



### Parish of Timboon

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#### Dear Friends;

Today's gospel is about a miracle of calming the sea and wind. Here, Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. In the same way, the Lord Jesus is ever present to us in our time of need. But in our time of testing, he asks the same question: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Let us ask ourselves: Do we recognize the Lord's presence with us, especially when we meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: "It is I, do not be afraid."  
 Our faith is a free gift that God gives to us. Believing is only possible by grace of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and who opens the eyes of the mind to understand and accept the truth which God has revealed to us. Faith enables us to relate to God rightly and confidently, with trust and reliance, to his word, because he is utterly reliable and trustworthy. If we want to live, grow, and persevere in faith, then it must be nourished with the word of God. So our fear does not need to cripple us and take away our trust and reliance on God. Courage working with faith enables us to embrace God's words and love with confidence and to act on it with firm hope in God's promises. The love of God strengthens us in our faith and trust in him and enables us to act with justice and kindness towards our neighbour even in the face of opposition or harm. So let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith and endow with the love of Christ so that we may be able to rule our hearts and minds, and to make our will to choose what is good in accordance with his love and mercy in our life. **-Neville**

#### This Message came from Bishop Paul:

Hello Everyone,

The Victorian Government has announced an easing of COVID restrictions to take effect from midnight on Thursday **June 17**. The following provisions will apply in **regional Victoria**. **Religious gatherings and ceremonies** will be permitted for up to **300 people** per venue, with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres. **Funerals** will be permitted with up to **100 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. **Weddings** will be permitted with up to **50 people** (including the two persons being married, the celebrant and two witnesses). **Face coverings** must still be carried at all times. Face coverings must be worn inside the church.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Dennis Dodd

**Recent Death:** Nina Barake

**Anniversaries occurring in June:** Glad Scanlon, Monica Flemming, Kevin Hession, Pat Dundon, Tony Tregaea, Brian Maslin, Brian Freeman, Jan Vogels, Marjorie Martin, Hendrieka Lathouwers, Valda McKenzie



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

To receive the bulletin by email please contact the office or email your name and email address to [timboon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:timboon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) to be added to the list or to add someone else to the list.

#### Colac CWL 100th Anniversary

June 20th at St Marys Church at 11am.

A lunch will follow at the Union Club Hotel Gellibrand St Colac. Meals available at venue prices

RSVP Lyne Simpson 0409197237.

**Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:** People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)

#### Communion To The Sick.

If you are sick and would like to receive communion at home please call parish secretary on 0439 145 805 and arrange a time.

	June 20th Mass 9:00am	June 27th Assembly of Word & Communion	July 4th Closed
Timboon			
Welcome	N McKinnon	L Tregaea	
Leaders		<b>E &amp; T O'Connor</b>	
Statue	K Currell	C & P Martin	
Reader	L McInerney	A Vogels	
POF	R Hoffmann	A Vogels	
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>		J McInerney	
Bulletin	Denney Family	Denney Family	A McMeel & C Marr
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	A Vogels
Simpson	June 20th Closed	June 27th Assembly of Word & Communion	July 4th Mass 9am



### Gospel Mk 4:35-41

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Every element of the universe, even the most destructive, is listening for the voice of Our Lord, "Quiet, be still." In this Gospel story, the waters of chaos respond to the voice of the Lord of all creation, allowing Jesus to accompany his disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

We all know of times when chaos storms into our life, when we feel we are being swamped whether from outside or from some part of our own personality. Some part of our life is facing death. We may cry out to Jesus "Don't you care?"

He *will* come to accompany us but always to "the other side". Our Lord does not indulge the fantasy of "turning back the clock". We have to keep rowing in a new direction. There is no nostalgic return to the old situation. We may well feel displaced, disoriented, but Our Lord is our companion in the unfamiliar situation we have reached.

We could take a moment to pray for Our Lord to help us in all life-threatening situations, especially in the final transit through the wrenching chaos of death. May we hear him rebuke the Prince of Darkness and Death: "Quiet, be still" as he accompanies us to the other side, to the promised land of Heaven.

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# The Living Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

20 June 2021

### First Reading Jb 38:1, 8-11

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1**

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,  
his love is everlasting.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's  
deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their soul melted away in their distress.  
(R.)

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their  
need  
and he rescued them from their  
distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed.  
(R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they  
desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
the wonders he does for men. (R.)

### Second Reading 2 Cor 5:14-17

*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.*

*Alleluia!*