

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Dear Friends,

In the context of the parable in the gospel, the younger son who says 'Yes' when asked to go and work in the vineyard is the one who behaves properly to his father. But he changes his mind and refuses to go and work in his father's vineyard. The elder son who says, 'I will not' disobey and humiliate my father. Later he realizes his responsibility and the obedience to his father, goes to the vineyard and works. Here we notice that: what Jesus asks about in the parable is not which of the sons behaved honourably and respectfully to his father but which of the two did his father's will? In the kingdom of God, this is what really counts: we have to do the will of God.

Jesus then points to the tax collectors and the sinners who initially say 'No' but eventually repent from their sins and wrong doings, hence wish to do God's will finally. Jesus points out here that the people who rejected John the Baptist's invitation to work for the kingdom of God, have accepted his invitation to work for his kingdom. Let us be clear about this invitation to work for God's kingdom. No matter what we say or do in our lives we have to remember that, at the end of our earthly journey God's kingdom is the only place of destination. So let us regret for ignoring the invitation of Jesus and to begin working for his kingdom in the future. -Neville



**Our Sick:** Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon, Carmel Densley

**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, Ken Berry, Joseph Pekin



### Faithful invited to pray for Synod of Bishops

The Vatican is asking all baptised people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome, to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

### Diocesan Social Justice Statement launch

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### Laudato Si': Everything is connected

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action.

**"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 1st October

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6*

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

**Second Reading:** *Philippians 2:1-11*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

(If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus). (Shorter version)

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** *John 10:27* (Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matthew 21:28-32*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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

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**Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya**

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. To donate scan or click the QR code or follow link: <http://www.caritas.org.au/>

**Aid to the Church in Need Pakistan Appeal**

Aid to the Church in Need is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering, scan or click on the QR code or follow link:

<https://aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal>

### Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

### Season of Creation Resources 2023

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. The following resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

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They suggest for the following weekend, **October 7/8** that the Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer be viewed. See link: <https://vimeo.com/866995880/5dd369b97d?share=copy>

More information and presentations are available at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/>

**The 2022-2023 Planned Giving programme ended 24th September. New Planned Giving envelopes for the term 1st October 2023 to 29th September 2024 are now available in the churches. Please collect yours and any that you may be able to distribute to others in your vicinity. Thank you for your contributions and continuing support of the parish.**

**Refreshments after Masses have been re-introduced, please bring a plate to share.**

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.

More information: Patty Martin on 0400 533 734 or 5598 5495

Timboon 2023	1st October Closed	8th October Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	15th October Mass 9:00 a.m.
Welcome		L Tregua	K Currell
Leaders		T O' Connor K Currell	
Statue		D Moloney M Moloney	G Vogels A Vogels
Reader		K Currell	N McKinnon
POF		R Hoffman	E O'Connor
E.M.H.C.		C Bullen	
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	Mass 9 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.	Closed