

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl

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

Recent Deaths: Joan Johnson, Barbara Dickinson, Margaret Trigg



"God is love," says St John in a famous line. There has never been a more radical statement in the history of humanity. To understand its original contrast with the generally accepted accounts of divinity in the ancient world is to grasp afresh its revolutionary quality.

The ancients could get behind power: God is mighty. God is holy. You cannot look on him and live. He dwells in unapproachable light. These sentiments, appearing frequently in the Old and New Testaments, are also common in the religious outlook of humanity outside of the biblical revelation.

The Romans not only conceived of the gods as powerful, but they viewed power itself as divine. This is why the emperor was a god: he held real power. He spoke and things happened. And the initial portrait of God from the first page of Scripture shows a supreme power whose very speech brings into being the ordered cosmos.

Similarly, knowledge. Zeus, for example, defeated his rivals and secured his power over the cosmos by his wily cunning which the Greeks prized above even strength. Now the God of biblical revelation is all-powerful and shrewd beyond the cunning of his creatures. He has no rival. He belongs to a wholly unique category; he is the One, the beginning and the end, the Lord of lords, the Living God, a consuming fire—"my name is too wonderful," he tells Manoah, the father of Samson. To Moses he responds with the devastating, "I am who I am."

The traditional gods of the world's peoples always seem to represent aspects of the world that definitively transcend our control and thereby elucidate our mortality—our powerlessness and ignorance. The God of glory in the biblical story again and again surpasses such accounts in a matchless and dizzying way. It's almost as if that speech-draining eclipse of pagan divinity by this categorically different God of power and knowledge is just a peek through a cracked door, a taste of brine in the air from an unfathomable sea just beyond the next turn of the path. Accompanying his "name" in his world-upending presence before Moses, mysterious words are proclaimed that elaborate its meaning. Among them are the following: "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love..."

This love is a holy, righteous love, a love that is absolute and free, a love that alone can swallow up the paralyzing power of evil and death and injustice, a love that loves, as the gospel decisively reveals, through the end of mortality into a renewed, ultimate beginning. It is an inextinguishable flame, a fountain that is its own limitless source, a light and a life that never dims nor ceases to satisfy.

"God is love." To meditate on these three words through the sacred story they summarize is to initiate an approach to the mystery of God's triune character, his three-fold unity.

W Chris Hackett

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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 4th June

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Year A

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God’s only Son.’

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

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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.

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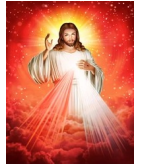
ACU Centre for Liturgy Online Training Program – Ministers of the Word 28 June 2023

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>



Divine Mercy observance St Andrew's Simpson.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart celebration Friday 16th June at 2-3pm
St Andrew's Simpson.



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	4th June Mass 9:00 a.m.	11th June Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.	18th June Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	G Vogels	L Tregua	K Currell
Leaders		R Hoffmann, K Currell	
Statue	P Haugh	P Haugh	G Delaney
Reader	J McInerney	L McInerney	E O'Connor
POF	A Vogels	T O'Connor	S Jayakody
E.M.H.C.		A McMeel	
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed