

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Dear Friends,

When we think of a King, we usually reflect someone who rules a kingdom, has a throne and lives in a castle. He is also well protected and defended by his subjects. They honour, submit themselves to him and fight to death for him. A king is known to be rich and powerful and has authority of life and death over his subjects. But when we compare Jesus, we see he is a different kind of king. His throne is the cross and his power is his merciful and redeeming love. He rules by serving us with humility. Hence, he describes himself as a "Good Shepherd" who protects us, defends us and dies for us. His will is to give us eternal life and so to offer his life for our salvation. His authority is to give us and lead us back to the loving and merciful Father.

In today's gospel we see that in Jesus' trial, Pilate is described as a ruler who only protects his career and his position. He has a chance to side with the truth and to stand up for what is right. But Pilate opts for his own self-interest. He gives in to popular demand. He compromises himself and looks for an easy way out, hence sacrificing principle and moral value. In the face of death and before a worldly power, Jesus remains serene and composed. He accepts everything for our sake. He takes everything in silence and in humble submission. He lives what he has preached. Let us reflect ourselves, are we like the king Pilate who looked for his self-interest or Jesus who stood firm for his beliefs and sacrificed himself for us. -Neville

St Joseph's Parish Timboon 31 Hamilton Street Timboon Invites you to the Annual Ecumenical Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December at 12 noon

Guest speaker Anna Krohn OAM

Executive Director of the St Thomas More Centre

A offering collection will be taken on the day

Please bring a plate of food to share

RSVP by Monday 10th December To Katrina Currell 0439 999 5010



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

Anniversaries in November : Haigh Smethurst, Anthony Allan, Frank Flemming, Ben Tannerhill, Lucy Dwyer, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt, Jeffrey Tregrea

Recently Deceased: Lucia Sinatore, Denis Monaghan brother of Fr John Monaghan, Richard Kealy, Bernard Dillon.



"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 24th November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Year B

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

(R.) The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

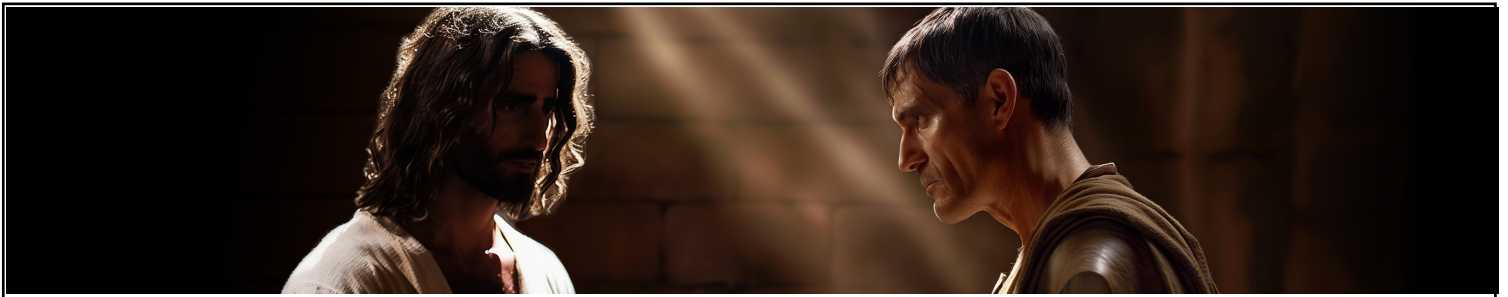
Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

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

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!



Gospel:

John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

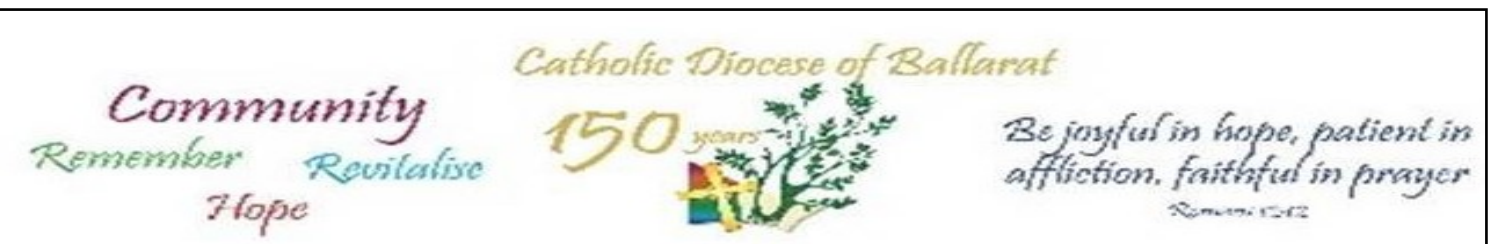
The Gospel of the Lord...**All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Ballarat Committee for the World Day of Prayer AGM

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement held annually on the first Friday in March. It is held to welcome people everywhere to gather together, joining in prayer, and seeking action for peace and justice. Through placing a spotlight on varying countries and cultures each year, our understanding increases, enriching our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression. This year, the Annual General Meeting of the Ballarat Committee for the World Day of Prayer is to be held Tuesday, December 3 at 2.00pm in the Vestry of the Skipton Street Uniting Church, 525 Skipton Street (Corner of Skipton and Darling Streets) Redan. An invitation is extended to representatives from your congregation and any other members of your church to this meeting. Anyone unable to attend who would like to receive communications regarding the World Day of Prayer Services may submit their apology via email to lozza63@hotmail.com. Each church is invited to contribute a \$20 annual subscription for 2025. These funds go towards the work of the World Day of Prayer. This may be paid at the meeting.

Making a Scene at Christmas

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat from Wednesday, December 4 - Friday, December 20, 2024. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome.



New Priest Fr. Cay Trinh's Thanksgiving Mass at Camperdown and Simpson:

Fr. Cay is willing to come and celebrate a thanksgiving Mass for our Parish the weekend after his Ordination. Dates are 30th November and 1st of December at Camperdown, and 1st December Simpson. Please make a note in your calendar.

Caritas Australia: Free Advent 2024 resources for parishes and Individuals

This free Advent resource invites parish prayer groups and individuals to journey through the four weeks of Advent, reflecting on the Gospel and sharing in the stories of our sisters and brothers around the world. Each week, one of the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love is explored. Link: <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/advent-parish/>

Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

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. ***Prayer for November: For those who have lost a child:***

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. Lord, hear us.



2025 Columban Calendars \$10.00

Advent Reflection Booklets *Hope Reigns* \$6.00

Available from Katrina Currell

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice, you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts at www.globalgifts.org.au

Advance Notice of dates 2025

- Rite of Election – Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.
- Mass of the Oils – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Timboon 2024	24th November 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	1st December Closed	8th December 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C
Welcome	G Vogels		L Tregaea
Leaders	C Bullen K Currell		R Hoffmann J McInerney
Statue	T & E O'Connor		D Moloney M Moloney
Reader	E O'Connor		T O'Connor
P.O.F.	R Hoffmann		K Currell
E.M.H.C.	A Vogels		P Martin
Bulletin	G Swierczek	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	P Nicholson	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00 a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.