

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we saw that Jesus went to pray in a lonely place and was returning to his disciples after his prayer. One of his disciples asked him: Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples pray. The disciple who asked Jesus, teach us to pray, probably would have felt the need of a prayer or the value of prayer in his discipleship. We are called to be his disciple through our baptism. So we need prayer in our life. Prayer is to our spiritual life what oxygen and breathing are to our bodily life. If we do not pray, we will not survive spiritually. Prayer should thus come naturally for children of God. Yet, it is also true that we often do not know how to pray or what to pray for. Hence we need to be taught how to pray. And who is better to teach us than Jesus himself. Thus we need to ask Jesus, like the disciple, Lord, teach us to pray. Jesus has given us what we call "the Lord's Prayer" whose shorter version is given here in the gospel by Luke. We can say this prayer, not only with our lips but also with our hearts and be certain that we are praying according to the mind of Jesus. We ask, seek and knock repeatedly not because God is deaf to our pleas, but because in our way of asking, seeking and knocking we enlarge the capacity of our hearts to receive the grace God wants to give us in answer to our prayer. We need persistence in our prayer like the Canaanite woman whose daughter Jesus heals because of her persistent pleading. Let us ask the Lord the virtue of Persistence for our Prayer.

Neville.

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In July: Jayne McMeel, Gaye Arnold, Louis Reinen, Peter Reinen, Bridget Allan, Tom Delaney, John Dwyer, Joan Densley, Mary McDowall, Mick and Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnell, Tom Dundon, Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Alice Craven, Olive Savage, Margaret Townsend.

Recent Death: Jim Delaney Leo Bond



What can I study at Catholic Theological College: With semester 2, 2022 fast approaching it is now time to discover the available face-to-face and online options at Catholic Theological College (CTC). Studying theology at CTC provides an opportunity to deepen your understanding of our faith. You can build pastoral skills and engage in rich theological discussion. There are a variety of units to consider in Semester 2, 2022 and beyond. You can view the Virtual Open Tour video at <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/ctc-vid>

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 July: For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Vinnie's Winter Appeal: Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic> **If you have warm clothing, blankets etc. to donate please see Pat Nicholson.**

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert: The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 24 Jul 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved.

At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together.

In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.



Second Reading: Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation): Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord...**All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Needed urgently – volunteers workers for Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service, Diocese of Broome:

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details and an application form please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan, ph. 08 9192 1060 or email volunteers@broomedioocese.org. Web: www.broomedioocese.org. Mail: PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

Palms Australia celebrating a return to global mission:

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. COVID challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills, to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or phone 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills. Register for a webinar on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7.00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them <https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/>. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Church will this weekend celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with the theme, "In old age, they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We pray for all grandparents and the elderly and thank them for their gifts to families and to our parish communities. Resources are available at <https://catholic.org.au/grandparents>

Prayer for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life.
 For, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit.
 Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment,
 but forsake me not when my strength declines.
 Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me,
 to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end.
 Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution,
 to guard with love my grandchildren
 and all the little ones who seek shelter in You.
 Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
 and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness.
 Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen

Catholic Earthcare a program of Caritas Australia: Catholic Earthcare launched its Earthcare Parishes program in December 2021 and since then, the network has grown to sixty parishes across 17 dioceses. Your parish is encouraged to join the network and begin your own parish's journey towards the 7 *Laudato Si'* Goals and to becoming living *Laudato Si'* communities. Please contact Jillian Hogbin, Diocesan Director Caritas, who can lend support on how be involved and to sign up. More information is available from the Catholic Earthcare Ballarat diocese webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DD-Letter-to-Parishes-re-Earthcare-Ballarat.pdf>

Timboon 2022	24th July Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	31st July Mass 9:00 a.m.	7th August Closed
Welcome	K Currell	A McMeel	
Leaders	C Marr E O'Connor		
Statue	M Turner	T O'Connor E O'Connor	
Reader	R Hoffmann	R Couch	
POF	J McInerney	E Roberts	
E.M.H.C.	P Martin		
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	P Nicholson
Slides			
Cleaners	C Bullen	C Bullen	E O'Connor
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.	Closed	Mass 9:00 a.m.