

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Dear Friends, The image of fire in the Old Testament was often associated with God and with his action in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush in the wilderness which was not consumed by the flames. God assured His chosen people of his continual presence, guidance, and protection through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. In the New Testament the image of fire is also a symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads. We can see from both the Old and New Testament Scriptures that God's fire purifies and cleanses to make us clean, and it inspires us with his presence with us.

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Here, Jesus used a typical Hebrew exaggeration to emphasize an important lesson. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. So Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Hence we may have to face opposition even from our own family. So in our celebration let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to overcome all the obstacles that we may face in in our life. -Neville.



**Our Sick:** Pat Thornton, Gina Vogels

**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:** Jim Delaney, Leo Bond



**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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). **Pope's intention: For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**Vinnie's Winter Appeal:** Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>  
**If you have warm clothing, blankets etc. to donate please see Pat Nicholson.**

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19):** Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 14 August 2022

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



### First Reading:

**Jer 38:4-6. 8-10A**

reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

**(R.)** Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

### Second Reading: **Heb 12:1-4A** reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

### Gospel Acclamation: **Jn 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!



## **Gospel**<sup>Jn</sup> **Lk 12:49-53**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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## **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite. We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

## **Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3, 2022**

Planning for the final issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2022 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2022 themes of the Plenary Council and the International Year of Glass. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school community and agency. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning October 10 so the latest date for submissions is **Friday, September 2, 2022**. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au). A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications

**We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved.**

**At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together.**

**In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all**

**Needed urgently – volunteers workers for Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service, Diocese of Broome:**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details and an application form please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan, ph. 08 9192 1060 or email [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org). Web: [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org). Mail: PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

**Palms Australia celebrating a return to global mission:**

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. COVID challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills, to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or phone 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills. Register for a webinar on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7.00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them <https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/>. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**

This weekends will be the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**Catholic Earthcare a program of Caritas Australia:** Catholic Earthcare launched its Earthcare Parishes program in December 2021 and since then, the network has grown to sixty parishes across 17 dioceses. Your parish is encouraged to join the network and begin your own parish's journey towards the 7 *Laudato Si'* Goals and to becoming living *Laudato Si'* communities. Please contact Jillian Hogbin, Diocesan Director Caritas, who can lend support on how be involved and to sign up. More information is available from the Catholic Earthcare Ballarat diocese webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DD-Letter-to-Parishes-re-Earthcare-Ballararat.pdf>

**Safeguarding Essentials Online Learning**

Over the past few months Michael Myers, Professional Standards Co-ordinator, has been requesting parishes to provide names and email addresses of staff and volunteers who will be asked to undertake the new online learning module. There are still a number of parishes yet to provide this information. We request that all parishes ensure this information has been sent to [Michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au) as soon as possible.

Timboon 2022	14th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	21st August 9:00am Mass	28th August 9:00 a.m. Assembly W & C
<b>Welcome</b>	N McKinnon	L Tregea	K Currell
<b>Leaders</b>	K Currell, R Hoffmann		C Bullen, C Marr
<b>Statue</b>	D Moloney M Moloney	G Townsend	P Haugh
<b>Reader</b>	J McInerney	L McInerney	P Nicholson
<b>POF</b>	L McInerney	P Nicholson	E Roberts
<b>E.M.H.C.</b>	C Marr		K Currell
<b>Bulletin</b>	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney	P Nicholson M Moloney
<b>Slides</b>	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
<b>Cleaners</b>	E O'Connor	E O'Connor	E O'Connor
<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00 a.m.</b>