

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



The image of the abundant, fulfilling feast is used throughout the scriptures to explain God's promise of eternal life. On the mountain of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading, God will "provide for all peoples a feast of juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines."

This metaphor of the abundant feast is used to describe the promise of God that he will "destroy the veil" between himself and humanity, "wipe away the tears from every face" and "destroy death forever".

In today's gospel, Jesus uses this imagery of Isaiah and ties the prophet's promises into his own mission. Jesus' parable reveals how the great reunion between God and humanity, where God will provide for his people and defeat death forever as foretold by the prophets, is exactly what is being through Jesus' death and resurrection at Calvary. Hearing about Christ's coming, death and resurrection is like receiving an invitation to a great wedding banquet, where the banquet represents eternal life with God.

And as Isaiah says, this provision is for "all peoples." However, as Jesus goes on to say, "many are invited" to this heavenly banquet "but few are chosen."

There are people who reject the invitation to the eternal life that God has planned for us. As Jesus' parable explains, people often dismiss God's messengers without hearing what they have to say. Some have other business they consider more important. Others react aggressively to the message. Some receive the message and come to the party, see everything that God has provided, but reject the way that has been prepared.

This invitation to eternal that Jesus is more than just being assured of going to a nice place after we die. It is not about our souls receiving psychological enlightenment or a prize for good behaviour. Eternal life, as Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, is to know God, to know his goodness in the depths of our being, and to know Jesus Christ, and his message of salvation.

In the life to come, we will be restored to communion with God and participation in his very nature. Eternal life, therefore, involves stepping into a new way of living. Not just accepting the invitation but living in the new life of love and holiness that we were created for.

What God wants more than anything else is that his children freely choose the life that he has on offer. And so, while we walk on this earth, the invitations are constantly issued to those of us willing to hear. Unlike the man who rejects to wear the wedding garment in this parable, which symbolises living the love and justice that God has created us for, we can respond differently to the king's gentle question: "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"

The gospel reminds us to keep accepting Jesus' invitations. The eternal life he is calling us to be part of is the one we have been created for.

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

**Anniversaries in October:** 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



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 15th October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

## First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading:

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## **Gospel Acclamation:** *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)*

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart

that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel:**

*Matthew 22:1-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**Or shorter form**

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



### October is World Mission Month

In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us through Luke 24:13-35, “hearts on fire, feet on the move”, that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way. Catholic Mission has launched the World Mission Month 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. After decades of journeying with the Venilale community, Sr Carolina can summarise her understanding of Mission in a sentence: “Mission is where many people need you.” Through Catholic Mission, you are invited you to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community. You can contribute today by scanning the QR code or clicking the link: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/news/latest-news/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-2023-appeal>

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites applications for a fellowship



from young Catholic women who are committed to their faith and who feel called to explore leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and within the Church. The fellowship welcomes those volunteering or working in Catholic ministries or roles, and those working in secular settings fulfilling their mission in the world. Fellowship participants should be open and willing to explore the diversity of the universal church and desire to identify and step into new mission fields. For more information scan or click the QR code. Link: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship>

### 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/>

### Laudate Deum – Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Pope Francis released 'Laudate Deum', his apostolic exhortation on the climate crisis. Officially titled, 'Laudate Deum: To all the People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis', the exhortation is a sequel to his exhortation, 'Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home [2015]. Laudate Deum and further resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/laudate-deum-apostolic-exhortation-of-pope-francis/>



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**Thank you to everyone for your contributions over the past year.**

| Timboon 2023 | 15th October Mass<br>9:00 a.m. | 22nd October<br>Assembly W&C 9 a.m. | 29th October Mass<br>9:00 a.m. |
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| Welcome      | K Currell                      | A McMeel                            | N McKinnon                     |
| Leaders      |                                | K Currell R Hoffmann                |                                |
| Statue       | G Vogels A Vogels              | G Townsend                          | P Haugh                        |
| Reader       | N McKinnon                     | J McInerney                         | L McInerney                    |
| POF          | E O'Connor                     | A Vogels                            | K Currell                      |
| E.M.H.C.     |                                | T O'Connor                          |                                |
| Bulletin     | G Swierczek                    | G Swierczek                         | G Swierczek                    |
| Slides       | P Nicholson                    | P Nicholson                         | P Nicholson                    |
| Simpson      | Closed                         | Assembly 9:00 a.m.                  | Closed                         |