

Parish of Timboon

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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 Dear friends, Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. We mark the season of Advent in the church with the display of a wreath- its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen, reminding us of the hope of eternal life. The four candles represent the time of waiting and preparation for the Messiah during the four Sundays of Advent. The lighting of the candle reminds us of the light of the world and the prophetic promise of His coming. So let us prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome Jesus into our hearts and obtain his blessings.

The gospel is telling us to be watchful. We have to be on watch for the Master who is surely coming, but at a time we do not know. The gospel paints this coming of Jesus in an apocalyptic nature. The purpose of the apocalyptic language is not to convey fear but to motivate hope in the hearts of the believers. The early Christian community needed this assurance of their final victory because of persecution - that Jesus will come again to set things right. The world in which we live now, needs assurance as we see the world marked by so much injustice, innocents' suffering, military threat among the superpowers and nuclear warfare.

For this very reason, we must look forward with the assurance of hope. Jesus will come again to set things right. It is impossible that the injustice in history should be the final state of the world. If only for that fact, there is a necessity for Christ's return. Thus, the image of the last judgement when Christ returns is not primarily a picture of terror, but an image of hope. This is our consolation and our hope. - Neville

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

Anniversaries in December: Brian Fleming, Enid Boyle, Shelia Freeman, Toni Lathouwers, Cyril Karo, Sister Christina Madden, Brian Parsons, Dennis O'Connor, Pat Bourke, Harold Craven, Ad Vogels, Ann Dodd, Theodora Vogels, Winnie O'Keefe, Darryn Tregea, Maggie Tregea, Terry McMeel, Reg McVilley, Lilian McCluskey, James McCluskey



Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Cay Trinh (Peter) will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

Thank you to the parish communities of Camperdown, Cobden, Timboon, Simpson, and Lismore of your ongoing prayer and support of our Seminarian Cay Trinh (Peter). If anyone from our Parish community is interested in attending the celebration, Please Contact Gerard Gleeson, 0427 096 493 and Bob Hewitt: 0407 502 213 to book your seat in the bus. Thank you.

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 3rd December

1st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.
The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**



Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

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

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

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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/>

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.

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.

International Day of People with Disabilities – Sunday, December 3, 2024

Mass to celebrate the International Day of People with Disabilities will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. Watch the video of the Mass announcement presented by Bishop Tim Norton (Bishop Delegate of Disabilities) and representatives from Larche' and Centacare, Brisbane <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcrHdd7w9wE> .

St Vincent de Paul Cobden Christmas Giving Tree:

Please support the Cobden Community Christmas Appeal. Please talk to Pat in the church foyer and return the goods by 16th of December. Thank you. You can also support Saint Vincent de Paul by purchasing a donation from the local Richies supermarkets.

Christmas Cards:

SVdP is selling nativity themed Christmas cards after Mass. Cards are \$2.50 for a pack of 5 cards. These can be ordered from Pat.

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	3rd December Closed	10th December Assembly W&C 9:00a.m.	10th December Mass 9:00a.m.
Welcome		A McMeel	N McKinnon
Leaders		P Nicholson, C Bullen	
Statue		M Turner	B Moloney
Reader		E O'Connor	T O'Connor
P.O.F.		L McInerney	A Vogels
E.M.H.C.		J McInerney	
Bulletin	Denney Family	Denney Family	Denney Family
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Mass 9:00a.m.	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed