

## Parish of Timboon



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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we see that Jesus presents himself as God's prophet before his countrymen. His people admired the gracious words that came from his mouth, but refused to believe in him as their prophet and Messiah because of his family background. So they demanded some proof. But Jesus explains to them clearly the mission of a prophet. As he continues to speak to them about the truth and the history of the prophets among the Jewish community, the words Jesus spoke stirred them and they became angry, and they almost wanted to kill him. Regrettably, many prophets were killed or tortured before Jesus' time. So, Jesus wanted to leave the town for now.

It takes courage to be a prophet and proclaim God's word in the way God wants us to speak it in today's world. But the world that we live in wants the prophets to speak and promote their ways and their ideas. Here we see a tension between the kingdom of God and the kingdom or the powers of this world. As a result of this, we know in the world many prophets, journalists in the pursuit of truth, have been murdered. So many men and women were murdered for standing up for truth, justice and peace all over the world; Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who dared to confront oppressive rulers in his own country, was assassinated while celebrating Mass. - Neville.

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

**Anniversaries In January:** Vera Hickey, Madge Boyle, Bill Haig, Patrick F Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Peg Duffy, Laurie Loft, Nancy Nugent, Jim Rylance Snr, Brian Fleming, Patricia Gaut, Ann Dodd, Bob Maslin, Catherine Dendle, Gertruda Heyden, Frank Keegan, Anne van Duynhoven

**Recently Deceased:** Eileen Dillon



## Mass of the Oils 2022

The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

## 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 be available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-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.

## Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025

The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be access and/or downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of "Looking Forward" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 30 Jan 2022

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.  
I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you –  
it is the Lord who speaks.'

**The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*  
Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.  
If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

[Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.]

Shorter form 1 Cor 13:4-13 In brackets [Love is always.....greatest of these is love]

**The Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**The Gospel of the Lord...Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Caritas Appeal for Tonga**

Tonga is reeling after the violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

## **Caritas Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific**

Loving God,

We hold before you in our hearts

the people of Tonga in this time of need.

We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.

Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami

and degradation of land and water through ash,

we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.

They are communities of great faith.

May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.

May they turn to each other for comfort and community.

And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.

We all share this mysterious world

which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.

May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage

and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.

The Church in Australia celebrates the **Sunday of the Word of God** on the first Sunday in February – **February 6** in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

## **Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, February 6, 2022**

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, “Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation” to be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

Timboon	30th January 9:00 a.m. Mass	6th February Closed	13th February 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
Welcome	L Tregea		A McMeel
Leaders			C Bullen A Vogels
Statue	T & E O'Connor		D & M Moloney
Reader	A Vogels		N McKinnon
POF	L McInerney		C Marr
E.M.H.C.			K Currell
Bulletin	G Swierczek	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Slides	K Currell	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Cleaners	R Hoffmann		
Simpson	Closed	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly 9:00 a.m.