

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Many of the grim-faced youths waiting to have their feet washed that Holy Thursday were heavily tattooed. They were familiar with the harsh realities of crime and violence. Nevertheless, the elderly figure knelt before them, gently washed then dried their feet, and kissed their feet lovingly. Touched by his gesture of love and mercy, they kissed his hand, thanked him warmly and appeared deeply moved by his actions. The figure before them was Pope Francis and the young people were inmates at a juvenile prison in Rome. Today's gospel illustrates a quality which Greg Boyle SJ has described as the "limitless magnanimity of God." The generous landowner in the parable invites any worker needing employment into his vineyard. It is a metaphor for a God whose generosity knows no bounds. He longs to include everyone in his plan for redemption. The wage of one denarius is not an indication that the landowner is a mean-spirited businessman. In contrast, it is meant to show that everyone is equally valued no matter their circumstances. God's love sets no limits and, indeed, is entirely undeserved. It is a gift he offers to everyone regardless of how they come to him. Fr Boyle has embodied this lavish generosity in his ministry. Touched by the plight of disadvantaged youth who have fallen into crime, he founded Homeboy Ministries, a gang intervention and rehabilitation program in Los Angeles. He has, for the past few decades, provided training, employment and opportunities for gang members—some of whom even belong to rival gangs—to rebuild their lives.

He describes God's heart as "immeasurably larger than our imaginations can conjure." He says that God longs to give all of us, regardless of our circumstances "peace, assurance and a sense of well-being" (Gregory Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*). In his encyclical "Fratelli Tutti," Pope Francis draws on the example of St Francis of Assisi to encourage us to live in a manner marked radically by the gospel. St Francis regarded his primary goal as spreading the love of God to everyone. Pope Francis explains that St Francis understood that "God is love and those who abide in love abide in God" (1 John 4:16). Pope Francis also cites the parable of the Good Samaritan as well as Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman as examples of how God's love transcends boundaries such as race and culture. Our deep encounter with an immensely generous and loving God can prove life-changing and indeed world-changing. God's love transforms each of us and, in turn, ripples out to the broad network of everyone with whom we interact. Pope Francis explains that "our relationships, if healthy and authentic, open us to others who expand and enrich us." Empowered by this divine impetus, we can bring about significant social, economic and political change in our world.

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

Anniversaries In September Jeanette Gale, Leo O'Connor, Harriette Conheady, Leo Couch, Jeff Haugh, Jeffrey Arnold, Father Claridge, Father Bob Markey, Mavis Couch, Martin Barake, Denise Savage, Jan Van Es, Noel Haugh, Janet Edmondson, Paul Brick, Mick Dillon, Steven Saliba, Mavis Couch

Recent Deaths: Ron Smith, Kevin Baxter, Bert Pepperkamp, Peter Davison (son of Jessie Davison)



Wednesday 27th September , graveside service for Peter Davison at Scott's Creek Cemetery at 12:00 p.m. with lunch afterwards. Open invitation to all.

"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 24th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (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. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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



Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this day. Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome. We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933]. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate online, ph. (03) 9287 5513 or scan or click the QR code for more information.

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Caring for those who cared for us—The Church Community’s Responsibility

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/>

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.

Pope’s intention for September – Pope’s intention for September – For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. Lord, hear us.

It has been decided to re-introduce refreshments after Masses, 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	24th September W&A 9:00 a.m.	1st October Closed	8th October W&A 9:00 a.m.
Welcome	N McKinnon		L Tregua
Leaders	P Nicholson C Bullen		T O’ Connor K Currell
Statue	T O’Connor E O’Connor		D Moloney M Moloney
Reader	G Vogels		K Currell
POF	T O’Connor		R Hoffman
E.M.H.C.	A Vogels		C Bullen
Bulletin	Denny Family	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A Vogels	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.	Mass 9 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9 a.m.