to obey His orders!