



### Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**



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

**Anniversaries In July:** Tom Dundon, Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Michael and Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnell, Tom Delaney, Perc Dwyer, Alice Craven, Mary McDowell, Jayne McMeel, Gaye Arnold, Louis Reinen, Peter Reinen, Bridgie Allan, Ann Dodd.



"During these days of lockdown, we will not be able to gather for worship as we usually do. However, we can still pray in our homes. I encourage you in your personal prayer and your prayer as a family. Our diocesan website has information about links to online Masses and other prayer resources. May Christ be with you always." Bishop Paul

#### Ministries

Thanks to those people who have responded to the call to be part of the Ministry team and for those who have provided feedback on what they value in the Bulletin.

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

#### Finance Committee

The scheduled meeting for Thursday was not able to be held due to current covid restrictions, but will be rescheduled when we are able to meet face to face again.

#### Planned Giving

Thanks to those people who continue to contribute to our planned giving program. Quarterly statements have been emailed to some people and written statements for others are in the back of the churches for you to take home and check. If there is a discrepancy please contact the office by phone or email to have it corrected.

If you would like to make your contribution either as a direct debt or an EFT please use the following details ; **BSB: 083-928 A/C No 51-606-7599** and please include **your name** and a **planned giving number** if possible.

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 25, 2021

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration.

Catholic ministries are being encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be commemorated on July 25. Pope Francis announced earlier this year that the day will be marked each year around the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

In his message for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, with the theme "I am with you always", Pope Francis said older people, even if "energy is running out", have a "renewed vocation". "It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance," he wrote. "Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new." There is a lovely prayer on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Prayer.pdf>

#### Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. *'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready' John 6:1-15*

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: How do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? (Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6) [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)

**Covid Update** COVID restrictions have been extended in Victoria for a further seven days as of 11.59pm Thursday, July 15. More information is available on the government website [https:// www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria) Updates will also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

Timboon	July 25th Closed due to lockdown	August 1st Closed	August 8th 9am Assembly of W & C
Welcome			N McKinnon
Leaders			R Hoffmann C Marr
Statue			D & M Moloney
Reader			K Currell
POF			J McInerney
E.M.H.C.			A Vogels
Bulletin	C Marr A McMeel	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides			A McMeel
Cleaners	C Bullen		E O'Connor
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Assembly W &amp; C 9am</b>

# The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

25 July 2021



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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## First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due  
time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 6:1-15

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people