

Parish of Timboon



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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Following on from the beatitudes in Matthew's gospel, Jesus speaks of his followers as salt and light. Is that us, we might wonder? While we may no longer preserve food with salt, though millions in the world still do, we all know something of the lift it can give to food. We don't want to overdo it, but no salt and our food might lack for something. So, salt comes into its own when added to something else. That's our task, to add something to people's lives, to give what life we're able to those who share our lives. But Jesus then reminds us that salt can lose its distinctive character and be of no use except for salting the path. So too can we, when the world is too much with us. If we adopt unwittingly the ways of the world and the call of Jesus fades into the background of our lives, we too will lose our character. To be in the world, to love it, but not be of it, is what's required of us if we are to be 'salt of the earth'. That is what we are to be in our street, in our neighborhood, in our town and even beyond. Jesus goes on to say that 'you are the light of the world'. Rather like salt, light doesn't illumine itself, so we're to share the light of Christ, who is the light of the world. That's what we are called to be: a light which will help illumine the lives of those with whom we share our lives. And as we begin to open our lives to others, we begin to recognize we belong to one another, and that this includes people in need, the hungry, the homeless, those left with nothing (as Isaiah says in the first reading). Then our light will shine 'like the dawn.' When we do this we'll begin to live the beatitudes and be counted blessed. We'll learn to reveal the power of the Spirit and of God, as Paul says in the second reading. It begins with doing simple things. This light can also illumine the unease and, at moments, even the despair of our lives; and then we might find we're able to sit with people who feel weighed down by their lives. As we begin to do this, let us give thanks to God for enabling it, because we're living as God wants us to live. So, don't hide our lights away, for what use is that, but put them on a stand, in order that they might shed some light in a darkening world. When we do this, we're able to make a difference, and to witness to this way of living. Damian Coleridge © Majellan Media 2023 **Sourced from** www.majellan.media

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Catherine Marr



Anniversaries In February: Mary McMeel, Mary van Nieuwkerk, Walter Churchill, Peter O'Connor, An Vogels, Nellie Kennedy, Jim McMeel, Pat Maslin, James Coleman, Joe Delaney, Nell Pekin, Susan Boyle, Frances Hammett, Carmel O'Connor, John Fowler, Graeme Bell, Peter Crowe, Ceily Plozza, John Vogels, Eileen Maguire, Nora Townsend



Recent Death: Maureen Isobel Younis

Advance Notice

Rite of Election 2023: Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

Mass of the Oils 2023: Monday, April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. The Mass of the Oils will take place on Monday, April 3, 2023. Can you please advise if your catechumens and candidates would be available and/or willing to participate in this Mass.

Photo permission: We seek permission from those participating in the Rite of Election and the Mass of the Oils to publish photos in the diocesan communications. Please advise the Pastoral Ministry

World Day of the Sick: Saturday, February 11, 2023: To acknowledge World Day of the Sick on February 11, parishes could arrange to have a special Mass or other prayers for the sick around this time.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 5 Feb 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**



Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

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Amazon Australia has assisted the St Vincent de Paul Society in providing 1000 Australian students with back-to-school essentials for the start of the 2023 school year. The items include stationery, lunchboxes and drink bottles. The collaboration is focused on some of the families the society knows are struggling with household expenses. St Vincent de Paul Society national president Claire Victory said as the rapidly rising cost of living drives more people closer to the edge, the generosity of Amazon Australia will help many families. "It's really pleasing to be helping another 1000 students get what they need to participate and learn," Ms Victory said. "This campaign has now helped 3000 children around Australia. It's a great initiative and it's fantastic that Amazon Australia is maintaining its strong commitment to families doing it tough." Amazon Australia Director of Operations Mindy-Espidio Garcia said the company's support is part of its "commitment to providing much-needed assistance to local communities where our employees live and work". "Amazon is proud to once again partner with the St Vincent de Paul Society to support families with a range of back-to-school items, packed by the team at our Moorebank fulfilment centre in Sydney," Ms Garcia said. "The start of the school year is an important time for every child, and every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. We hope this offers some assistance for parents setting their kids up for a successful 2023." The St Vincent de Paul Society is distributing the back-to-school packs direct to families in need via its extensive membership network.

Project Compassion Sunday: February 19, 2023: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will launch Project Compassion on Sunday, February 19, 2023 during Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

Round Table Ecological Theology Sessions: The recent Plenary Council committed the Catholic Church in Australia to developing and committing to a culture of life-long faith formation. For some years now, Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson have been offering regular adult theology classes. A new series of six sessions begins on Wednesday, February 22 (1-3pm or 7-9pm) at Mercy Centre, 16 Gent St. Ballarat East. Then (March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26). For more info please send your mobile number and email to Sr. Veronica on veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study: The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is an initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle for 2023 begins 27th February. There are 38 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

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 February :- In February, we pray with Pope Francis that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need .

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry is inviting Catholics to register for an online national sports consultation to be held on February 28. The consultation will include a keynote address from Santiago Pérez de Camino, head of the Church and Sport Office in the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. The consultation will also include input from two Australian sports ministry leaders: the National Centre for Pastoral Research's Stephen Reid, who recently completed a doctoral thesis on sports chaplaincy; and Helene O'Neill, family ministry coordinator for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, a sports chaplain and former ABC sports commentator.

Timboon 2023	5th February Closed	12th February 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	19th February 9:00am Mass
Welcome		G Vogels	L Tregua
Leaders		J McInerney R Hoffmann	
Statue		G Vogels A Vogels	
Reader		K Currell	L McInerney
POF		E Roberts	J McInerney
E.M.H.C.		A McMeel	
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Cleaners			
Simpson	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00am	Closed