

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon

Anniversaries In June Glad Scanlon, Monica Flemming, Kevin Hession, Pat Dundon, Tony Tregea, Brian Maslin, Brian Freeman, Jan Vogels, Marjorie Martin, Hendrieka Lathouwers, Valda McKenzie, Jim Delaney

Recent Deaths: Joan Johnson, Barbara Dickinson, Margaret Trigg, Jo Vogels



When I was a young boy shopping with my mum, she would remind me when we entered a shop to look but not to touch. She would say, "Those things are expensive. They break easily." Her words have always stayed with me. Expensive items are not to be handled, as high cost equates to fragility. This is a pertinent experience for our everyday lives. When I used to drive an old, damaged car, I didn't really care where I was parked or who was parked next to me. However later, when driving a much newer and more expensive vehicle, I was very careful not to park near the supermarket trolleys or next to an old, battered car like the one I had before. I treated the newer car like a fragile item that could shatter and break. I was so cautious that, in my mind, I bubble-wrapped my car. So, it is with our lives. Newborn babies are fragile and immensely precious. I have heard young dads and mums share stories about how they held their newborns in their arms or in the palm of their hands and marveled at their preciousness. As we grow up, our parents naturally try to bubble-wrap us to protect us from dangers around us. Eventually, as we grow and journey through life, the bubble-wrap falls away. But the preciousness of our lives is still there and doesn't detract from the reality that each of us is precious. That is the message Jesus shares with his disciples in today's gospel passage. "Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why? Every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows." Like everyone, I have had hard knocks in my own life. Some of those personal blows were difficult to bounce back from. But, as I recall those times, I remember the pain on my parents' faces; it said it all. If they could have taken my place and spared me the hurt, they would have. And that love and support is what gave me the strength to stand up again. My parents' response provides a glimpse of the love and care that God has demonstrated to us through the life and sacrifice of His son, Jesus. Their love for me exemplifies the immense love God has for each one of us. God doesn't want us in bubble-wrap: to be seen and not touched. God wants us to live our lives to the full and to do the work we are called to do, helping to build a better world. Jesus encouraged his disciples not to be afraid. We are precious in God's eyes. Even though we can be fragile, precious and vulnerable, God values and loves us and is always by our side.

Mark Chia CSsR Majellan Media 2023

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Pope's intention for June - For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families. Lord, hear us.

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Giraiwurrung lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 25th June

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading **Jer 20:10-13**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinize the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

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

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14**

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**



Second Reading **Rom 5:12-15**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 15:26. 27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 10:26-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

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World Youth Day will be held from 1-6 August, 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Anyone interested in attending can register with the Archdiocese of Melbourne to join with them in pilgrimages they have on offer. More information at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/-adult-ministry/world-youth-day/>

PLEASE NOTE

Mass on the first Sunday of the month will be in Timboon for July and August

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ACU Centre for Liturgy Online Training Program – Ministers of the Word 28June 2023

This new four-week training program for Ministers of the Word has been created by Australian liturgy specialists in order to foster and develop the skills of new and existing ministers. The online program features quality liturgical content and offers practical exercises in a supportive and engaging environment. The comprehensive program is suitable for members of all communities, city or regional, large or small, school or parish. More information available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

Are you interested in helping at the Timboon Hospital, visiting the sick? This would require one visit a month, chatting with patients who do not have family or visitors. For more information ring Patty Martin on 0400 533 734 or 5598 5495

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date: 4 August 2023

Hello Everyone,

I am forwarding some information about the proposed government takeover of Calvary Hospital in Canberra.

I would be grateful if you could bring this information to the notice of the people of your parish.

Those who wish to would be able to sign the online petition to Save Calvary.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Timboon 2023	25th June Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.	2nd July Mass 9:00a.m.	9th July Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	A McMeel	M McKinnon	G Vogels
Leaders	T O' Connor, J McInerney		A Vogels E O' Connor
Statue	K Currell	C Martin P Martin	M Turner
Reader	A Vogels	M McKinnon	K Currell
POF	G Vogels	E Roberts	P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.	A Vogels		C Bullen
Bulletin	Denny Family	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	P Nicholson	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.