

Parish of Timboon

St Joseph's Timboon & St Andrew's Simpson

Parish Priest: Fr. Neville Stanislaus

Parish Secretary: George Swierczek 0439 145 805

31 Hamilton Street. PO Box 62, Timboon 3268

Phone: 5598 3193 Mobile: 0439 145 805

e-mail: timboon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ruth Hoffmann 0429 983 253

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .



Dear friends, The master in the story is the Lord and the servants are we, the people who receive their talents and skills from the Lord. The message is clear from this story. We may be like the third servant. He knew his master well and did not use his talents and skills to avoid the master's retaliation. But the master was happy with the first two servants for doubling the talents entrusted to them. He praised them for they were faithful in little things. In the parable, the focus is on the third servant who is condemned as 'wicked and lazy' and whose talent is taken away from him. The master expected him to take risks and obtain results with his talents, not to play it safely by hiding the talents in the ground.

This may appear greedy or ambitious, but there is truth in it. In life, if one does not take risks, then one eventually becomes a loser. This may be true in acquiring eternal life. Jesus, himself has shown us the way of taking risks in his life. He is careless about his life and reputation by associating with sinners and outcasts, by healing on the Sabbath day, by criticizing the religious leaders. Is he not telling us by his word and example that one cannot save anything without risking it? So let us take Jesus as our model and make use of our talents and skills that the Lord has entrusted to us, by taking risks to gain eternal life. Hence the Lord will praise us like the first two servants. -Neville

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

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 Tregoea

Recently Deceased: Mary McVilly



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your **Master's** happiness.'

Social cohesion in Australia 'under pressure and declining'

The belief that Australia is a "land of opportunity" is dissipating, with the nation's social cohesion fraying under cost-of-living and housing affordability pressure, a new study finds.

"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 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



First Reading:

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **(R.)**
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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



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

Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

‘You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved. The prayers are from the English Translation of the Roman Missal © 2010 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL)

Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health and psychosocial needs. “This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.” Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, there will be aid to help partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal - scan or click the QR code. Link: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/>

Anointing Mass

Wednesday 22nd November at St Joseph's church Timboon at 11:30 a.m..

Refreshments to follow in the church foyer.

If possible please bring a plate



150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Significant Catholic Person/People from your Parish

In preparation for the Ballarat Diocese's 150 year Anniversary in 2024, the anniversary committee for the Mass of the Oils are searching for 1 or 2 significant Catholics from your parish for a display to be presented in the Hall after the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 25, 2024. This could be a well-known person who has achieved success in their chosen field or it could be someone who has left a legacy in your parish, as a benefactor, contributor or historian. Please provide names and supporting information and photo to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au before February 5, 2024.

World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 19, 2023

The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2023 is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7). The Church is encouraged to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world." Read the Pope's message on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

Synthesis Report of the Synod, "A Synodal Church on Mission"

Members of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops adopted a Synthesis Report, "A Synodal Church on Mission." This is not a final document but an instrument in the service of ongoing discernment. Read and/or download the report <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Synthesis-Report-Session-1-Oct-2024.pdf>

Timboon 2023	19th November Mass 9:00 a.m	26th November Assembly W&C 9:00a.m.	3rd December Closed
Welcome	L Tregear	K Currell	
Leaders		E. & T O'Connor	
Statue	K Currell	P & C Martin	
Reader	E O'Connor	A Vogels	
P.O.F.	R Hoffmann	J McInerney	
E.M.H.C.		L McInerney	
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denney Family
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	K Currell
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00a.m.