

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone was wealthy, popular and influential. Yet, he renounced his wealth, privilege and lavish lifestyle to follow Jesus and to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Francis of Assisi, as we now know him, embraced poverty, dressing himself in a coarse woollen tunic, the dress of poor Umbrian peasants.

In today's gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve, selected from among his disciples. He sent out the disciples in pairs, emphasising the importance of community. The disciples went forth together to preach the good news, drive out demons and heal people. Jesus also gave them specific instructions about travelling light: they were to bring no food, money, or even a spare tunic. They were utterly dependent on the providence of God and the hospitality of others.

Our call to discipleship is a profound call to live and love radically. In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis encourages us all to follow the example of St Francis who embraced simplicity and poverty, sowed seeds of peace and love, and walked alongside the least of his brothers and sisters. Pope Francis describes St Francis's attitude of "fraternal openness" which allowed him to "acknowledge, appreciate and love each person".

This call to live simply does not mean that being poor is in itself a virtue. In fact, poverty often exists because of unjust social structures which widen gaps between rich and poor and do not provide for those in need.

Rather, we are called to be free from accruing status, possessions and self-importance, in order to commit ourselves deeply to living the gospel. This attitude grounds us in an entirely different set of values from those held by the world. It also emboldens us to strive to create just social structures which distribute wealth equitably and empower the weak.

Jon Owen, who leads Wayside Chapel, Sydney, is a contemporary example of this call to live Jesus' commission. The Wayside Chapel, which has more than 600 volunteers, supports the homeless, drug addicts, domestic violence victims and refugees. It provides showers, emergency clothing, and free meals, as well as counselling, employment support, and social activities like bingo and music jam sessions.

While studying at university, Jon felt the need to work for Urban Neighbours of Hope. He left an upwardly mobile path in life to take vows of poverty in order to work with the disadvantaged. Later, with his wife Lisa, he opened their Sydney home to those in need, including refugees, former criminals and recovering drug addicts. Jon's attitude that "no one is a problem to be solved but a person to be met" has inspired him to reach people who would otherwise remain unseen.

May the radical love of Jesus inspire all of us to make a difference in our communities and in the world today.

Sophie Clements

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Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick.

Anniversaries in July: : Tom Dundon. Teresa Heyden, Veronica Keegan, Michael Parsons, Emily Parsons, Edward O'Donnel, Tom Delaney, Perc Dwyer, Alice Craven, Mary Mc.Dowel, Jayne McMeel, Gaye Arnold, Louis Reinen, Peter Reinen, Bridgie Allan, Ann Dodd, Olive Savage, Margaret Savage

Recently Deceased: Noreen O' Connor, Rikki Hintum.



"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 14 Jul 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: *Amos 7:12-15*

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading: *Shorter form*

Ephesians 1:3-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, God chose us.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved
in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

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



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

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.



WINTER APPEAL – Dear parishioners, your conference is proud to represent Catholics in caring for the needy. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic> . Take care to write Cobden Simpson in the Comments/Conference Name box. Thank you. Pat



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. The Diocesan Social Justice Commission, in collaboration with Caritas (Diocese of Ballarat), Earthcare Ballarat and the Pastoral Ministry Office, will provide monthly *Laudato Si* banners for use on your parish bulletins and correspondence to your community (see July banners attached - choose one that suits your bulletin). The banners include a quote taken directly from the encyclical with the reference number provided for parishioners to look up and read more deeply about that area. You are encouraged to promote the Pope's message by using these banners as they are designed to help reflect and respond to the encyclical and foster faith and action. Also provided along with the banners will be a monthly idea we encourage you to include on your bulletins to help your parish/ community to change the world!

Save energy at home: *Much of our electricity and heat are powered by coal, oil and gas. Use less energy by reducing your heating and cooling use, switching to LED light bulbs and energy-efficient electric appliances, washing your laundry with cold water or hanging things to dry instead of using a dryer. Improving your home's energy efficiency, through better insulation for instance, or replacing your oil or gas furnace with an electric heat pump, can reduce your carbon footprint by up to 900 kilograms of CO₂ per year.*

Sea Sunday: July 21 & 28, 2024:



Sea Sunday is a day when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information go to www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop Dinner 2024

Save the date: The Annual KSC Archbishop's Dinner to support the education of clergy will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024 at the Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. More information available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/361551410249967?ref=newsfeed>

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

For the pastoral care of the sick: *Let us pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. Lord, hear us.*

Timboon 2024	14th July 9.00 a.m. Assembly of W&C	21st July 9:00 a.m. Mass	28th July 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W&C
Welcome	N McKinnon	A McMeel	L Tregear
Leaders	T O' Connor K Currell		J McInerney R Hoffmann
Statue	G Townsend	G Delaney	K Currell
Reader	J McInerney	L McInerney	N McKinnon
P.O.F.	A Vogels	E O'Connor	T O'Connor
E.M.H.C.	P Martin		L McInerney
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00am	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00am