

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Elijah the prophet is running for his life. We don't hear about it in today's first reading, but earlier chapters of 1 Kings describe his conflict with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. These powerful, corrupt political leaders threaten Elijah with violence, so he runs into the desert. The journey from Jezreel to Beersheba was about one hundred miles—a long journey to make on foot! We hear Elijah's exhaustion and despair when he prays for God to take his life. But God responds with care and tenderness, sending an angel with food and drink. In placing this reading with the section from the bread of life discourse, the church invites us to reflect on how the food given to Elijah prefigures the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven, Christ's own self in the Eucharist.

Last year, I shared a Eucharistic meal with people in circumstances a lot like Elijah's. Along with others from the parish where I serve, I spent a week volunteering at Catholic Charities' Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas on the U.S.-Mexico border. Hundreds of migrant men, women, and children stay at the Center for a few days after they are admitted into the United States. It's a safe place to rest, eat, and access needed toiletries or clothes. Here asylum seekers make plans to continue their travel to be reunited with family members waiting to receive them.

And the Center is also a place where migrants are offered spiritual food for the journey in the Eucharist. One afternoon, two Jesuit priests came and celebrated a simple Mass in one corner of the large room where migrants rested on mats on the floor. No incense, no trained musicians, no stained-glass windows, no fresh flowers surrounding the altar. No pomp and circumstance at all. We sat on simple plastic chairs, and the altar was a basic, well-worn folding table. And yet I remember it as one of my most graced experiences of Eucharist.

Like Elijah, the migrants are fleeing violence and persecution. Many are running for their lives. And the journeys from Venezuela, El Salvador, Honduras, and other parts of Latin America and the Caribbean are far longer than Elijah's journey to Beersheba. For me, a white, English-speaking, middle class American citizen with a pretty comfortable life, sharing in the Eucharistic celebration with them was a powerful reminder of Eucharist as a sacrament of unity.

Those of us gathered spoke different languages, had different ethnic identities, came from different countries, and were heading to different destinations. We ranged from babies held in arms to elders in their 80s. And we were equals in the communion procession. We all showed up hungry, needing living bread, needing hope, needing strength, needing the nourishment only God can give. When you next receive Jesus in the sacrament, join me in giving thanks for the unity we share with people around the world. And join me in praying that our meal at the Lord's table may bridge all that divides us and bring us into greater unity.

Rhonda Miska reflects on the readings for August 11, 2024

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



Anniversaries in August : Vin O'Connor, Mary Maslin, ETTY McKinnon, Joan Densley, Mary Wintle, Frank Maguire, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Norah Place, Jacinta Bracks, Pat Carey, Josie Bird, Fr Brendan Davey, Richard Lowry, Patrick Lowry, Margaret Reid (Lowry), Alieda Bakker



Recently Deceased: Noreen O' Connor, Rikki Hintum, Pamela Parsons

"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 11 Aug 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!



Gospel:

John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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

Thursday 15 Aug 2024 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Assembly of Word and Communion will be held at St Joseph's Timboon at 12:00 p.m.

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/>



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



ACU Big Sing for a Big Cause - August 25, 2024

The Australian Catholic University, in partnership with St Patrick's Cathedral (Melbourne) and St Patrick's College (Ballarat) is hosting "Big Sing for a Big Cause", which will see singers, choirs and instrumentalists combine for a special performance, raising funds for those affected by homelessness. The concerts will be in Ballarat and Melbourne, performing Street Requiem, a piece co-composed by Dr Kathleen McGuire, a renowned composer and ACU senior lecturer in Music Education. Donations will be raised for Peplow House (a ministry of CatholicCare Victoria) and ACU's Urgent Financial Hardship Grant. For more information go to <https://>

Catholic Earthcare to host Season of Creation workshop in September

Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community – including schools, parishes, diocese, organisations and religious orders – to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, September 12 to Saturday, September 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Attendees will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from the diocesan

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Formation

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. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Clergy in parishes, Parish Leadership Team/ Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Dates remaining are: Buninyong; Ballarat – August 13 – 5.00pm – 8.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree; Warrnambool - August 25 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool.

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	11th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W&C	18th August 9:00 a.m. Mass	25th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W&C
Welcome	A McMeel	L Tregea	K Currell
Leaders	K Currell, C Bullen		R Hoffmann, J McInerney
Statue	G Delaney	K Currell	C Martin, P Martin
Reader	L McInerney	P Nicholson	E O'Connor
P.O.F.	J McInerney	L McInerney	P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.	E O'Connor		T O'Connor
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00am	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00am