



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 we see that it has two parts, one is that Jesus openly tells the people about the hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders. Here he gives them a warning not to follow their example. Their lives are full of insincerity. The other is, he praises a poor widow who has dropped "two small coins" into the temple treasury.

He draws a lesson from this incident. According to Jesus she has put in more than the others contributors. These two coins, worth a few cents, are all she has, and yet she gives them all. In contrast, the others who have put in large sums give from their surplus wealth. The woman does not think of withholding a coin for her needs because she is certain that God will take care of her. God, whose generosity is boundless, will not forsake her. In another sense, the poor widow offers her whole self, her whole life her whole being. She makes the sacrifice without reservation because of her love for God.

In the light of the widow's example, it is good to recall when we last gave our most precious possession to Jesus or made a supreme sacrifice for Jesus. We must admit that there are parts of our life, daily activity or ourselves that we do not totally surrender to Jesus. Something keeps holding us back from Jesus. Let us find out what is holding us back from Jesus. In the sacrament of baptism we gave our promise to God, that we would trust and honour God above everything else, like the poor widow. In our celebration let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to imitate Jesus in our witnessing life. -Neville

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In November: Anthony Allan, Frank Fleming, Ben Tannahill, Lucy Dwyer, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick, Haigh Smethurst, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt.



Recently Deceased: Peter Dillon

Hello Everyone,

I would like to share with you a further message about our participation in Mass in view of government restrictions on gatherings.

Continuing Dispensation from the Obligation to Participate in Mass on Sundays and Other Holydays

Now that the government Covid restrictions have eased and we are able to have more people gather for worship, some have asked about the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holydays. I rejoice that we can now welcome more people into our churches to celebrate the liturgy. However, there are still limitations, such as the density quotient, and so we are not able to gather as fully as we would wish.

Until further notice, as long as there are government restrictions on gatherings, all Catholics in our Diocese of Ballarat will continue to be dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holydays. Those who may not be able to attend Mass on a Sunday or other holyday may still honour the day by personal prayer and perhaps by following a Mass online. I note also that there may be opportunities to participate in Mass on weekdays and I encourage everyone to do so when they can.

God bless you all...Bishop Paul

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 07 Nov 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Or shorter form Mk 12:41-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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The Gospel of the Lord

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Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and has been parish priest of St Joseph's, O'Connor since 2017. He also serves as archdiocesan vocations director and chaplain of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus. Fr Paul reflects on, "St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

The period of local consultation as part of the global journey to the 2023 XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops has commenced. The online portal is now open to receive responses to 10 key questions the Synod documents pose. Reflection guides and prayer resources have been created to support engagement with the Synod journey. Resources available include a media release regarding the consultation process, reflection guides, prayers and the Synod logo at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.

Advent: Online Learning

Our online learning partner, Dayton University, is offering two new Advent classes beginning November 28. *Advent: A Holy Waiting* is designed as an e-retreat experience. Participants will find enrichment for the season through scripture, spiritual reading and listening, group discussion, prayer, and sacred music; and *Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act* explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality. Registration is open until November 25. More information or to register please go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for November: **Universal intention – people who suffer from depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Remember: Book in with the Parish Secretary if you are attending Mass at Simpson Sunday. There is a limit of 30 attendees for unknown vaccination status. Phone or text 0439 145 805.

Timboon	7th November Closed	14th November 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	21st November 9:00 a.m. Mass
Welcome		G Vogels	L Tregear
Leaders		C Marr C Bullen	
Statue		G & A Vogels	G Townsend
Reader		K Currell	O Muliawan
POF		P Nicholson	C Marr
E.M.H.C.		A McMeel	
Bulletin	G Swierczek		
Slides		A Vogels	Vogels
Cleaners			
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed