

Parish of Timboon



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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Dear friends,

In today's gospel, Jesus points out to us that we are all stewards of everything we have. He refers especially to our stewardship of money. Whatever money we have, we have from God and God gives it to us in trust. We are only stewards of it and not real owners. Money is not the most important thing of God's gift. If we are trustworthy with money, we can be trusted with bigger gifts, but if we are dishonest with money, we shall be dishonest also when it comes to bigger matters. The way we deal with money is a good test of how good stewards we are of God's gifts.

So how do we deal with money? It is good to earn money for a living. It is right to save money. But it is not good to use money only for our own benefit. Our use of money should also be beneficial to others. Thus, it is not good to hoard money. Nor is it right to spend it lavishly for luxuries that are meant for show. But it is good to save money for future necessities and emergencies. It is right to use money in business that will likely bring profit. It is good to make profit. And it is admirable to share what we have cared for – the uplift of our fellow brothers and sisters and for the building up the kingdom God. So let us pray to our Lord to give us His wisdom so that we may be to administer the money wisely like good stewards and work for His kingdom in our witnessing 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

Recently Deceased Mary Bond



Planned Giving: Our current Planned Giving Programme will finish on the 25th September. We thank all who have contributed over the past year, enabling us to continue the work of the Parish and in meeting our financial obligations. We shall be extending the Programme for another year and hope that all parishioners will continue their support of the Parish for the next twelve months. If you wish to make a commitment to help the Parish, please collect a Pledge Card from the church foyer.

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 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.

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 18 September 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Am 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Tm 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!



Gospel: Lk 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's *Magnificat*).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the eternal habitation.

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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Sacrament of Baptism:

St Joseph’s Parish Faith Community welcomes Bella Hazel Place and her parents Megan and Alex on the occasion of her Baptism today. May God bless her always.

Catholic Women’s League Ballarat Diocese Join us for Mass, Reflection, Speakers and Social Time Together at the Benedictine Monastery, 280 Camperdown– Cobden Road, Camperdown. Tuesday October 11th 10am-3pm Morning Cuppa and Lunch provided, \$10.00 Attendance for catering purposes ring President Margaret Rowe 5358 2421, Diocesan Reps Katrina Currell 0439 995 010, Kate Daffy 5595 1020

Timboon 2022	18th September 9:00am Mass	25th September 9:00am Assembly W & C	2nd October CLOSED
Welcome	A McMeel	L Tregoe	
Leaders			
Statue	G Delaney	K Currell	
Reader	C Marr	R Hoffmann	
POF	R Hoffmann	S Jayakody	
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	A Denny	A Denny	G Swierczek
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	P Nicholson
Cleaners	Anne McMeel	Anne McMeel	Vogel’s Family
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.