

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



St Jerome said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." On the back cover of my Bible, this famous line is printed beneath an image of the fourth-century hermit-saint in his study. Scriptures in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin are open on desks behind him. He seems to be taking a break from his translation project to pull the thorn out of the lion's paw.

One thing Jerome meant is that understanding the New Testament requires deep familiarity with the Old Testament, the original Scriptures. The New is *contextualized* by the Old. The Evangelists wrote in such a way as to *embed* the story of Jesus in the biblical horizon. We could therefore elaborate on Jerome's words and say: Ignorance of the Old Testament makes the New Testament opaque.

The story of Christ's feeding of the five thousand is an example of Jerome's principle. Having John 6 set beside the story of Elisha's miraculous feeding from 2 Kings 4 is useful. We can see that the gospel author emphasises parallels between Jesus and Elisha. Barley loaves are used in both miracles; incredulous disciples in both stories are commanded to feed the people; and there are plenty of leftovers in each.

The first part of Elisha's wider story chronicles seven key miracles; and John organises the first part of his story of Jesus with seven miraculous "signs." Elisha and Jesus both cure the blind, heal lepers, and raise the dead. Both are betrayed by the love of money. Even their names are similar in Hebrew: Elisha means "God is salvation," and Jesus means "Yahweh is salvation."

When you see the similarities, the differences between the stories become more important: Elisha feeds one hundred with food enough for twenty; Jesus feeds five thousand with a lot less. Elisha feeds with bread; Jesus feeds with bread and fish; Elisha's story says "there was some left over;" Jesus' story says there were "twelve basketfuls" in excess, an incredible amount of abundance from out of such a small beginning.

And the people fed by Jesus realise how much more he is than a miracle working prophet: he is "the Prophet," they exclaim, the saviour-king whom Moses told them to wait for. They even try to make him king by force.

Elisha's prophetic role was to hold unfaithful kings of Israel accountable to God for their abject failure in administering justice and steering God's people away from idolatry. Elisha apparently failed: the story shows Israel falling into greater and greater apostasy that culminates in national disaster. Yet the suffering of Israel becomes the seedbed of their salvation.

The gospel story intensifies the role of the miracle-working prophet, Jesus, to the point of something truly new: the prophet is himself the expected king, and yet his kingship is unexpected. John portrays Jesus' elevation on the cross as his enthronement! An apparent failure that is actually victory. Jesus embodies the story of Israel and transforms it.

W Chris Hackett

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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 28th July 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B

## First Reading:

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

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

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (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:

Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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

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

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!





## Gospel:

John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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

### Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. There is a flyer attached that you could display in your parish or add to your bulletin. The flyer is also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

**St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebration – August 8, 2024:** Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney and the Sisters of Saint Joseph are livestreaming Mass on August 8, 2024 at 10.00am to celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, Livestream link is <https://www.youtube.com/embed/lppmamzmOb0>. **Resources to assist with celebrations for this Feast day are available at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/chapel/feast-day-resources/>**

**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](http://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.*



**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





This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: <https://www.stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal>

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Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Join our Palms' [Discovery Webinar](#) online on Thursday 15 August. Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

**Venue:** Online via Zoom- register at [palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/](https://palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/)  
**Date:** Thursday 15th August 2024  
**Time:** 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST  
**02 9560 5333**  
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**Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday, July 28, 2024**

Resources are available from the diocesan website for the celebration of the Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday, July 28, 2024 <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-28-2024/>.

**Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 28, 2024**

*Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
 Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
 And grant us, once again, The ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are Your children.*

*Renew our hearts with your Word  
 And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
 May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness And teach us to say:  
 "I will not abandon you!"  
 To those we meet on our journey.*

*With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
 And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.  
 Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
 And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly a day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.*

Timboon 2024	28th July 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W&C	4th August 9:00 a.m. Mass	11th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W&C
<b>Welcome</b>	L Tregear	K Currell	N McKinnon
<b>Leaders</b>	J McInerney R Hoffmann		C Bullen K Currell
<b>Statue</b>	K Currell	G Townsend	G Delaney
<b>Reader</b>	N McKinnon	G Swierczek	L McInerney
<b>P.O.F.</b>	T O'Connor	R Hoffmann	J McInerney
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>	L McInerney		E O'Connor
<b>Bulletin</b>	G Swierczek	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
<b>Slides</b>	P Nicholson	A McMeel	A McMeel
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00am</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00am</b>