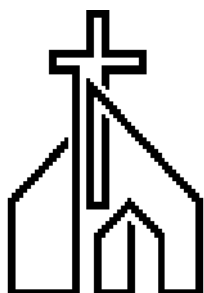


## Parish of Timboon



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**Our Sick:** Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels, Peter Dillon

**Anniversaries In October:** Graham Cecil. Frank McKinnon. Gus Dickman  
Lucy Nicholson. Marilyn Vogels. Laurence Dillon. Johan Gagel. June Hunt.  
Jason McKenzie.

**Recently Deceased** - Peter Corbett, Jeanie Howland, Helen Deppeler, and  
Fr Dennis Denehy.



**PRAYER  
REQUESTS**

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus summarizes all the commandments into one; namely "Love". In response to a question asked by a scribe, Jesus puts together the love of God and the love of neighbour, in accordance with the Old Testament Laws. In Jesus' time, Religious leaders study the law that is fundamental to the life of the Jewish people. Mosaic Law contains more than 600 precepts which will indeed be difficult to memorize and follow to the letter. It is customary for people to ask teachers to give a summary of certain laws about specific activities or aspects of life. This will help them along in their attempt to be faithful to the law. Here the Scribe asked about the greatest commandment in the book of Torah. Jesus speaks of love, the solid foundation of and motivation for life.

Love has two dimensions, love of God and love neighbour. Both are intimately linked to each other. Love of God is undivided and unconditional. It embraces a person's whole being, as she/he is with his/her heart, mind and strength. Love of God modifies love of neighbour. The love of neighbour is all inclusive. It does not discriminate against peoples because of race, religion or persuasion. In loving God and neighbour we have to imitate Jesus. Hence, he struck a balance between love of God and love of neighbour.

So let us take Jesus as our model and radiate our love to God and our neighbour. In our celebration, let us ask the Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to love God and our neighbours faithfully and tenderly in our witnessing life. -Neville

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19):** Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-church-information-and-advice-2/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage; <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/>. At the very end of the page is also published the upgraded table of restrictions, PDF format, that are based on his most recent press conference.

**Upcoming Forum: Listening, learning...change** *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – a Ballarat response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. This free event can be attended via some parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via the Zoom platform. Register through Eventbrite [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learningchange-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learningchange-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1). Brochures are available through your parish or can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

**Synod of Bishops:** Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

October 27, 2021

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **new COVID regulations to come into effect from 6pm on Friday October 29**. The attached document gives details for gatherings of various kinds. Here I simply offer a summary of the provisions that relate to **gatherings in churches**.

**When vaccination status is unknown**, the new government regulations will permit gatherings of up to **30 people** for religious ceremonies, with 1 person per 4 square metres. I ask that each parish have at least one Mass each week with this limit of 30 people, so as to provide some access to Mass for those who, for various reasons, are not vaccinated.

For those who are **fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption**, the new government regulations will permit gatherings of up to **500 people** for religious ceremonies, with 1 person per 4 square metres. Vaccination status relates to those 16 years of age and older.

For weddings, when vaccination status is unknown, the figure is 30 people plus the marrying couple and those necessary to conduct the wedding. For those fully vaccinated or with a medical exemption, the figure is 500 people as above.

For funerals, when vaccination status is unknown, the figure is 30 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. For those fully vaccinated or with a medical exemption, the figure is 500 people as above.

Thank you for supporting one another through these trying times. I offer special thanks to those who have assisted with gatherings in our churches over these past 18 months – those who have taken bookings for Masses, those who have helped us register as we have arrived at church, those who have done the extra cleaning throughout the pandemic. I ask you to continue to be patient as we negotiate the time ahead. Especially I ask you to be patient if you attend a gathering where we need to check vaccination status. Remember, those checking have not made the regulations. They are simply helping us to have as many people as possible attend Mass within the constraints of the government regulations.

God bless you all...Bishop Paul

The remainder of the **Planned Giving envelopes and yearly statements** are available for collection in the church foyer. Please collect them to save postage costs. Thank you.

From **VicgovQRcode**:...Since you downloaded your original posters, we've improved the QR codes to make scanning even faster. The new QR codes are less dense to help you have the smoothest check-in process for your staff and visitors. Please use these to check in.

**COVID-19 vaccination certificate**: The Australian Immunisation Register can post immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (it may take up to 14 days to arrive). Phone 1800 653 809, Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm. Officeworks are offering to downsize and laminate vaccination certificates for \$4.00. You need to provide a copy of the printed certificate.

**Please ring, text 0439 145 805 or email [timboon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:timboon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) to register for Mass**

<b>Timboon</b>	<b>October 31st Mass 9:00am</b>	<b>November 7th Closed</b>	<b>November 14th Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 a.m.</b>
Welcome	N McKinnon		G Vogels
Leaders			C Marr C Bullen
Statue	D Moloney M Moloney		G & A Vogels
Reader	S Jayakody		K Currell
POF	O Muliawan		P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.			A McMeel
Bulletin	G Swierczek		
Slides	P Nicholson		A Vogels
Cleaners	Vogels Family		
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Simpson 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 a.m.</b>

# LITURGY OF THE WORD Sunday 31 Oct 2021

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### First Reading Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be to the God that saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown love for his anointed. (R.)

### Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



## **Gospel** Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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## **Feast Days**

October 31 Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg

November 1 Solemnity of All Saints

November 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 3 Saint Martin de Porres

November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo

November 5 Saint Peter Chrysologus

November 6 Saint Nicholas Tavelic and Companions