



## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



We are in the Church's season of Epiphany, and the story we hear from John's Gospel today is one of the "showings" of who Jesus is. As the final verse explains, "Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him."

John's Gospel doesn't recount the Magi's visit to the stable. Instead, we have this story of the first "showing". John has collapsed a whole lot of the story, which we read in more detail in other Gospels, and has taken the marriage theme and made it a sign of God's reasserted promises to humankind. Just two chapters later, John will tell the story of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well (the traditional place for couples to meet), describing how an outcast woman is witness to the blessing of the water of eternal life. This theme – of the marriage between God and the world – is also in our Gospel today. We can't see the bride in the story. She is not mentioned, perhaps because we are that bride, come to meet our bridegroom, Jesus. There is the merest hint of this, although maybe it is enough to connect it with that wedding in Revelation, between the Lamb of God and those who worship.

The banquet in God's kingdom for all people, for the whole of creation, is that place where enmity is over and sharing begins – where people who arrive as strangers depart as friends, where blessing is found in the simplest of things – good food shared with love and good drink shared with delight. To picture God's banquet as a wedding feast invites us all to begin with a smile, a relaxation of the tension that we so often carry around with us, and which leads to dis-ease and disharmony between us and our fellow human beings.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus appears to be uncertain whether the time is right to show what God's kingdom looks like. So his mother intervenes and the blessing of wonderful wine for everyone is given. As this story shows, God is not mean with blessing. The guests will have drunk a lot already and here is a further abundance – enough to last for days! When we meet in worship, do we do so in a spirit of joyful celebration, or is it a grudging display of piety? Is our sharing of God's abundance too limited in our lives in our communities? Do we dare to make room for more people, and share with them in a spirit of delight and joy? Are we bold enough to let God's blessing alight on whom it will, rather than keep it for ourselves? This is the challenge of our Gospel today.

Majellan Media

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

**Anniversaries in January:** Vera Hickey, Madge Boyle, Bill Haig, Patrick F Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Peg Duffy, Laurie Loft, Nancy Nugent, Jim Rylance Snr., Brian Fleming, Patricia Gaut, Ann Dodd, Bob Maslin, Catherine Dendle, Getruda Heyden, Frank Keegan, Anne van Duijnhoven

**Recently Deceased:** Corrie Tesselaar, Kees van Ess



**"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 19th January 2025

2nd Sunday O.T. Year C

## First Reading:

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

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

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

**The following arrangements have been put in place to cover Fr Neville's departure:**

**Father Gary Jones:** 18th/19th January; 25th/26th January

**Father Eugene McKinnon:** 1st/2nd February; 8th/9th February; 15th/16th February and  
22nd/23rd February



## Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

*One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

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

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel:

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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



**2025 Columban Calendars \$10.00 Advent Reflection Booklets Hope Reigns \$6.00**

**Available from Katrina Currell**

### **World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025 – Flag Raising Event**

The Ballarat Interfaith Network invites you to join their Flag Raising Event in celebration of United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week on Monday, February 3, 2025 from 11.00am – 12.30pm at St Peter’s Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street, Ballarat. The Welcome will be provided by Mayor Cr Tracey Hargreaves. After the raising of the unique Ballarat Interfaith Network flag, we will adjourn into the church for a keynote address from Dean Berger, Deer Park Stake President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, short student speeches from senior leaders of Damascus, Loreto, Phoenix P -12, and St Patrick’s Colleges, prayer for peace offered by representatives of many faiths, and a children’s choir from Emmaus PS. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Mass for You at Home**

Australia’s longest-running religious television program *Mass for You at Home* will continue its beloved ministry in 2025. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Diocese of Wollongong have signed an agreement to continue producing and broadcasting the program, which first aired on Australian television in 1971. *Mass for You at Home* will be broadcast every Sunday at 6.00am on the Ten Network and multiple times during the week on Foxtel’s Aurora (Channel 173).

### **Resources for the Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope**

There are 36 events throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. For each event, the National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource that parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection. The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer;
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes;
- Reflection: Testimony – a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; image/artwork – a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation;
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes;
  - Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

These resources can be accessed from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>. The Jubilee of World of Communications will be acknowledged from January 24-26, 2025.

### **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).

**Prayer for January – For the right to an education:** *Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Lord, hear us.*

<b>Timboon 2025</b>	<b>19th January 2025 Mass 9:00 am.</b>	<b>26th January 2025 Assembly W&amp;C</b>	<b>2nd February 2025 Closed</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	A McMeel	N McKinnon	
<b>Leaders</b>		K Currell R Hoffmann	
<b>Statue</b>	C Martin P Martin	M Turner	
<b>Reader</b>	E O’Connor	T O’Connor	
<b>P.O.F.</b>	R Hoffmann	J McInerney	
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>		C Bullen	
<b>Bulletin</b>	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	P Nicholson
<b>Slides</b>	A Vogels	A Vogels	K Currell
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9am</b>	<b>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b>