

Parish of Timboon

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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

To his Nazi captors, Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar Maximilian Kolbe was prisoner number 16670. But to Franciszek Gajowniczek, his fellow inmate in Auschwitz, Maximilian was much more and his sacrifice would change his life forever.

In late July 1941, a prisoner escape in Auschwitz prompted the deputy camp commander to order the deaths of 10 men to deter future escape attempts. When Maximilian heard Franciszek, who was one of the ten selected, cry out for his wife and children, he volunteered to take his place. Franciszek was reunited with his wife after the war and lived to be 93. He said that, as long as he lived, he would tell everyone about Maximilian's courageous act of love.

Jesus's dying and rising again, like Maximilian's act of sacrifice and love, was not only a moving act of humanity; it was also a prophetic witness of God's redemptive love.

The gospel reading today describes a vivid post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. The disciples met Jesus on the road but only recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Then, quite dramatically, they see him standing in their midst and they were both terrified and overjoyed to see him again. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. He eats a piece of fish which they give him.

At Easter, we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God, in his love for us, yearns to draw us into his presence for all eternity. It is a profound paradox that his gift of eternal life and love entailed the ultimate sacrifice of an excruciating death on the cross.

For each of us, taking up our cross also means we are utterly vulnerable to pain, suffering and death. Nevertheless, with the grace of One who has also walked this path, we find strength to do the same. St John of the Cross likened suffering to being like a log in the fire. We are consumed by his love and are forever transformed by the experience. Our suffering becomes transformative if we yield ourselves entirely to God.

Yet, our faith is not only a source of grace in own individual suffering and death. It is a prophetic witness for all time. Jesus reminds his disciples that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms has now been fulfilled, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem.

We are called to rise with Jesus to a new life. In communion with our faith companions and all the saints from ages past, present and future, we are also called to be prophetic witnesses to his redemptive love. Clothed in our baptismal garments, anointed by holy oil, and redeemed by blood, let us proclaim this Easter promise to everyone. He is risen indeed.

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Our Sick: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick, Carmel Densley, and Des Free.

Recent Deaths: Brian Davison, Hayley Fyfield, Jean McMeel, Kath Delaney

Anniversaries in April: Laurie Loft, Laurie Dwyer, George Farmer, Father Meredith Delehenty, Joan Rylance, Dos Haugh, Mick McMeel, Pat Warner, Pam Horan, Cis Roberts, Frank Johnston, Elli Howe, Patrick Delaney, John Hunt, Marie McMeel, Margaret Dillion, John McKenzie, Ross Powell, Andrew Powell, Mary Karo, Ian McKenzie, William Couch, Deywn Bruce, Robert Delaney.



"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 14th April 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.



Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria – Autumn 2024 Newsletter

The latest newsletter from the Victorian St Vincent de Paul Society highlights the importance of the support of Vinnies and how donations impact the work

Convocation Webinar Invitation: What we can hope for and expect from the Synod?

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Garratt Publishing present a webinar, "Synod on Synodality: What we can hope for and expect from the Synod?" on Thursday April 18, 2024 at 7.00pm AEST. Bishop Vincent Long, who held a Diocesan Synod in the Parramatta Diocese in 2023 and Dr Sandie Cornish, who attended the first Synod Assembly in October 2023 as an Expert Adviser and Facilitator and will return to Rome for the second Assembly in October this year, will share and explore their lived experience of a Diocesan Synod and a Universal Synod. For more information and to register go to [https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/w9tl9ey0a57xai/?ct=t\(allcatholics-ACCCR-18april-Convoc-3april2024\)&mc_cid=f57a6ca61e&mc_eid=986abfa3fb](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/w9tl9ey0a57xai/?ct=t(allcatholics-ACCCR-18april-Convoc-3april2024)&mc_cid=f57a6ca61e&mc_eid=986abfa3fb). The convocation will be recorded and made available the week following the event. You must be registered to receive the link to the video.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – updated notice

We are celebrating the whole of 2024 as an anniversary year. Bishop Paul has invited parishes to acknowledge the 150th anniversary at Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28, 2024**. He invites schools to mark the anniversary during the week of April 29 to May 3, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion. Bishop Paul encourages each parish and each school to acknowledge their own history in the context of the 150 years of the history of the diocese. Local communities are coming up with creative ways of telling their local story as part of the diocesan story. Parishes are encouraged to host a community gathering on the weekend of April 27-28, perhaps tea, coffee and cake after Mass or a meal shared together. Funds are available from the Ballarat Diocesan Foundation to support such gatherings. Please contact Jane Collins (jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) for further information.

Bishop Paul is commemorating the anniversary year with a personal visit to each parish and looks forward to celebrating with as many local communities as possible throughout the year.

There are resources available to celebrate Sunday Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28** which include the Introductory Rite and Prayer of the Faithful. Homily notes provided by Bishop Paul will be available next week. We encourage you to pray the Anniversary Prayer at these Masses. You may also use the songs composed for the 150th anniversary by Roger Hillman, Fr Andrew Hayes and Gerry Vytilingam. There are three songs available: *Together We Build Our Place*, *Rain in the Mallee* and *Humble Service*.

Resources, prayer and songs are available at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the [United Nations](#). 9 million have been displaced from their homes making Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world! Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine. Since the outbreak of violence Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food at 17 gathering points for internally displaced people, as well as delivering multipurpose cash assistance, water and hygiene services, and gender-based violence protection. Partners also have access to remote border towns in Chad and South Sudan, enabling them to support those displaced overseas. As late as the end of last year, one partner reported seeing 4,200 refugees arrive there each day, around 90% of them women and girls. The Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference has raised concerns "the international community has forgotten the Sudan crisis" and called on the Caritas network across the world to "engage their respective governments, donors, and the wider international community to urgently pick up and advocate for the needed resources to avert the looming famine." Caritas Australia take solace in the breadth of our partner network in the region. Their tireless work ensures the generosity of our supporters here in Australia reaches people in need. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413

Wisdom at the Cathedral: All are welcome at the Cathedral parish to hear Dr Patrick Kennedy present "Victor Hugo's Les Misérables: A Catholic Novel?" for the next *Wisdom at the Cathedral* event on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7.00pm. Patrick, whose doctoral research centred on the works of the great French author, will explore ways in which we can engage with fiction in light of Catholic Wisdom. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour in the parish centre and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com

Timboon 2024	14th April 9:00 a.m. Assembly of W & C	21st April Mass 9:00 a.m.	28th April 9:00 a.m. Assembly W& C
Welcome	G Vogels	L Tregoa	K Currell
Leaders	C Bullen P Nicholson		R Hoffmann T O'Connor
Statue	D Moloney M Moloney	G Vogels A Vogels	G Townsend
Reader	N McKinnon	K Currell	J McInerney
P.O.F.	K Currell	J McInerney	L McInerney
E.M.H.C.	L McInerney		K Currell
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.