



Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .

Dear Friends,

The gospel of this weekend is a conclusion of the 6th chapter of John's gospel. We have been reflecting about the teaching of the sacrament of Eucharist on this chapter for the last 4 Sundays. Here at the conclusion of the teaching about himself as the bread of life that comes down from heaven and gives eternal life. Here his teaching draws negative reactions and sharp questions. The Jewish listeners wonder how Jesus can give his flesh to eat. Many of them remarked and murmured that his saying is hard and unacceptable. So, Jesus' teachings results into two groups. One group that left Jesus.

The other group stayed with Jesus even though they didn't fully understand teachings about the Eucharist. The Apostles were hold on to Jesus. Jesus noticed that few of his followers were leaving him. Then Jesus turned to his disciples and asked them: "Do you also want to leave?" Here, Peter responses: Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We see here Peter's loyalty and fidelity to Jesus. Peter declares that they have come to believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus always makes clear to us what he expects from us. He does not need to say sweet words to win our emotions and meet our expectations. He tells us the reality of the cross and of the consequence. He leaves us the decision to stay or to go. -Neville

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal – next weekend

The BCSF Collection for Retired Priests will be held next weekend. Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Caring for those who cared for us - the Church community's responsibility.

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. There is a flyer attached that you could display in your parish or add to your bulletin. The flyer is also available from the diocesan website [https:// www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/](https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/)

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

Anniversaries in August : Vin O'Connor, Mary Maslin, ETTY McKinnon, Joan Densley, Mary Wintle, Frank Maguire, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Norah Place, Jacinta Bracks, Pat Carey, Josie Bird, Fr Brendan Davey, Richard Lowry, Patrick Lowry, Margaret Reid (Lowry), Alieda Bakker

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



"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 25th Aug 2024

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,

'Come and eat my bread,

drink the wine I have prepared!

Leave your folly and you will live,

walk in the ways of perception.'

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

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



WINTER APPEAL – Dear parishioners, your conference is proud to represent Catholics in caring for the needy. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic> . Take care to write Cobden Simpson in the Comments/Conference Name box. Thank you. Pat



Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024

Please advertise this notice on your parish bulletins as all members of the diocese are welcome to attend. The flyer has been updated:

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registration will be required to attend.

Launch of the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" will be launched by Bishop Vincent Lond OFM CONV and Associate Professor Joel Hodge on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes, St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall from 10.00 – 12.00noon. To attend the launch please RSVP at <https://rb.gy/ewt929>. Recordings of the launch will be available following the event.

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Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To hope and act with Creation". Resources are available from <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Catholic Earthcare to host Season of Creation workshop in September

Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community – including schools, parishes, diocese, organisations and religious orders – to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, September 12 to Saturday, September 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Attendees will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/>

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Formation

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. Remaining date is Warrnambool - August 25 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool.



Timboon 2024	25th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W&C	1st September 9:00 a.m. Closed	8th September 9:00 a.m. Closed
Welcome	K Currell		A McMeel
Leaders	R Hoffmann J McInerney		E O'Connor, P Nicholson
Statue	C Martin P Martin		M Turner
Reader	E O'Connor		T O'Connor
P.O.F.	P Nicholson		R Hoffmann
E.M.H.C.			P Martin
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	A McMeel	A Vogels	A Vogels
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Mass 9:00am	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.