

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Dear Friends,

Today's readings focus on the theme of "mercy". The author of the Wisdom of Solomon reflects on the expansive nature of God's mercy, which is extended to all creation. The Psalmist sings of the divine being's graciousness and compassion: "slow to anger and abounding in mercy" (Ps 145:8).

Paul strikes an eschatological note in writing to the Thessalonians of the end time when God will "make you worthy of his calling ... [through] the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ" (2 Thes 1:11-12). And, finally, Luke tells the story of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, who finds mercy and forgiveness after encountering Jesus.

The gospel story provides a narrative account of such a gentle rebuke, as Jesus' calm presence visits the house of Zacchaeus and engenders in the tax collector genuine repentance and remorse. The story represents the fulfilment of themes explored first in the Song of Zechariah in Luke's nativity narratives, where the father of John the Baptist sings that the "tender mercy of God will visit us, like daylight breaking from on high" (Lk 1:78).

The biblical concept of mercy is tied to the motif of YHWH's covenant faithfulness. The Psalmist says that God has proven "trustworthy in all his words ... fulfilling the desires of all who revere him". (Ps 145:13, 19) Paul intimates that we have nothing to fear about our future because God has called us into a relationship that will ultimately "bring to fulfilment every good purpose and every effort of faith" (1 Thes 1:11).

However, with God mercy is never simply faithfulness; God's mercy exceeds the covenant obligation. Israel had long since forfeited any claim on YHWH, but still God showed mercy in visiting and redeeming his people (Lk 1:68). God's compassion is made concrete in the healing and forgiveness brought by Jesus.

In the biblical record, God's mercy and compassion precedes repentance. We are not required to repent first before God lavishes love and mercy upon us. Rather, it is the realisation of God's compassionate presence in our lives that calls forth our repentance.

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**Our Sick:** Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels, Catherine Marr

**Anniversaries In October:** Graham Cecil, Frank McKinnon, Gus Dickman, Edith Delahanty, Eileen Bartels, Sandra Van Kempan, Ann Ryan, Greg Carey, Lucy Nicholson, Marilyn Vogels, Laurence Dillon, Johan Gagel, June Hunt, Jason McKenzie.



**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.

**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 30th Oct 2022

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** Wis 11:22 – 12:2

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

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



## **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)* Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel:** Lk 19:1-10

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

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## **Reflection for All Saints Day**

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know. Dianne Bergant

**October is National Mental Health Month:** National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

**Prayer for Mental Health month:** Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**National Children’s Week: October 22-30, 2022:**

Children’s Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia held around the fourth Wednesday in October. Children’s Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The Children’s Week National Theme for 2022 is based on UNCRC Article 27: All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development. The Children’s Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children’s rights awareness <https://childrens-week.org.au/>

**SAVE THE DATE update: Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish** – Sunday, November 13, 2022. The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph’s Gathering Space, Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00 noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information will be available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal:** The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

Calling 13 18 12;

Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;

· via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

**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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope’s intention for October: For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the Church. Ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Timboon 2022	30th October 9:00 a.m. Mass	6th November Closed	13th November 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C
<b>Welcome</b>	N McKinnon		K Currell
<b>Leaders</b>			A Vogels T O’Connor
<b>Statue</b>	E O’Connor T O’Connor		D Moloney M Moloney
<b>Reader</b>	S Jayakody		R Couch
<b>POF</b>	J McInerney		J McInerney
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>			E Roberts
<b>Bulletin</b>	G Swierczek	M Moloney P Nicholson	M Moloney P Nicholson
<b>Slides</b>	P Nicholson	A McMeel	A McMeel
<b>Cleaners</b>	Vogels Family		
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9am</b>