

## Parish of Timboon

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## HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate

When we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, we celebrate the most superlative Mothers' Day. Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ gave to His mother not merely something of Himself, but everything of Himself, His own life, His own resurrection life.

He gave to her a share in His glorified humanity: bodysoul transformed, transfigured into the heavenly dimension of existence.

But Our Lord does not limit His generosity. He wants all of us, he wants the whole of humankind, indeed He wants the whole of the cosmos to share in His transformed, transfigured existence.

We believe that when we come forward at Holy Communion we take into ourselves the transformed, glorified humanity of Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

When we take the sacrament under the appearance of bread, under the appearance of wine, we so eat and drink that, in the wonderful words of Pope John Paul II: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

For a short time, we anticipate in our own bodies what Mary now fully and eminently experiences.

As Our Lord assures us in today's gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood *has* eternal life.' Note the present tense: *has* eternal life, i.e. Divine Life as mediated through our participation in Christ.

That it is why it is important in normal circumstances to accept the consecrated wine from the chalice and not to take the sacrament just under the appearance of the consecrated bread.

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last forty years is the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under both kinds.

Not only is the reception of both consecrated bread and consecrated wine in harmony with today's gospel, but it also clearly fulfils Our Lord's command: 'Take, eat ... take, drink.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really and wholly present under the appearance of either the bread or wine. They are consecrated separately as did Our Lord at the Last Supper.

Let us thank God for this gift, this opportunity, beyond any human expectation or reckoning.

It is the Risen Lord whom we ingest at Holy Communion. When we do so, we do so with the words of today's Gospel resonating in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.'

What an anticipation for a short time of that which Our Lady now experiences fully and forever. What a communion! What a Holy Communion!

**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 18 Aug 2024

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

*Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.*

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,  
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants  
and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,

'Come and eat my bread,

drink the wine I have prepared!

Leave your folly and you will live,

walk in the ways of perception.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. 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. Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

### Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Be watchful that you may know the will of God.*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



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

John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel:**

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘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.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said.  
Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

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




### **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 political leaders:** *Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor. Lord, hear us.*

### **Launch of the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-2025**

The 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" will be launched by Bishop Vincent Lond OFM CONV and Associate Professor Joel Hodge on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes, St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall from 10.00 – 12.00noon. To attend the launch please RSVP at <https://rb.gy/ewt929>. Recordings of the launch will be available following the event.

### **Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024**

 The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite **all members of the diocese** to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registrations are essential through trybooking. Scan or click the QR code. A flyer is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballarat-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/>. The prayer for Social Justice Sunday is also available from the diocesan website.


### **Season of Creation 2024**

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To hope and act with Creation". Resources are available from <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

### **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 website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/>

### **150<sup>th</sup> 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. Remaining date is Warrnambool - August 25 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool.

<b>Timboon 2024</b>	<b>18th August 9:00 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>25th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W&amp;C</b>	<b>1st September 9:00 a.m. Closed</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	L Tregaea	K Currell	
<b>Leaders</b>		R Hoffmann J McInerney	
<b>Statue</b>	K Currell	C Martin P Martin	
<b>Reader</b>	P Nicholson	E O'Connor	
<b>P.O.F.</b>	L McInerney	P Nicholson	
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>			
<b>Bulletin</b>	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denny Family
<b>Slides</b>	A McMeel	A McMeel	A Vogels
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>