

## Parish of Timboon

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH .**



Most things start small. Someone asks you to be part of a group and a few years later, on reflection, it turns out to have played a significant part in your life. You just kept turning up and something grew there almost unawares. Then, at a particular point, you may have come to understand God was present there and had been all along.

This is how parables work in today's gospel. They begin where we are, with the familiar, as Jesus speaks to the crowd about God's kingdom.

In the first parable, seed is planted which sprouts of its own accord and grows steadily until the time to harvest comes. We're involved in the planting and the harvesting, and may help to facilitate its growth, but ours is not the key role. This is a time of waiting – we wait upon God and God waits with us, and as we do we may recognize God is already present in our lives and the lives of others.

In the second parable Jesus could have mentioned a mighty cedar to suggest what the kingdom of God is like, instead he speaks of the nondescript mustard seed and the bush that emerges from it, 'the biggest shrub of all', where all nations and strangers may find shelter. From what seems insignificant to begin with, like turning up for the first time, there emerges what we could hardly have foreseen, in God's time.

Don't be concerned about the lack of dramatic signs in this time of waiting. It's not our job to make something happen, because it is growing, and it will flourish. So, be patient as Jesus is patient, not waiting passively by, but alive to the presence of God and each another.

In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel the Lord's power is revealed when he speaks of a 'noble cedar', an image of his kingdom, which he'll plant on the mountain of Israel. It will provide shelter for every kind of bird, like the mustard bush. The growth of the cedar and other trees won't depend on us, but on the power of the Lord and 'he will do it.' This promise is a sign of hope to his people, after their conquest and exile.

In the second reading Paul speaks of the tension between wanting to be with the Lord forever and his calling to live the good news of Jesus Christ. He recognizes one depends upon the other. What we do in this life will be the response we make to Jesus in the life to come. So, we're called to live with confidence, walking by faith, doing what pleases him, until, in his presence, our lives will speak for us.

Keep turning up then, remain faithfully present to one another, and allow the seed that has been planted to come to fulfillment as God has promised. This is what the kingdom is like, and we are to be its agents: it's the mission entrusted to us.

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

**Anniversaries in June:** : Glad Scanlon, Monica Flemming, Kevin Hession, Pat Dundon, Tony Tregea, Brian Maslin, Brian Freeman, Jan Vogels, Marjorie Martin, Hendrieka Lathouwers, Valda McKenzie, Jim Delaney

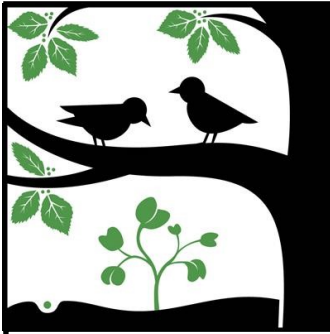
**Recently Deceased:** Bill Dillon (brother of Maurice).



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 16th June 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

## First Reading: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v.2*

*(R.)* Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. *(R.)*
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *(R.)*
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *(R.)*

## Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

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



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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

## **Gospel:** *Mark 4:26-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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

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**Venue:** MacKillop/Glowrey Hall, Cathedral Precinct  
**Address:** 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat  
**Date:** Tuesday 9th July 2024  
**Time:** 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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**Pope's intention for June - for those fleeing their own countries:** Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries. Lord, hear us.

### 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).

### Safetrac compliance online training extended

The Safetrac online training due date has been extended. Staff and volunteers who received an email are requested to complete the training module, "Creating a Child Safe Organization". Please refer to the login details in the email sent from Safetrac Enrolments and follow the instructions carefully. Reminder emails will be sent weekly to the email address provided until the training has been completed. If anyone is experiencing difficulties in logging in please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office on 5337 7154 or email [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au). **When the Safetrac module is completed, please forward a copy of the information letter to the office. Thank you.**

### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. Cycle 5 begins July 15. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdia.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

### St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and application forms are available at <http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Closing date is July 31, 2024.

### A message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR.

"Hello Everyone, As I have mentioned in my messages about the 150th Anniversary Year of our diocese, I propose to visit each parish in the course of 2024. I would like to celebrate Sunday Masses with as many local communities as possible, honoring each community's history as part of the 150 years of the diocese". The Bishop intends on arrive in Timboon on the 30th of June .

Timboon 2024	16 June 9.00 a.m. Mass	23 June 9.00 a.m. Assembly W&C	30 June 9.00 a.m. Mass
Welcome	G. Vogels	L Tregea	A McMeel
Leaders		P Nicholson C Bullen	
Statue	C Martin P Martin	B Moloney	E O' Connor T O' Connor
Reader	E O' Connor	N McKinnon	R Hoffman
P.O.F.	J McInerney	L McInerney	P Nicholson
E.M.H.C.		E O' Connor	
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	K Currell	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00am	Assembly W&C 9:00am