

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.**



Dear Friends,

Jesus, warns his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us?

Envy and jealousy are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice. The reason we may grieve over another's good is that somehow, we see that good as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object of envy is our neighbour's good, but by contrary movements, since love rejoices in our neighbour's good, while envy grieves over it.

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit purifies our heart and frees us from our disordered passions, such as envy, jealousy and bitterness. God's love is a generous and selfless love which is wholly oriented towards our good. Jesus declared that any kindness shown, and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Are we grateful for God's mercy and kindness towards us and are we ready to show that same kindness and generosity towards our neighbour? -Neville

### Ballarat Diocesan Reflection Day

You are invited to come along and see the following three guest speakers, Michael Mahoney - Principal at St Mary's Colac, Naomi Lettiere - Manager at Anam Cara House and Anna Krohn Oam - Executive Director at St. Thomas More Centre. The event is held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1 Gellibrand St. Colac, from 9:30 am - 3pm, Wednesday 23rd October 2024. Registrations \$15 All catering including Lunch (RSVP by 16th October). Registrations and Raffle cash on the day.

For RSVP or some more information, please contact Winsome De Jong 0427 353 203 [winsomedejong1@gmail.com](mailto:winsomedejong1@gmail.com) or Lynne Simpson 0409 197 237

### 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/>



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

**Anniversaries in September :** Jeanette Gale, Leo O'Connor, Harriette Conheady, Leo Couch, Jeff Haugh, Jeffrey Arnold, Father Claridge, Father Bob Markey, Mavis Couch, Martin Barake, Denise Savage, Jan van Es, Noel Haugh, Janet Edmondson, Paul Brick, Mick Dillon, Steven Saliba, Mavis Couch, Graham Cecil

**Recently Deceased:** Noreen O' Connor, Rikki Hintum, Pamela Parsons, Clair Ryan, Vernon Green



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 29th September 2024

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B



## First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

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

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. (R.)

## Second Reading:

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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



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

See John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel:**

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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

## ***World Day of Migrants & Refugees – Sunday, September 29, 2024***

The Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office have provided resources for the 110<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024. Resources are available from the diocesan website and includes prayer cards, music, a liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes and prayers of the faithful  
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/>

## ***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 cry of the earth:*** *Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. Lord, hear us.*

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A flock of geese flying in formation is a beautiful sight. Scientists who have researched why they fly in a V-formation have discovered some fascinating details. First, it conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird in front of it. This decreases wind resistance for each bird. Second, the geese take turns at being the leader and fall back in the group when they get tired. This enables them to fly for a long time before they need to stop for a rest.

The tired geese support the group from behind and recharge themselves as they fly at a slower speed. Third, the V-formation enables them to keep track of every bird in the group, and to communicate and coordinate with the group. In fact, research has also discovered that flying in formation is so beneficial that other birds such as ducks, ibis, swans, seagulls, pelicans, and flamingos also fly in formation.

Valuing the initiative and contribution of each person at different points in their journey and drawing the best from each member in the group are also important tenets in faith communities. In this week's gospel, Jesus discourages the disciples from preventing a man from working a miracle in his name. Jesus tells them, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us". Jesus thus redirects the disciples' initial focus on excluding those who may not be in their immediate circle, to emphasizing the commitment to doing the will of God: healing, teaching, and proclaiming the good news that God's love is available to everyone.

Today, we are called to embrace diversity amongst the faithful and to appreciate that the variety of our gifts and talents nourishes and enriches the entire community. Jesus speaks with great tenderness of everyone who acts in faith and good will, calling them his "little ones". He encourages us to be generous and to not exclude anyone from whole-hearted and loving service of God. The community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France is a modern example of a community of faith which embraces diversity. When Brother Roger founded the community towards the end of World War Two, it initially sheltered war refugees. Taizé is now renowned for being an ecumenical community of brothers, who have created beautiful music and work for peace and justice.

Currently, it comprises eighty brothers from Catholic, Anglican, Protestant traditions, from nearly thirty countries. Brother Matthew, the current prior, penned a beautiful prayer recently which describes this spirit of diversity in service:

*God the Creator, all that comes from your hands is good. Help us to discern your presence in the beauty of your creation, and to rejoice that we are a part of it. May your light shine on every corner of this earth and on every creature with which we share our common home.*

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Planned giving envelopes for the term October 2024 to September 2025 are available in the Church foyer.



Timboon 2024	29th September 9:00 a.m. Mass	6th October Closed	13th October 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
Welcome	K Currell		A McMeel
Leaders			A Vogels R Hoffman
Statue	D Moloney M Moloney		G Townsend
Reader	E O' Connor		T O' Connor
P.O.F.	L McInerney		E O' Connor
E.M.H.C.			C Bullen
Bulletin	Denny Family	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A Vogels	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Closed	Mass 9:00a.m.	Assembly W & C 9:00