

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



The long form of this week's gospel reading includes some strange words that are worth our careful reflection. The disciples get annoyed at people bringing children to Jesus so that he can bless them.

You can imagine their grumbling: "We have work to do, God's work! We don't have time to waste like this. We have to make it to the next town by nightfall. Crowds are waiting to be taught. Sick need healing. Possessed need deliverance. We will be here all day with all these children ..."

The disciples, the insiders, the privileged participants in Jesus' mission, in their zeal and sincerity still miss the essential point. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus' most intimate friends and his most devoted followers, struggle to comprehend what following Jesus is really all about.

They put their understanding of God, of his Kingdom, of Jesus, before God, his Kingdom and Jesus. They make a box and place God, the Kingdom and Jesus inside of it, instead of letting their little box be broken open by the *wonder* of who God is, and what God is accomplishing in Jesus for the world (which is called the "Kingdom").

Just like the disciples, our ideas of Jesus and his mission can be too convenient and comfortable, too idolatrous and narrow. This was the problem with Jesus' disciples and it's the problem with Jesus' disciples today.

But again and again, Jesus mercifully and patiently corrects his disciples' misunderstandings; he breaks open their all-too-narrow, all-too-convenient understandings of himself and his Kingdom.

How does Jesus break open and transform our understanding in this story of the little children? It's all revealed in Jesus' response to them when they try to bar the children from coming to him: "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

On the one hand, the disciples know that Jesus' mission is the Kingdom; the reign and rule of God over all the earth, the eradication of all injustice, suffering and evil, the gathering of all peoples as one in obedience to their Creator — all of this and more is Jesus' singular purpose in his teaching and in his actions. The disciples, like us, believe this and devote their entire lives to it. What is the problem, then?

Jesus' disciples continually struggle to understand this rule and reign of God. Jesus demands a complete undoing of what we think rule and reign is.

The Kingdom is not accomplished by might, strategy and self-interest, but by humility, self-sacrifice and love. Strength, wealth, good looks and smarts get you nowhere!

Jesus tells us frankly: "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it."

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Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick and Robert Marr and Family.

Anniversaries in October : Frank McKinnon, Gus Dickman, Edith Delahanty, Eileen Bartels, Sandra van Kempan, Ann Ryan, Greg Carey, Lucy Nicholson, Marilyn Vogels, Laurence Dillon, Johan Gagel, June Hunt, Jason McKenzie, Ken Berry, Joseph Pekin

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



"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 6th October 2024

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.



As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

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

cf 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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

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 a shared mission: *Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity. Lord, hear us.*



Mission: Transform Lives

- theirs...and yours



Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our [Discovery Online](#) session Wednesday 9 October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 p.m. Telephone: **02 9560 5333** Website: palms@palms.org.au

Confirmation—1st Eucharist:

On Sunday 20th October Esther Couch and Nikayla Oto Muliawan will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers. There will be a cuppa after Mass.

Ordination to the Priesthood Mass & Thanksgiving Mass: Cay Trinh

- Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed. People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass (further details to come).

- Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

Safetrac Training Reminder

A reminder that Safetrac training for those parishioners who have been nominated by parishes as having particular ministries in the parish, is to be completed by October 31, 2024. To clarify who in your parish still needs to complete the training, you can contact our diocesan professional standards coordinator, Mr Michael Myers, by email at michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by phone on 5337 7121. Michael can also assist with any questions about how to complete the training online or on paper.

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 Lettieri - 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 or Lynne Simpson 0409 197 237

Timboon 2024	6th October Closed	13th October 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	20th October 900 a.m. Mass
Welcome		A McMeel	N McKinnon
Leaders		A Vogels R Hoffman	
Statue		G Townsend	G Delaney
Reader		T O' Connor	A Vogels
P.O.F.		E O' Connor	E O'Connor
E.M.H.C.		C Bullen	
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Mass 9:00a.m.	Assembly W & C 9:00	Closed