

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



What are we looking for? What is it we want? They're good questions to ask ourselves occasionally, or indeed, have put to us. It's what Jesus asks Andrew and his friend in the gospel. They respond with another question: 'where do you live?'

It seems they want to learn from him, but implicit in their question are other questions like, who are you and what are you on about, and where do you abide? Jesus responds saying, 'come and see'. They're pretty much the first words spoken by Jesus in John's gospel and it's an invitation: we're invited to do the same.

We might invite those looking for some meaning in their lives to come and see us. Come and see how we relate to one another and welcome newcomers into our church. Are we able to see him in how we relate to one another? Does Jesus abide with us, because this is his promise, if only we are open to it.

The next day Andrew goes to tell his brother Simon that he has met the Messiah. The day before he had addressed Jesus as Rabbi, now he unexpectedly discovers the truth in what John the Baptist has said, that Jesus is the anointed one, the one on whom the Spirit rests. It's not Peter who calls Jesus the Messiah but Andrew. He's the one who brings people to Jesus; he has the gift of inviting us to come and see. Indeed, the only time he's mentioned in the gospels is in the company of others. We might recognise him in the life of the parish.

Then, when Andrew brings Simon to Jesus he gives him a new name! It indicates a real change in his life, a new relationship with God, a new purpose. However, the 'rock' doesn't emerge till much later because he's as impetuous as ever throughout the gospels, but Jesus sees in him a steadfastness, and similarly, in each one of us. It's the transforming power of God at work in our lives.

In the first reading the Lord comes to the young Samuel who, aided by Eli, is enabled to hear him and take to heart his word. He doesn't dismiss what he hears, but listens to the Lord. Like Jesus, he is the one who listens. As ever, it's the Lord who takes the initiative in coming to us and we have only to respond to his call, wherever we hear it, however unexpectedly.

Finally, in the second reading, Paul lays great store by the body. Our bodies matter to him. Indeed, they're the temple of the Holy Spirit he says, for where else could we experience the Spirit but, in the body, which means not just our own bodies but together in the Church, the body of Christ, we are enabled to do the will of the Lord and, in doing so, to follow him and abide with him. In this is our promise of glory.

Damian Coleridge

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**Recently Deceased:** Frances Kealy

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

**Anniversaries in January:** Vera Hickey, Madge Boyle, Bill Haig, Patrick F Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Peg Duffy, Laurie Loft, Nancy Nugent, Jim Rylance Snr, Brian Fleming, Patricia Gaut, Ann Dodd, Bob Maslin, Catherine Dendle, Gertruda Heyden, Frank Keegan, Anne van Duynhoven



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 14th January 2024

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord;

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

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

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.



Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

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

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel:**

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others...Greg Sunter

## **150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Pope's intention for January – For the gift of diversity:** Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gifts of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



### **Laudato Si': Everything is connected**

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action.

***“Be compost smart” Did you know? Learning more about composting helps the earth. Instead of just food scraps, you can also compost cardboard, egg cartons, paper napkins, grass clippings and newspapers.***

### **Plenary Council update: Church in Australia carrying forward its pursuit of synodality**

One “particular grace” of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has been its encouragement of many initiatives in the Church across the country, according to a letter to the People of God prepared for the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the Church marked the end of the liturgical year, the letter provides an update on work carrying forward the Plenary Council's outcomes while awaiting the Holy See's formal recognition of the Council's decrees. Read the letter at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/plenary-council-2020/>

**Lenten Programme:** Please make enquiries with Katrina Currell about this year's programme.

### **Peace in the Holy Land**

Parishioners are being encouraged to pray the Rosary during Advent for peace in the Holy Land.

| <b>Timboon<br/>2024</b> | <b>14th January<br/>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00<br/>a.m.</b> | <b>21st January<br/>Mass 9:00 a.m.</b> | <b>28th January<br/>Assembly W&amp;C 9:00<br/>a.m.</b> |
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| <b>Welcome</b>          | L Tregea   | K Currell                              | A McMeel   |
| <b>Leaders</b>          | R Hoffman J McInerney                                  |  | P Nicholson E O'Connor                                 |
| <b>Statue</b>           | D Moloney M Moloney                                    | G Vogels A Vogels                      | G Townsend   |
| <b>Reader</b>           | N McKinnon   | K Currell                              | R Hoffmann   |
| <b>P.O.F.</b>           | T O' Connor  | R Hoffmann                             | K Currell  |
| <b>E.M.H.C.</b>         | L McInerney  |  | C Bullen   |
| <b>Bulletin</b>         | G Swierczek  | G Swierczek                            | G Swierczek  |
| <b>Slides</b>           | A Vogels   | A Vogels                               | A Vogels   |
| <b>Simpson</b>          | <b>Assembly W&amp;C<br/>9:00 a.m.</b>                  | <b>Closed</b>                          | <b>Assembly W&amp;C<br/>9:00 a.m.</b>                  |