



Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.

Dear Friends: In today's gospel story we see a man came up, knelt before Jesus and asked: what must he do to inherit eternal life? This is the question that we have to ask ourselves. What must we do to inherit the eternal life? We could simply say that we have to follow the commandments. But the man in the gospel, has been following the commandments since a small boy. Hence he feels something is lacking in his life, so he came to Jesus and asked him. The commandments are the guidelines to grow towards holiness. If we don't grow towards holiness by following commandments, we are just fulfilling the letter of the law not the spirit of the law. We have to love our God with honour and respect. That is our number one priority. Therefore we should not be attached to the material things and riches that hinder us from committing ourselves fully to God. Jesus does not condemn riches but makes it clear that wealth is not a guarantee for salvation. The eternal life is a God's gift. We enter the kingdom by God's grace, by being faithful His love and mercy. Wealth may give us a false sense of security and independence and to say that we do not have need for God. Because we feel that everything can be brought forth by money. So our search for money tends to make us selfish and to forget spiritual things in life. Hence make us to value persons and things only in terms of money. Jesus is telling the rich man, to follow him but he goes away sad, he cannot part with his possessions. Because he cannot detach himself from his wealth, he cannot attach himself to Jesus and to service in the kingdom. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to give us his grace to seek his kingdom in our day-to-day life. -Neville

Remember: to book with the Parish Secretary if you are attending church when we can have a assembly or mass. 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 or text 0439 145 805.

No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough:

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, go to https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rka12LjFX9wvLII5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick.

Parish Finances:

Our Planned Giving Program: 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 516 067 599. 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.

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

Anniversaries In October: Graham Cecil. Frank McKinnon. Gus Dickman. Edith Delahanty. Eileen Bartels. Sandra Van Kempan. Ann Ryan. Greg Carey. Lucy Nicholson. Marilyn Vogels. Laurence Dillon. Johan Gagel. June Hunt. Jason McKenzie.



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. There will also be a Finance Committee meeting on the 19th October, at 6pm, in the presbytery.

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/>.

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/

Timboon	October 10th Assembly 9:00am	October 17th Mass 9:00am	October 24th Assembly 9:00am
Welcome	A McMeel	K Currell	L Tregea
Leaders	C Martin K Currell		R Hoffman A Vogels
Statue	M Turner	B Moloney	T O’ Connor E O’ Connor
Reader	T O’Connor	A Vogels	N McKinnon
POF	J McInerney	S Jayakody	C Marr
E.M.H.C.	C Marr		K Currell
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Cleaners	Vogels Family	Vogels Family	Vogels Family
Simpson	Assembly 9:00am	Closed	Assembly 9:00am

28th Sunday in Ord/Time, Year B.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned

no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded. We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

Victoria's roadmap (www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap): Phase B (70% 16+ double dose). **Estimated 26th October.** •Funerals & weddings for **30 fully vaccinated people indoors and 100 outdoors.** •Unknown vaccination: **20 people, plus staff.** Phase C (80% 16+ double dose). **Estimated 5th-November.** •Weddings, funerals, & religious services for **150 fully vaccinated people indoors, and 500 outdoors.** •Unknown vaccination: **20 people, plus staff.** Phase D (80% 12+ double dose). Estimated 19th November. •See National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response. God bless you all. Bishop Paul

And the Lord said to John, "Come forth, and you will receive eternal life"
But John came fifth and won a toaster.