

## Parish of Timboon

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### *Transfigured Bodysouls*

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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**Our Sick:** Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Mary Dillon

**Anniversaries In August:** Vin O'Connor, Mary Maslin, Ety McKinnon, Joan Densley, Mary Wintle, Frank Maguire, Arthur Hammett, Martin Vogels, Norah Place, Jacinta Bracks, Pat Carey, Josie Bird, Fr Brendan Davey

**Recent Deaths:** Joan Johnson, Barbara Dickinson, Margaret Trigg, Jo Vogels, Ron Smith, Jesse Davidson (President of the Catholic Women's League. Played the organ and led the choir. Aide to priest and nuns at Timboon)



## **CatholicCare Victoria Appeal - August**

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. This appeal is a chance for parish communities to join in CatholicCare Victoria's mission to provide care and support for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community. CatholicCare Victoria provides support to people at every stage of life and from all backgrounds. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience and empowerment to reach their full potential. More information on the appeal will be sent in the coming weeks.

**"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 6th August

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

### First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

*His raiment was as white as snow.*

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place

and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,

the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,

its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,

issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

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 ever be destroyed.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

**(R.)** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**



## Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

*We heard this voice from out of heaven.*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face was shining like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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



# Be *Fierce* for *Fair*

## Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop

8 August 2023



Interested in helping at the Timboon Hospital, visiting the sick? This would require one visit a month, chatting with patients who do not have family or visitors. More information Patty Martin on 0400 533

### World Youth Day 2023: August 1-6, 2023

At Pope Francis' first official World Youth Day event in Portugal, he told the 500,000 young people that their presence was no accident and that God has called each one by name. Source: CNA

Q: How many Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None. They use candles.

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/religiousjokes/catholicjokes.html>

### Mothers who pray for their children

The prayer group "Mothers who pray for their children" has commenced at the Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast. The group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10.30am at the Infant Jesus Church Koroit. All welcome – mothers, families and children. Please take your rosary beads.

### Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media

Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, recently released a new social media platform in competition with Twitter, called *Threads*. For many people, this social media shift has prompted a pause button in a love-hate relationship with how the internet fundamentally works. Dialogically we might ask, *who is my (social media) neighbour?* To inform this current question, the Vatican Dicastery for Communication has issued a document titled "Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media" and is available to download at [https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/dpc/documents/20230528\\_dpc-verso-piena-presenza\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/dpc/documents/20230528_dpc-verso-piena-presenza_en.html)

Timboon 2023	6th August Mass 9:00 a.m.	13th August Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	20th August Mass 9:00am
Welcome	A McMeel	L Tregea	G Vogels
Leaders		R Hoffmann T O'Connor	
Statue	G Townsend	P Haugh	G Delaney
Reader	G Vogels	P Nicholson	E O'Connor
POF	J McInerney	A Vogels	R Hoffmann
E.M.H.C.			
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
Slides	A Vogels	A Vogels	A Vogels
Simpson	Closed	13th August Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed