

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Dear Friends,

In today's gospel, the evangelist Luke presents Jesus as a compassionate God. The rich man, in the gospel, is the very contrast of God's compassion. Here is a man who lives luxuriously and enjoys the good things of life and is unmindful of the wretched man Lazarus, who is lying at his door. Luke even seems to imply that the rich man's dogs are better than the rich man himself because at least they lick the wounds of the poor man, while the rich man completely ignores the poor man. Often, we think of sin only in terms of doing evil. These are sins of commission. But perhaps, we do sin more often by omission, that is, by neglecting to do the good we can, and must, than by a commandment. In the parable of the last judgement, Jesus says that those who are going to be condemned to the everlasting fires of hell will be consigned there, for neglecting to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and visit the sick and those in prison. We may ask, are there Lazaruses in our lives, people who need our help, but we simply ignore them? They are perhaps, right in our parish or in our neighborhood. So, what is our Christian duty towards them? We have to show the mercy and compassion of God towards them. In our celebration let us pray to our Lord to give us the heart and mind of Jesus to care for them and help them to live a reasonably happy life. Hence they may enjoy the mercy and compassion of God in their life. -Neville.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels, Catherine Marr

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 25 September 2022

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) ***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, 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. He 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: 1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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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 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

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

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally *self*-absorbed in the *self*-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. *He* created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, *created* by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making. We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'.

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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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	25th September 9:00am Assembly W & C	2nd October CLOSED	9th October Assembly W & C
Welcome	N McKinnon		L Tregea
Leaders	R Hoffmann E O’Connor		K Currell R Hoffmann
Statue	K Currell		K Currell
Reader	R Couch		C Marr
POF	S Jayakody		J McInerney
E.M.H.C.	C Bullen		P Martin
Bulletin	A Denny	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	K Currell	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Cleaners	Anne McMeel	Vogel’s Family	Vogel’s Family
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.