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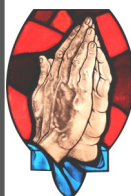
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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Dear Friends , The evangelist Luke, in his Gospel, tells us that "tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus speak". The tax collectors were hated by the Jewish community because they often forced the people to pay much more than was due. The scribes and Pharisees took great offense at Jesus because he went out of his way to meet with tax collectors and sinners and he treated them like they were his friends. The Pharisees had strict regulations to avoid all contact with the gentiles, tax collectors and sinners, because they incur ritual defilement. They were not to entrust money to them, or have any business dealings with them. They were not even to accompany them on a journey, nor give their daughter in marriage to any of their sons. They were quite shocked to see Jesus speaking with sinners and even going to their homes to eat with them. In this parable Jesus gives us a vivid picture of God and what His character and attitude towards us is like. God is truly generous, kind, and forgiving towards us. He always rejoices in searching out those who have strayed, and he welcomes them home with open arms. These words of criticism from the Jewish leaders reveal the heart of Jesus who has come to seek and to save the lost, the least and the losers of this life. We would certainly agree, that would include all of us, if we are honest with ourselves. So let us turn to him and ask his mercy so that we may be able to show the mercy and kindness of God towards others in imitating Jesus in our day-to-day life. -Neville.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In September: : Jeanette Gale, Leo O'Connor, Harriette Conheady, Leo Couch, Jeff Haugh, Jeffrey Arnold, Father Claridge, Father Bob Markey, Mavis Couch, Martin Barake, Denise Savage, Jan Van Es, Noel Haugh, Janet Edmondson, Paul Brick, Mick Dillon, Steven Saliba, Mavis Couch



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Safeguarding Sunday - TODAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 11 September 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) ***I will rise and go to my father.***

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!



Gospel: Lk 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

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

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target. Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better. At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory. We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

National Online Conference for Evangelisation: October 20-22, 2022

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from October 20-22, 2022. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4

Welcome to the Season of Creation “Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home. Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plead with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet’s ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the double crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God’s creation. Resources for the celebration of the Season of Creation 2022 are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/>

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund for sick and retired Priests .

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this fund, contribution over \$2 are tax deductible.

A collection over the next 2 weeks will be held in this parish..

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Synod on Synodality: The Australian National Synthesis for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, colloquially known as the Synod on Synodality, has been published. The Australian synthesis draws from the local diocesan consultations that took place between October 2021 and March 2022, after which diocesan reports were prepared. Countries around the world are producing national syntheses that will assist the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in its ongoing work to prepare the international gathering in Rome in October 2023. More information available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/australian-synthesis-for-global-synod-of-bishops-published/>

Timboon 2022	11th September 9:00am Assembly W & C	18th September 9:00am Mass	25th September 9:00am Assembly W & C
Welcome	N McKinnon	A McMeel	L Tregea
Leaders	J McInerney, C Marr		
Statue	M van Nieuwkerk	G Delaney	K Currell
Reader	C Martin	C Marr	R Hoffmann
POF	E O’Connor	R Hoffmann	S Jayakody
E.M.H.C.	L McInerney		
Bulletin	A Denny	A Denny	A Denny
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Cleaners			
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.