

**Parish of Timboon**

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**

John belongs obviously to Jesus in the gospel of today, he belongs to his circle, to his intimates. One tells of John, in fact it is John himself who tells it, that he would always sit next to Jesus as close as possible, like a child next to his father. John was happy with his position, he was proud of it, and he was jealous. He would not like anyone to take his place. It is in the gospel of today that this same John who had noticed that others unknown to him, unknown to Jesus, as far as John knew, used the name of Jesus to work miracles and to cast out devils. John was horrified and he went to Jesus to tell him so. He said "I saw a man who is not one of us, who does not belong to our circle, who does not belong to your intimates or friends, cast out devils using your name".

When Jesus speaks, and he made his point very clear: "Don't stop those others, they are working miracles; if they are doing good, they must be alright". It was in that way that he opened John's perspective; it was in that way that he broke through the exclusiveness of all those small groups of believers who think that they have exclusive rights, special access to the full truth, special relation to divine power and so on.

To make it even clearer, Jesus makes his second remark about the simplest of things, a cup of water, saying "Anyone who would give you a cup of water whether he belongs to us or not will certainly not lose his reward.

Jesus continued adding "If you would be an obstacle to the faith and insight of those others, you better be thrown into the sea with a millstone around your neck".

Brothers and sisters do you hear what Jesus said, do you hear how he might be talking to us? Do you hear how he might be talking to you, to us who so often look down on others because they don't believe in Jesus, because they don't believe in Jesus in our way; to those who claim we are the chosen ones, we are the elected ones, we are the intimates, we are the saved ones, we are the knowers, the exclusive possessors of the path and the life and the truth?...Fr Joseph Donders

**Remember** to book with the Parish Secretary if you are attending church when we can have a assembly or mass, hope to be able next week.. There is a limit of 20 attendees at religious ceremonies, so it is important that those who are attending are booked in prior to attending to prevent overflows. Phone 0439 145 805.

**No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough**

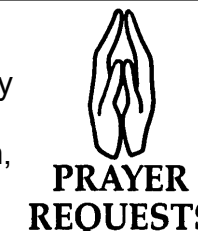
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**Cancellation of church assemblies**

The assemblies for Timboon, Simpson, Camperdown and Cobden have been cancelled for this week, due to the location and number of infection sites listed for our area. Fr Neville has agreed that the services should be cancelled. We will see what happens over the next few weeks.

**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

**Anniversaries In September:** 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 Edmondson, Noel Haugh, Jane van Es, Denise Savage, Martin Barake



Our new **Finance Committee** has been appointed consisting of Patty Martin, Noel McKinnon, Michael O'Keeffe, Kevin Robertson and Anthony O'Connor. We wish them well in their new roles and in the performance of their duties.

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

COVID restrictions have changed in regional Victoria as of 11.59pm on Thursday, September 9, 2021. More information is available on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

**Religious gatherings and ceremonies** will be permitted for up to **20 people** per venue (plus those required to conduct the ceremony).

**The Shared Table;** In the Year of Eucharist 2005, Fr Mick McKinnon issued an invitation to parishioners to share one plate of food a day from your table with a child living in Lima.

So, again this year Fr Mick writes: "You are invited to make a commitment of \$1.00 a week out of your household grocery budget, amounting to a donation of \$52.00 a year. This money will be directly used solely for the purpose of the Shared Table".

For donation forms and more information: Enid O'Connor 0447 983 296

**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, reflection, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)

	<b>September 26th Closed</b>	<b>October 3rd Closed</b>	<b>October 10th Assembly 9:00am</b>
<b>Timboon</b>			
Welcome			A McMeel
Leaders			C Martin K Currell
Statue	P & C Martin		M Turner
Reader			T O.Connor
POF			J McInerney
E.M.H.C.			C Marr
Bulletin	P. Nicholson	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	K Currell	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Cleaners	A McMeel	Vogels Family	Vogels Family
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>September 26th Closed</b>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b>	<b>Assembly 9:00am</b>

**The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2.00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, October 3.** The historic event will develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia. Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). Key moments during the First General Assembly will be live-streamed between October 3 and 10. They will include daily Masses, morning prayer for Plenary Council members and sharing of the fruits of discernment. All found at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) or through the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021 – September 26**

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Towards An Ever Wider "We", for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Download the 2021 kit from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>

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## **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B.**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

4. From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. (R.)

**Second Reading** Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Jn 17:17

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

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

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

This was to be the reflection by Cherolyn for today's Assembly  
Prayer: for migrant and refugee Sunday:-

God of the journey,

We remember that Mary and Joseph

Had to flee to Egypt, Taking Jesus to safety,

Leaving home behind. Remembering,

We pray for sisters and brothers

Around your world Who are forced to leave their homes.

We pray for brothers and sisters who are

Driven from home by natural disasters.

We pray for sisters and brothers who are

Driven from unnatural acts of violence and persecution.

We pray for brothers and sisters who are

Driven from home because of inadequate responses to natural events.

We pray for those who leave their countries and cross borders.

We pray for those who are internally displaced,

Finding new places to live within their own country.

We pray for those who are exposed to freezing cold and searing heat,

Those who lack food, water, shelter, and other necessities of life,

Those who are exploited, violated, and abused, and

Those who mourn the loss of place and all that brings.

We give thanks for the strength, courage, and grace of our sisters and brothers

Who are refugees or internally displaced.

We give thanks for the contributions they make in their new places

And for the ways in which they enrich our lives.

Guide the leaders of the world to find creative ways to respond,

To extend protection and provide safe haven,

To care compassionately and respectfully for the needs of our sisters and brothers,

To address the situations and circumstances that force people to leave their homes.

To do justice and to seek peace.

Show us ways that we can support our brothers and sisters whom we encounter.

Inspire us to engage in the efforts to create a world

In which all have a safe place to call home.

We pray in the name of the refugee Jesus,

Amen.