



Parish of Timboon

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Reflection on the Gospel-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

(Luke 6:27-38)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

This classic gospel message is addressed to those who listen. To hear and respond to the heart of the message that follows, namely to love your enemies and to do good to those who hate you, calls for an extraordinary expansiveness of spirit only possible for those who are totally open to the power of God's Spirit working in their lives. It is not easy to love one's enemy particularly when the enemy, the one subtly undermining or manipulating you, comes in the guise of friend. Yet, even in the face of subtle enmity, the message is clear: do not respond in kind, respond instead with love, compassion and unreserved forgiveness. It is also important to rise above the pettiness of the other and refuse to be a victim. To the one who takes away your coat, you offer your shirt as well. In this way, the real power remains with the one who is too expansive to retaliate.

God-like compassion requires that we, as nations and as individuals, let go of past hurts, examine our tenaciously held opinions, try to see the world from the perspective of those we mistrust and work for peace that is grounded in love.

Fr Eugene's 50th ordination and Timboon's 150th Celebration.

"On Sunday March 9th at 9am, as part of the Timboon 150th celebrations, Fr Eugene Mckinnon, will celebrate Mass/Ecumenical Service with involvement from other local community churches.

Fr McKinnon was ordained 50 years ago, at the Timboon & District Hall. Parishioners are being asked to bring a plate of simple food to enjoy, with a cuppa after the service. Fr Eugene and those present can then reconnect and chat in an informal way.

(Simple food could be biscuits, ham or cheese sandwiches or something, that can be eaten easily without the need for a plate.)"

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

Anniversaries in February: Mary McMeel, Mary van Nieuwkerk, Walter Churchill, Peter O'Connor, An Vogels, Nellie Kennedy, Jim McMeel, Pat Maslin, James Coleman, Joe Delaney, Nell Pekin, Susan Boyle, Frances Hammett, Carmel O'Connor, John Fowler, Graeme Bell, Peter Crowe, Ceily Plozza, John Vogels, Eileen Maguire, Nora Townsend



"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 23rd February 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The



first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

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

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon's 50th Jubilee and Timboon's 150th celebrations' Ecumenical Service.

St. Joseph's church at 9:00am on Sunday, 9 MARCH.

Cuppa to follow at St. Joseph's. Please bring simple food - sandwiches, biscuits which may be held in one hand with a cup on the other and won't drop mess on the carpet.

You are invited to sign a card for Fr. Eugene. This will be available in Timboon today, Simpson next week and on THE day. Also , if you wish to contribute to to a presentaton this may be left in a box near the card.

World Day Of Prayer.

Please note the change of date 14th March 1:30 pm.

First Sunday of Lent

8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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This weeks Saints Days

Feb 27th St Gregory of Narek

Invitation to Fr Matthew Jones 30th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood.

Also a 30 year association with the Benedictine Abbey Camperdown.

Monday 24th February at 11:00 am

280 Camperdown-Cobden Road Camperdown

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.

Timboon 2025	23rd February 9:00am Assembly W&C	2nd March Closed	9th March 9:00am Mass
Welcome	L Tregear		N McKinnon
Leaders	K Currell R Hoffmann		To Be Confirmed
Statue	D & M Moloney		G & A Vogels
Reader	T O'Connor		To Be Confirmed
P.O.F.	J McInerney		To Be Confirmed
E.M.H.C.	A McMeel		To Be Confirmed
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denney Family	Denney Family
Slides	K Currell	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	9:00 am Mass	Closed